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: $90,012*

1st Year Teacher with a B.A. $58,572-$72,137

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+ $88,728-$113,005

Data from 2023-2024

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $802,847*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $2,383*

A salary of $65,400 can buy a home like this: $143,600

A salary of $100,900 can buy a home like this: $315,000

*With a 0% 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.

Teacher average retirement age 59

All careers average retirement age 63

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