A TEACHER’S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS

Kern 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: $58,396*

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<td>1st Year Teacher with a B.A.</td>
<td>$57,906-$73,365</td>
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<td>15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+</td>
<td>$78,110-$127,140</td>
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Data from 2023-2024

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $338,020*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $1,137*

A salary of $65,600 can buy a home like this:* $240,000

A salary of $102,600 can buy a home like this:* $499,000

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

*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.

Teacher average retirement age: 59

All careers average retirement age: 63

4 YEARS EARLIER

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