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: $56,732*

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.
Base Salary: $49,530 - $53,021

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.
Base Salary: $81,872

Data from 2023-2024

**Plus**

$1,000 - $9,000 FOR COACHING like head coach or assistant coach

$1,000 - $4,750 FOR CLUBS like band, robotics, or yearbook

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $309,432*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $1,111*

A salary of $51,275 can buy a home like this: *

$195,000

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

A salary of $81,872 can buy a home like this: *

$399,900

*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

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

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