

A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Gratiot County, MI

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: **\$44,772***



Base Salary →

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.
\$38,878-
\$44,698

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+
\$67,344-
\$79,705

Data from 2022-2023

Plus

\$500-\$6,180

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band

\$60-\$5,150

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

HOUSING

Median home value: **\$117,823***



Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: **\$734***



A salary of **\$41,800** can buy a home like this:★



\$145,000

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

A salary of **\$73,500** can buy a home like this:★



\$335,000

*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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