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: $59,280*

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

$46,417-$53,464

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

$68,182-$84,800

Data from 2023-2024

**Plus**

$540-$8,370

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band

$834-$6,669

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $153,000*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $858*

A salary of $49,900 can buy a home like this:*

$166,900

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

A salary of $76,500 can buy a home like this:*

$321,000

*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