

# A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Cherokee 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: **\$52,988\***



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

**\$38,460 - \$55,250**

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

**\$60,439 - \$96,021**

Data from 2025-2026

**FOR COACHING** like head coach, debate, or band

**\$1,000 - \$10,000**



**\$750 - \$8,000**

**FOR CLUBS**

like robotics club or yearbook

## HOUSING

Median home value: **\$230,226\***



A salary of **\$46,800** can buy a home like this: ★



**\$179,900**

A salary of **\$78,230** can buy a home like this: ★



**\$375,000**

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 6.6% 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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