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: $42,432*

Base Salary

1st Year Teacher with a B.A. $38,750-$43,675

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+ $49,475-$57,075

Data from 2023-2024

Plus

FOR COACHING like head coach or assistant coach $2,519-$5,813

FOR CLUBS like band, robotics, or yearbook $969-$4,728

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $253,758*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $1,164*

A salary of $41,200 can buy a home like this: $128,600

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

A salary of $53,300 can buy a home like this: $250,500

*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.

Teacher average retirement age 59

4 YEARS EARLIER

All careers average retirement age 63

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

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