

A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Mecosta 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: **\$40,924***



1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

**\$40,755-
\$56,286**



15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

**\$65,462-
\$80,537**



Data from 2023-2024

Plus

**\$1,125-
\$4,890**

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band



**\$202-
\$6,885**

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

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

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

A salary of **\$73,000** can buy a home like this:★



\$305,000

*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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