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

**SALARY**

- **Base Salary**
  - 1st Year Teacher with a B.A.: $54,330-$56,330
  - 15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+: $89,584-$105,755

- **Plus**
  - $3,630-$11,033 for large commitments like head coach, debate, or band
  - $742-$7,727 for small commitments like robotics club or yearbook

**HOUSING**

- Median home value: $416,532*
- Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $1,768*

- A salary of $55,000 can buy a home like this: $165,000
- A salary of $97,000 can buy a home like this: $400,000

  *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.