A TEACHER'S LIFE 
BY THE NUMBERS

Caldwell County, TX

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: $38,896*

Base Salary

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<td>1st Year Teacher with a B.A.</td>
<td>$51,500-$51,750</td>
<td>$2,012-$7,057 FOR COACHING like head coach, debate, or band</td>
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<td>15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+</td>
<td>$68,150-$86,197</td>
<td>$1,012-$5,665 FOR CLUBS like robotics club or yearbook</td>
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Data from 2022-2023

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $320,534*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $1,434*

A salary of $51,600 can buy a home like this:* $200,000

A salary of $77,200 can buy a home like this:* $315,000

*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

4 YEARS EARLIER

All careers average retirement age 63

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

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