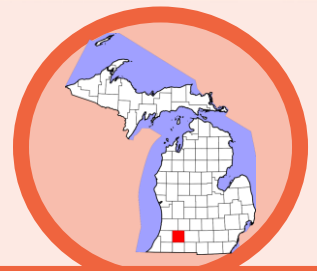


A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Kalamazoo County, MI

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

SALARY

Base Salary →

The average wage of all full-time workers in the county: **\$58,344***



1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

**\$36,389-
\$43,903**



15th Year Teacher with a M.A. +

**\$71,927-
\$82,006**



Data from 2022-2023

Plus

**\$1,428-
\$7,513**

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band



**\$564-
\$6,199**

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

HOUSING

Median home value: **\$228,955***



Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: **\$881***



A salary of **\$40,100** can buy a home like this:★



\$145,000

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

A salary of **\$77,000** can buy a home like this:★



\$350,000

*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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