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

### Salary

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<td>1st Year Teacher with a B.A.</td>
<td>$40,783-$44,568</td>
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<td>$54,975-$67,006</td>
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The average wage of all full-time workers in the county: $54,288*

Data from 2023-2024

### Housing

- Median home value: $231,387*
- Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $871*

A salary of $42,700 can buy a home like this: $167,500

A salary of $61,000 can buy a home like this: $290,000

*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

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

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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