A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Contra Costa County, CA

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: **$87,256***

Base Salary →

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.
$63,346 - $74,420

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+
$95,960 - $111,113

Data from 2026-2027

Plus

$1,118 - $5,185
FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band





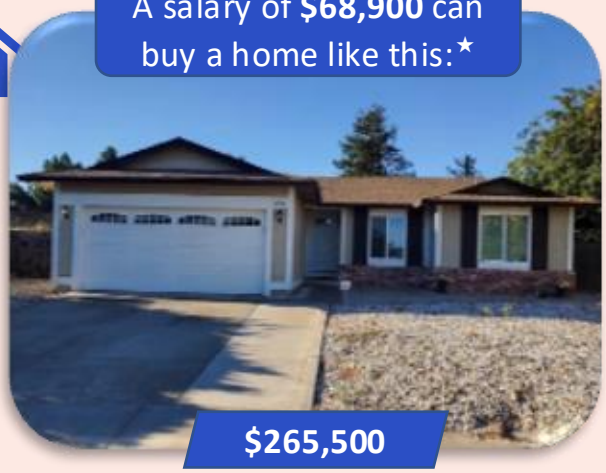
$1,324 - $5,878
FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

HOUSING

Median **home** value: **$771,709***

Fair Market rent for a **2-bedroom apartment: $3,318***

A salary of **$68,900** can buy a home like this:*



$265,500

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

A salary of **$103,500** can buy a home like this: *



$460,000

*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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