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: $84,604*

Base Salary

1st Year Teacher with a B.A. $46,038-$61,990

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+ $95,759-$124,042

Data from 2022-2024

Plus

$540-$7,200

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band

$ 150 - $5,690

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

**Housing**

Median home value: $276,000*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $1,299*

A salary of $53,500 can buy a home like this: *

$199,600

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

A salary of $109,050 can buy a home like this: *

$421,000

*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

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

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