

# A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Limestone County, AL

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

## SALARY

Base Salary →

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



1<sup>st</sup> Year Teacher with a B.A.

**\$43,872-  
\$51,981**



15<sup>th</sup> Year Teacher with a M.A.+

**\$67,102-  
\$80,266**



Data from 2022-2023

Plus

**\$ 1,000-  
\$9,000**

**FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS**  
like head coach, debate, or band



**\$ 1,000 -  
\$4,750**

**FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS**  
like robotics club or yearbook

## 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.



**59** Teacher average retirement age

**4 YEARS EARLIER**

**63** All careers average retirement age

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