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

**A Teacher’s Life By The Numbers**

Madison County, AL

**Salary**

- The average wage of all full-time workers in the county: $74,308*

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<th>Base Salary</th>
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<td>1st Year Teacher with a B.A.</td>
<td>$500 - $18,000 (FOR COACHING) like head coach or assistant coach</td>
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<td>$250 - $10,500 (FOR CLUBS) like band, robotics, or yearbook</td>
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Data from 2023-2024

**Housing**

- Median home value: $306,917*
- Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $1,248*

A salary of $51,000 can buy a home like this: *

$175,000

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

A salary of $81,000 can buy a home like this: *

$399,900

*With a 20% down payment, spending 36% of their income on housing

**Retirement**

- Teacher average retirement age: 59
- All careers average retirement age: 63

Most teaching jobs have better retirement benefits than other jobs you can get with the same degree.

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

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