

# A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Tuscaloosa 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: **\$58,448\***



Base Salary →

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

**\$44,153-  
\$53,021**

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

**\$63,750-  
\$81,872**

Data from 2023-2024

Plus

**\$750 - \$30,900** FOR COACHING like head coach or assistant coach



**\$500 - \$6,750**

FOR CLUBS like band, robotics, or yearbook

## HOUSING

Median home value: **\$220,216\***



Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: **\$1,018\***



A salary of **\$48,600** can buy a home like this: \*



**\$200,000**

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

A salary of **\$72,800** can buy a home like this: \*



**\$385,000**

\*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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