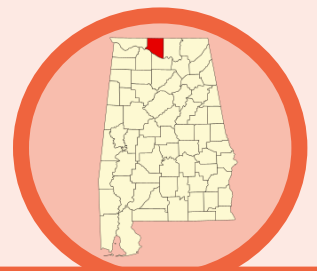


A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



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: **\$60,580***



1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

\$50,521 - \$55,164

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

\$83,510 - \$85,180

Data from 2026-2027

Plus

\$500 - \$11,250

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band



\$350 - \$9,375

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

HOUSING

Median **home** value: **\$322,466***



Fair Market rent for a **2-bedroom apartment**: **\$1,248***



A salary of **\$52,800** can buy a home like this: *



\$246,000

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

A salary of **\$84,300** can buy a home like this: *



\$466,550

*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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