

A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Cobb 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: **\$75,712***



1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

\$59,280 - \$60,604

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

\$84,367 - \$90,494

Data from 2025-2026

Plus

\$1,957 - \$14,968

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band



\$968 - \$5,613

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

HOUSING

Median home value: **\$421,052***



Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: **\$1,185***



A salary of **\$60,000** can buy a home like this: *



\$215,000

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

A salary of **\$87,000** can buy a home like this: *



\$427,000

*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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