Teachers in the US rate their lives better than all other occupation groups, trailing only physicians.

**SALARY**

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The average wage of all full-time workers in the county: **$80,440***

Data from 2023-2024

**HOUSING**

Median home value: **$319,793***

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: **$1,352***

A salary of **$63,800** can buy a home like this: **$255,000**

A salary of **$95,000** 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**

Teacher average retirement age: **59**

All careers average retirement age: **63**

Most teaching jobs have better retirement benefits than other jobs you can get with the same degree.

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