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

**SALARY**

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<th>Year Teacher</th>
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<td>1st Year Teacher with a B.A.</td>
<td>$54,699-$74,388</td>
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<td>$94,383-$119,357</td>
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*Data from 2023-2024 & 2024-2025*

- The average wage of all full-time workers in the county: $70,408*

**HOUSING**

- Median home value: $867,263*
- Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $2,544*

**RETIREMENT**

- Teacher average retirement age: 59
- All careers average retirement age: 63

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

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