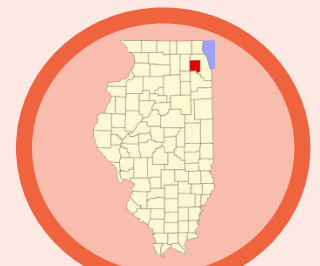


A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



DuPage 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: **\$77,844***



1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

\$57,813 - \$66,294

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

\$100,353 - \$143,846

Data from 2026-2027

Plus

\$2,239 - \$14,601

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band



\$1,240 - \$12,632

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

HOUSING

Median home value: **\$432,425***



Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: **\$1,761***



A salary of **\$62,000** can buy a home like this: *



\$285,000

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

A salary of **\$122,000** can buy a home like this: *



\$558,000

*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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