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

### Salary

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<td>1st Teacher with a B.A.</td>
<td>$40,800 - $46,870</td>
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<td>$56,775 - $67,027</td>
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The average wage of all full-time workers in the county: $47,892*

Data from 2023-2024

### Housing

- **Median home value:** $201,290*
- **Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment:** $905*

A salary of $43,000 can buy a home like this: *

- **Price:** $139,500
- *With a 5% down payment, spending 36% of their income on housing

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

- **Price:** $340,000
- *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
- **All careers average retirement age:** 63

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