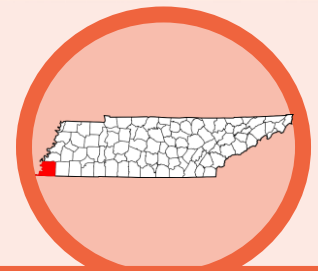


# A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Shelby County, TN

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: **\$61,412\***



Base Salary →

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

**\$47,000-  
\$48,407**

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

**\$67,208-  
\$76,975**

Data from 2023-2024

Plus

**\$2,215 -  
\$7,376**

**FOR COACHING**  
like head coach or assistant coach



**\$988 -  
\$6,345**

**FOR CLUBS**

like band, robotics, or yearbook

## HOUSING

Median home value: **\$219,535\***



Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: **\$1,032\***



A salary of **\$47,700** can buy a home like this:★



**\$175,000**

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

A salary of **\$72,100** can buy a home like this:★



**\$360,000**

\*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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