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: $42,952*

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

$37,290-$43,505

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.

$67,360-$76,018

Data from 2022-2023

**PLUS**

$1,492-$5,544

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band

$746-$5,221

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $166,538*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $787*

A salary of $40,400 can buy a home like this:* $158,000

$1,492-$5,544

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band

$746-$5,221

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

A salary of $71,700 can buy a home like this:* $335,000

*With a 5% 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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