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: $78,936*

Base Salary →

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.
$60,500-$62,500

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+
$70,000-$83,923

Data from 2022-2023

Plus

$2,000-$1,000
FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band

$500-$12,000
FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $279,500*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $1,176*

A salary of $61,500 can buy a home like this: $237,700

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

A salary of $77,000 can buy a home like this: $359,300

*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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