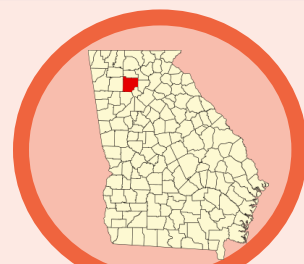


A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Cherokee County, GA

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

SALARY

Base Salary →

The **average** wage of all **full-time workers** in the county: **\$55,744***



1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

\$52,008 - \$59,438

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

\$82,238 - \$84,043

Data from 2026-2027

Plus

\$1,500 - \$7,400

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band



\$515 - \$8,500

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

HOUSING

Median **home** value: **\$476,648***



Fair Market rent for a **2-bedroom apartment**: **\$1,830***



A salary of **\$55,700** can buy a home like this: *



\$260,000

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

A salary of **\$83,100** can buy a home like this: *



\$405,000

*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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