A TEACHER’S LIFE BY THE NUMBERS

Travis 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: $63,400*

Base Salary

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

$54,190-$55,150

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

$66,100-$102,440

Plus

FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS
like head coach, debate, or band

$1,750-$14,550

FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS
like robotics club or yearbook

$1,000-$3,500

Data from 2022-2024

HOUSING

Median home value: $554,655*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $912*

A salary of $55,000 can buy a home like this: *

$199,000

A salary of $85,000 can buy a home like this: *

$450,000

*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.

59 Teacher average retirement age

4 YEARS EARLIER

63 All careers average retirement age

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

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