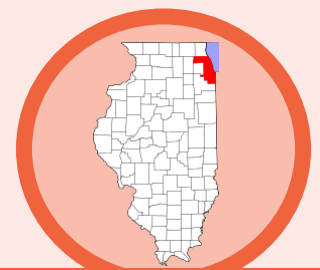


A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Cook County, IL

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: **\$84,604***



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

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