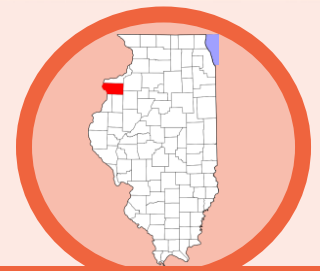


A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Mercer 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: **\$42,744***



1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

**\$41,200-
\$48,861**



15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

**\$57,400-
\$65,836**



Data from 2023-2024

Plus

**\$800-
\$7,127**

FOR COACHING
like head coach or assistant coach



**\$223-
\$7,127.36**

FOR CLUBS

like band, robotics, or yearbook

HOUSING

Median home value: **\$154,174***



Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: **\$906***



A salary of **\$45,000** can buy a home like this:*



\$137,000

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

A salary of **\$61,600** can buy a home like this:*



\$247,000

*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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