A TEACHER’S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS

Bergen County, NJ

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: $74,828*

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Base Salary</th>
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<td>1st Year Teacher with a B.A.</td>
<td>$53,000 - $70,067</td>
<td>$2,807 - $10,763</td>
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<td>15th Year Teacher with a M.A.</td>
<td>$87,610 - $110,877</td>
<td>$300 - $9,172</td>
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Data from 2021-2025

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $637,354*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $1,768*

- A salary of $61,500 can buy a home like this: *
  - $210,000
  - *With a 5% down payment, spending 36% of their income on housing

- A salary of $99,200 can buy a home like this: *
  - $405,000
  - *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.

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

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

*GettheFactsOut.org

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