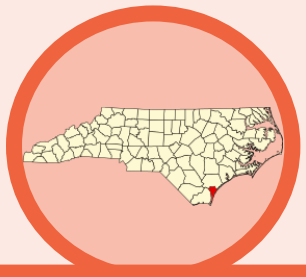
A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



New Hanover County, NC

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: **$65,260***

Base Salary →

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

$55,000 - $55,250

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

$71,500

Data from 2026-2027

Plus

$1,560 - $4,784

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band





$300 - $3,000

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

HOUSING

Median **home** value: **$445,851***

Fair Market rent for a **2-bedroom apartment: $1,580***

A salary of **$55,125** can buy a home like this:*



$228,000

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

A salary of **$71,500** can buy a home like this: *



$325,000

*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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