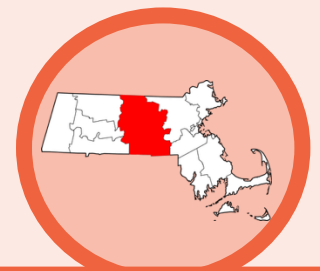


A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Worcester 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: **\$77,688***



1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

\$52,396-
\$68,990

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

\$94,136-
\$110,391

Data from 2025-2026

\$1,275 - \$9,000 FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band



\$786 - \$7,859

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

HOUSING

Median home value: **\$482,000***



Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: **\$1,854***



A salary of **\$61,000** can buy a home like this: *



\$205,000

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

A salary of **\$102,000** can buy a home like this: *



\$520,000

*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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