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*

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Data from 2023-2024

**Plus**

- For Coaching like head coach or assistant coach: $750 - $30,900
- For Clubs like band, robotics, or yearbook: $500 - $6,750

**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: *

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

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

*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

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

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