A TEACHER’S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS

Jefferson County, AL

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: $72,852*

Base Salary

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<th>1st Year Teacher with a B.A.</th>
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<td>$49,529-$54,664</td>
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Data from 2023-2024

**Plus**

- **FOR COACHING**: like head coach or assistant coach
  - $700-$15,000

- **FOR CLUBS**: like band, robotics, or yearbook
  - $500-$5,427

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $208,948*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $1,075*}

A salary of $52,100 can buy a home like this: *

| $215,000 |

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

A salary of $83,500 can buy a home like this: *

| $450,000 |

*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

4 YEARS EARLIER

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

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