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

Base Salary

The average wage of all full-time workers in the county: $61,412*

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.
$47,000-$48,407

15th 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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*U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, Zillow, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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