

# A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



San Diego County, CA

Teachers in the US **rate their lives better** than all other occupation groups, trailing only physicians.

## SALARY

Base Salary →

The **average** annual wage in the county: **\$88,296**



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

\$54,384 - \$76,247

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

\$93,754 - \$122,869

Data from 2025-2026

Plus

\$2,761 - \$4,666

**FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS** like head coach, debate, or band



\$586 - \$4,666

**FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS** like robotics club or yearbook

## HOUSING

Median **home** value is **\$914,312**



Fair Market rent for a **2-bedroom** apartment is **\$2,881**



A salary of **\$67,800** can buy a home like this:



**\$246,000**

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

A salary of **\$109,500** can buy a home like this:



**\$570,000**

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

**63** All careers average retirement age

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