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Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + schoolage	Adult + teenager	Adult + infant + infant	Adult + infant + preschooler
Housing	932	1120	1120	1120	1120	1120	1120
Child Care	0	632	982	549	0	1264	1614
Food	245	359	371	435	462	472	483
Transportation	290	296	296	296	290	296	296
Health Care	133	318	318	329	341	329	328
Miscellaneous	160	273	309	273	221	348	384
Taxes	372	619	751	620	449	800	937
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	0	-53	-50	-53	0	-100	-100
Child Tax Credit (-)	0	-83	-83	-83	-83	-167	-167
Self-Sufficiency Wage							
Hourly	\$12.11	\$19.78	\$22.80	\$19.81	\$15.90	\$24.79	\$27.82
Monthly	\$2,131	\$3,481	\$4,013	\$3,487	\$2,799	\$4,363	\$4,896
Annual	\$25,576	\$41,775	\$48,154	\$41,841	\$33,586	\$52,353	\$58,752

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Monthly Costs							
Housing	1120	1120	1120	1120	1120	1120	1120
Child Care	1181	632	1965	1531	982	1098	549
Food	544	569	493	555	580	617	642
Transportation	296	296	296	296	296	296	296
Health Care	340	352	328	339	351	351	363
Miscellaneous	348	297	420	384	333	348	297
Taxes	800	630	1131	937	761	801	630
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	-100	-50	-100	-100	-50	-100	-50
Child Tax Credit (-)	-167	-167	-167	-167	-167	-167	-167
Self-Sufficiency Wage							
Hourly	\$24.79	\$20.91	\$31.17	\$27.82	\$23.90	\$24.79	\$20.91
Monthly	\$4,363	\$3,680	\$5,486	\$4,896	\$4,207	\$4,364	\$3,680
Annual	\$52,359	\$44,155	\$65,826	\$58,758	\$50,485	\$52,364	\$44,160

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Monthly Costs							
Housing	1120	1338	1338	1338	1338	1338	1338
Child Care	0	1896	2246	1813	1264	2597	2163
Food	667	572	582	641	665	592	651
Transportation	290	296	296	296	296	296	296
Health Care	374	340	339	351	363	338	350
Miscellaneous	245	444	480	444	393	516	480
Taxes	438	1120	1338	1119	883	1570	1336
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	-61	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	0	-100	-100	-100	-100	-100	-100
Child Tax Credit (-)	-167	-250	-250	-250	-250	-250	-250
Self-Sufficiency Wage							
Hourly	\$16.51	\$32.14	\$35.63	\$32.11	\$27.56	\$39.19	\$35.60
Monthly	\$2,906	\$5,657	\$6,270	\$5,651	\$4,851	\$6,897	\$6,265
Annual	\$34,871	\$67,880	\$75,244	\$67,816	\$58,217	\$82,767	\$75,180

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Monthly Costs							
Housing	1338	1338	1338	1338	1338	1338	1338
Child Care	1614	1730	1181	632	2947	2514	1965
Food	675	710	734	758	603	661	685
Transportation	296	296	296	296	296	296	296
Health Care	362	362	373	385	338	349	361
Miscellaneous	429	444	392	341	552	516	465
Taxes	1026	1117	882	707	1818	1568	1244
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	-100	-100	-100	-50	-100	-100	-100
Child Tax Credit (-)	-250	-250	-250	-250	-250	-250	-250
Self-Sufficiency Wage							
Hourly	\$30.62	\$32.08	\$27.54	\$23.62	\$42.85	\$39.16	\$34.11
Monthly	\$5,390	\$5,646	\$4,847	\$4,157	\$7,541	\$6,892	\$6,003
Annual	\$64,674	\$67,752	\$58,161	\$49,887	\$90,493	\$82,702	\$72,038

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Monthly Costs							
Housing	1338	1338	1338	1338	1338	1338	1338
Child Care	2080	1531	982	1647	1098	549	0
Food	720	744	768	779	803	827	851
Transportation	296	296	296	296	296	296	290
Health Care	361	373	384	373	384	396	408
Miscellaneous	480	428	377	443	392	341	289
Taxes	1335	1024	841	1115	881	706	533
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	-100	-100	-50	-100	-100	-50	0
Child Tax Credit (-)	-250	-250	-250	-250	-250	-250	-250
Self-Sufficiency Wage							
Hourly	\$35.57	\$30.59	\$26.63	\$32.05	\$27.51	\$23.59	\$19.65
Monthly	\$6,260	\$5,384	\$4,687	\$5,641	\$4,842	\$4,153	\$3,458
Annual	\$75,115	\$64,610	\$56,240	\$67,687	\$58,106	\$49,832	\$41,495

