# A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Los Angeles 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: **$86,060***

**Base Salary** →

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.
**$66,293 - $85,647**

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+
**$86,479 - $124,387**

Data from 2026-2027

**Plus**

**$1,283 - $4,875**
**FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS** like head coach, debate, or band





**$3,750 - $4,875**
**FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS** like robotics club or yearbook

## HOUSING

Median **home** value: **$871,674***

Fair Market rent for a **2-bedroom apartment: $2,625***

A salary of **$76,000** can buy a home like this:*



**$295,000**

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

A salary of **$106,000** can buy a home like this: *



**$472,000**

*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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