A TEACHER’S LIFE
BY THE NUMBERS

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: $68,900*

Base Salary

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.: $40,004-$47,706

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.: $73,306-$79,791

Data from 2022-2024

**Plus**

$846-
$8,443

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band

$245 -
$4,734

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $207,000*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $853*

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

$155,000

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

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

$320,000

*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.

Teacher average retirement age: 59

4 YEARS EARLIER

All careers average retirement age: 63

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

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