A TEACHER’S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS

Jackson County, MO

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: $69,888*

**Base Salary**

1st Year Teacher with a B.A. $40,000-$45,715

15th Year Teacher with a M.A. $59,500-$74,682

Data from 2022-2023; 2023-2024

**Plus**

FOR COACHING like head coach or assistant coach

$1,000-$9,321

FOR CLUBS like band, robotics, or yearbook

$250-$7,923

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $227,187*

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

A salary of $42,900 can buy a home like this:* $156,200

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

A salary of $67,100 can buy a home like this:* $322,800

*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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