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: $42,744*

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<td>$41,200-$48,861</td>
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Data from 2023-2024

**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

A salary of $61,600 can buy a home like this: $247,000

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

*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

All careers average retirement age: 63

4 YEARS EARLIER

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