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: $67,548*

Base Salary

1st Year Teacher with a B.A. $38,500-$48,552

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+ $81,120-$90,055

Plus

$2,250-$6,000 FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band

$ 500-$5,400 FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

Data from 2022-2023

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $160,541*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $1,049*

A salary of $43,000 can buy a home like this: $150,000

A salary of $85,000 can buy a home like this: $350,000

*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

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

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