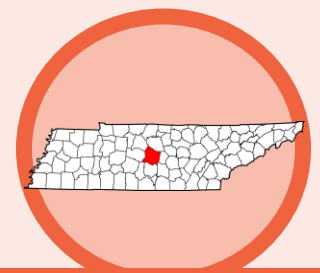


# A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Rutherford County, TN

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

## SALARY

Base Salary →

The average wage of all full-time workers in the county: **\$59,696\***



1<sup>st</sup> Year Teacher with a B.A.

**\$47,177-  
\$50,300**



15<sup>th</sup> Year Teacher with a M.A.+

**\$69,720-  
\$79,630**



Data from 2023-2024 & 2024-2025

Plus

**FOR COACHING**

like head coach or assistant coach

**\$1,563-  
\$11,458**



**\$2,083-  
\$8,333**

**FOR CLUBS**

like band, robotics, or yearbook

## HOUSING

Median home value: **\$401,089\***



Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: **\$1,619\***



A salary of **\$48,700** can buy a home like this: \*



**\$154,000**

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

A salary of **\$74,700** can buy a home like this: \*



**\$373,500**

\*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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