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

**SALARY**

- **Base Salary**
  - 1st Year Teacher with a B.A.: $41,089-$46,397
  - 15th Year Teacher with a M.A.: $67,595-$87,562

- **Plus**
  - $1,296-$6,907
    - FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band
  - $407-$6,475
    - FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

**HOUSING**

- **Median home value:** $288,574*
- **Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment:** $994*

**RETIREMENT**

- **Teacher average retirement age:** 59
- **All careers average retirement age:** 63

*U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, Zillow, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development