

# A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Chatham County, GA

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: **\$49,816\***



Base Salary →

1<sup>st</sup> Year Teacher with a B.A.

**\$50,975-  
\$51,549**



15<sup>th</sup> Year Teacher with a M.A.+

**\$74,853-  
\$75,996**



Data from 2023-2024

Plus

**\$2,218-  
\$7,391**

**FOR COACHING**  
like head coach or assistant coach



**\$1,001-  
\$6,342**

**FOR CLUBS**

like band, robotics, or yearbook

## HOUSING

Median home value: **\$305,310\***



Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: **\$1,050\***



A salary of **\$51,300** can buy a home like this: \*



**\$200,000**

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

A salary of **\$75,400** can buy a home like this: \*



**\$340,000**

\*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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