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: $55,172*

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

$40,000 - $44,645

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.

$71,667 - $78,000

Data from 2022-2023

**Plus**

$1,020 - $6,500

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band

$682 - $6,594

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $216,298*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $899*

A salary of $42,300 can buy a home like this:* $143,500

A salary of $74,800 can buy a home like this: * $346,000

*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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