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: $85,488*

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

$51,984-$62,900

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

$77,399-$114,227

Data from 2022-2024

**Plus**

$4,000-$15,000

For coaching like head coach or assistant coach

$1,000-$10,000

For clubs like band, robotics, or yearbook

**Housing**

Median home value: $288,731*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $1,391*

A salary of $57,400 can buy a home like this: *

$192,000

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

A salary of $95,800 can buy a home like this: *

$395,000

*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.

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