

A TEACHER'S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS



Smith 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: **\$47,528***



Base Salary →

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

**\$45,000-
\$53,200**

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

**\$53,400-
\$101,119**

Data from 2022-2024

Plus

**\$2,026-
\$7,049**

FOR COACHING
like head coach, debate, or band



**\$1,016-
\$5,642**

FOR CLUBS
like robotics club or yearbook

HOUSING

Median home value: **\$270,519***



Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: **\$1,085***



A salary of **\$49,100** can buy a home like this: *



\$189,000

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

A salary of **\$77,300** can buy a home like this: *



\$367,000

*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.



59 Teacher average retirement age

4 YEARS EARLIER

63 All careers average retirement age

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