A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Santa Clara 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: **$211,900***

Base Salary →

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.
$71,994 - $78,296

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+
$94,157 - $122,990

Data from 2026-2027

Plus

$3,373 - $5,394
FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band





$1,708 - $5,394
FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

HOUSING

Median **home** value: **$1,562,682***

Fair Market rent for a **2-bedroom apartment: $3,446***

A salary of **$75,100** can buy a home like this:*



$305,000

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

A salary of **$110,000** can buy a home like this: *



$515,000

*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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