

# A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Shelby 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: **\$68,796\***



Base Salary →

1<sup>st</sup> Year Teacher with a B.A.

**\$49,530-  
\$53,021**

15<sup>th</sup> Year Teacher with a M.A.+

**\$81,872**

Data from 2023-2024

Plus

**\$692-  
\$17,740**

**FOR COACHING** like head coach or assistant coach



**\$827-  
\$7,096**

**FOR CLUBS**

like band, robotics, or yearbook

## HOUSING

Median home value: **\$337,456\***



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

A salary of **\$51,300** can buy a home like this: \*



**\$183,500**

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

A salary of **\$81,900** 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

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