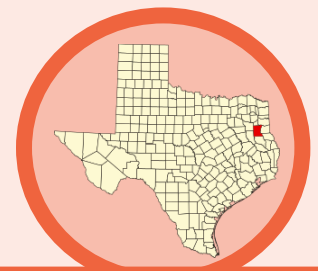


# A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Rusk County, TX

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

## SALARY

Base Salary →

Plus

The average wage of all full-time workers in the county: **\$55,244\***



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

**\$49,750 - \$50,750**

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

**\$69,092 - \$90,056**

Data from 2025-2026

**\$4,000 - \$9,000**

**FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS** like head coach, debate, or band



**\$600 - \$9,000**

**FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS** like robotics club or yearbook

## HOUSING

Median home value: **\$208,626\***



Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: **\$1,102\***



A salary of **\$50,000** can buy a home like this: \*



**\$175,000**

A salary of **\$79,500** can buy a home like this: \*



**\$359,000**

House images are provided as representative homes: these are based on current listing prices, rather than sales prices due to Texas state laws, using a 30-year fixed mortgage, a 6.5% interest rate, a 5% or 20% down payment, and housing costs capped at 36% of income.

Property taxes estimated at county averages. Actual affordability will vary.

## 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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