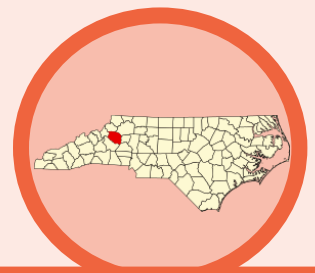


A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Caldwell County, NC

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: **\$52,936***



1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

\$41,000 - \$43,420

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

\$61,640

Data from 2025-2026

Plus

\$1,000 - \$5,000

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band



\$1,000 - \$1,500

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

HOUSING

Median **home** value: **\$238,061***



Fair Market rent for a **2-bedroom apartment**: **\$1,046***



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



\$200,000

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

A salary of **\$61,640** can buy a home like this: *



\$290,000

*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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