**A TEACHER’S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS**

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

### SALARY

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The average wage of all full-time workers in the county: $78,312*

Data from 2023-2024

### HOUSING

**Median home value:** $485,878*

**Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment:** $2,226*

A salary of $56,750 can buy a home like this: $85,000*

A salary of $71,950 can buy a home like this: $195,000*

*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

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

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