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: $40,924*

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Data from 2023-2024

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $162,000*

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

A salary of $48,500 can buy a home like this: $169,900

A salary of $73,000 can buy a home like this: $305,000

*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.

59 Teacher average retirement age

4 YEARS EARLIER

63 All careers average retirement age

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

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