

A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Madison County, AL

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

SALARY

Base Salary →

Plus

The **average** wage of all **full-time workers** in the county: **\$79,352***



1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

\$52,052 - \$59,082

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

\$71,936 - \$87,702

Data from 2026-2027

\$500 - \$19,470

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band



\$303 - \$11,550

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

HOUSING

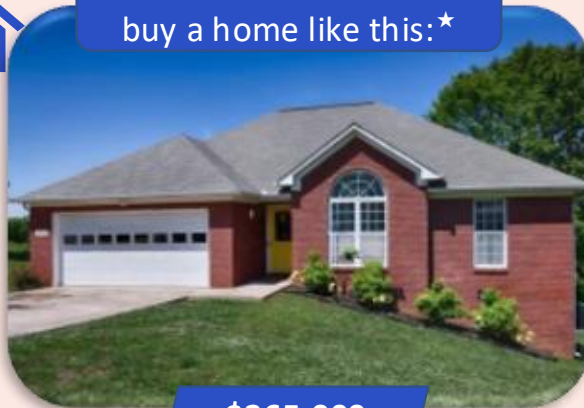
Median **home** value: **\$314,769***



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



A salary of **\$55,600** can buy a home like this: *



\$265,000

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

A salary of **\$79,800** can buy a home like this: *



\$360,000

*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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