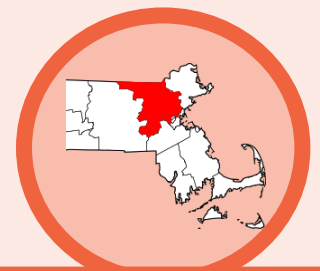


# A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Middlesex County, MA

Teachers in the US **rate their lives better** than all other occupation groups, trailing only physicians.

## SALARY

Base Salary →

Plus

The **average** wage of all **full-time workers** in the county: **\$115,492\***



1<sup>st</sup> Year Teacher with a B.A.

\$59,153 - \$74,427

15<sup>th</sup> Year Teacher with a M.A.+

\$112,783 - \$143,046

Data from 2025-2026

\$1,843 - \$11,026

**FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS** like head coach, debate, or band



\$1,204 - \$7,950

**FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS** like robotics club or yearbook

## HOUSING

Median **home value:** **\$795,188\***



Fair Market rent for a **2-bedroom apartment:** **\$2,053\***



A salary of **\$66,500** can buy a home like this: \*



**\$375,000**

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

A salary of **\$125,000** can buy a home like this: \*



**\$635,000**

\*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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