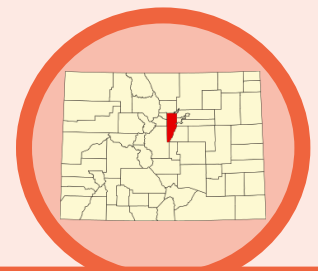


A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Jefferson County, CO

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: **\$79,144***



Base Salary →

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

\$56,085 - \$59,787

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

\$87,856 - \$99,349

Data from 2025-2026

Plus

\$1,122 - \$9,636

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band



\$510 - \$9,636

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

HOUSING

Median home value: **\$630,481***



Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: **\$2,140***



A salary of **\$57,900** can buy a home like this: *



\$283,500

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

A salary of **\$93,600** can buy a home like this: *



\$418,950

*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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