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: $76,752*

Base Salary

1st Year Teacher with a B.A.

$54,500-$55,905

15th Year Teacher with a M.A.+

$81,750-$90,735

Data from 2023-2024

**Plus**

$2,000-$8,000 FOR LARGE COMMITMENTS like head coach, debate, or band

$500-$8,300 FOR SMALL COMMITMENTS like robotics club or yearbook

**HOUSING**

Median home value: $448,847*

Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment: $1,434*

A salary of $55,200 can buy a home like this:* $174,000

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

A salary of $86,200 can buy a home like this:* $300,700

*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

All careers average retirement age: 63

4 YEARS EARLIER

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

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