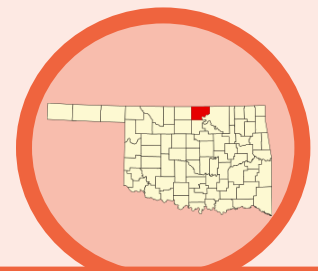


A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Kay County, OK

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: **\$53,196***



Base Salary →

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

\$40,662 - \$43,413

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

\$53,272 - \$56,679

Data from 2025-2026

Plus

\$750 - \$12,000

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band



\$250 - \$9,500

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

HOUSING

Median home value: **\$141,163***



Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: **\$980***



A salary of **\$42,000** can buy a home like this: *



\$175,000

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

A salary of **\$55,000** 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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