A Teacher’s Life by the Numbers!

Avery and Watauga County, NC

Teacher Salaries

1\textsuperscript{st} Year Teacher with a B.A. 
$35,000^*$

15\textsuperscript{th} Year Teacher with a M.A. 
$53,900-$55,000*

*Data from 2021-2022

Plus extra duty pay for coaching and club sponsorship

What does that mean for a teacher in this area?

The average annual wage is $36,998

Median home value is $298,934

Average rent for a two-bedroom apartment is $808

1\textsuperscript{st} Year Teachers can buy houses like these*:

$185,000

Mid-Career Teachers can buy houses like these*:

$370,000

*With a 5\% down payment for 1\textsuperscript{st} year teachers and 20\% down for mid-career and while spending 36\% of their income on housing

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