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: $56,212*

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<td>$51,277 - $64,126</td>
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Data from 2023-2024

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $317,839*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $1,285*

A salary of $57,700 can buy a home like this: $200,000

A salary of $74,600 can buy a home like this: $333,500

*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**

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

4 YEARS EARLIER

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