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: $40,976*

Base Salary

- 1st Year Teacher with a B.A.: $47,500
- 15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+: $74,003-$85,545

Data from 2022-2023

**Plus**

- $3,656-$7,312 for large commitments like head coach, debate, or band
- $2,285-$9,597 for small commitments like robotics club or yearbook

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $346,000*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $987*

A salary of $47,500 can buy a home like this: *

A salary of $79,750 can buy a home like this: *

- $187,000
- $405,000

*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