Teachers in the US rate their lives better than all other occupation groups, trailing only physicians.

**SALARY**

The average wage of all full-time workers in the county: $50,076*

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Data from 2022-2023

**Plus**

- **FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS** like head coach, debate, or band: $1,000-$9,000
- **FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS** like robotics club or yearbook: $1,000-$4,750

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $276,957*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $821*

A salary of $46,000 can buy a home like this: $205,000

*With a 5% down payment, spending 36% of their income on housing

A salary of $73,000 can buy a home like this: $410,000

*With a 20% down payment, spending 36% of their income on housing

**RETIREMENT**

Most teaching jobs have better retirement benefits than other jobs you can get with the same degree.

Teacher average retirement age: 59

All careers average retirement age: 63

*U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, Zillow, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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