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Monthly Costs	2 Adults	2 Adults + infant	2 Adults + preschooler	2 Adults + schoolage	2 Adults + teenager	2 Adults + infant + infant	2 Adults + infant + preschooler
	Housing	932	1120	1120	1120	1120	1120
Child Care	0	632	982	549	0	1264	1614
Food	482	589	600	662	687	684	694
Transportation	562	568	568	568	562	568	568
Health Care	363	374	373	385	397	385	384
Miscellaneous	234	328	364	328	277	402	438
Taxes	451	693	832	693	520	876	1012
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	0	-50	-50	-50	0	-100	-100
Child Tax Credit (-)	0	-83	-83	-83	-83	-167	-167
Self-Sufficiency Wage							
Hourly	\$8.59	\$11.85	\$13.37	\$11.85	\$9.88	\$14.30	\$15.81
	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>
Monthly	\$3,025	\$4,171	\$4,707	\$4,172	\$3,479	\$5,032	\$5,564
Annual	\$36,294	\$50,057	\$56,481	\$50,062	\$41,746	\$60,388	\$66,769

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Monthly Costs							
Housing	1120	1120	1120	1120	1120	1120	1120
Child Care	1181	632	1965	1531	982	1098	549
Food	753	777	704	763	787	822	846
Transportation	568	568	568	568	568	568	568
Health Care	396	407	383	395	407	406	418
Miscellaneous	402	350	474	438	386	401	350
Taxes	875	697	1148	1011	834	874	696
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	-100	-50	-100	-100	-50	-100	-50
Child Tax Credit (-)	-167	-167	-167	-167	-167	-167	-167
Self-Sufficiency Wage							
Hourly	\$14.28	\$12.32	\$17.32	\$15.79	\$13.83	\$14.27	\$12.30
	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>
Monthly	\$5,028	\$4,335	\$6,096	\$5,559	\$4,868	\$5,023	\$4,331
Annual	\$60,333	\$52,024	\$73,149	\$66,713	\$58,411	\$60,277	\$51,969

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Monthly Costs							
Housing	1120	1338	1338	1338	1338	1338	1338
Child Care	0	1896	2246	1813	1264	2597	2163
Food	870	766	776	832	855	786	841
Transportation	562	568	568	568	568	568	568
Health Care	430	396	395	406	418	394	406
Miscellaneous	298	496	532	496	444	568	532
Taxes	523	1147	1293	1144	950	1448	1290
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	0	-100	-100	-100	-100	-100	-100
Child Tax Credit (-)	-167	-250	-250	-250	-250	-250	-250
Self-Sufficiency Wage							
Hourly	\$10.33	\$17.78	\$19.31	\$17.75	\$15.59	\$20.88	\$19.28
	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>
Monthly	\$3,636	\$6,257	\$6,798	\$6,247	\$5,487	\$7,349	\$6,788
Annual	\$43,632	\$75,084	\$81,577	\$74,967	\$65,843	\$88,185	\$81,459

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Monthly Costs							
Housing	1338	1338	1338	1338	1338	1338	1338
Child Care	1614	1730	1181	632	2947	2514	1965
Food	864	897	920	943	795	851	874
Transportation	568	568	568	568	568	568	568
Health Care	417	417	429	441	393	405	417
Miscellaneous	480	495	444	392	604	568	516
Taxes	1085	1142	947	770	1653	1445	1228
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	-100	-100	-100	-50	-100	-100	-100
Child Tax Credit (-)	-250	-250	-250	-250	-250	-250	-250
Self-Sufficiency Wage							
Hourly	\$17.10	\$17.72	\$15.56	\$13.59	\$22.58	\$20.85	\$18.62
	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>
Monthly	\$6,018	\$6,238	\$5,477	\$4,784	\$7,949	\$7,339	\$6,556
Annual	\$72,215	\$74,850	\$65,726	\$57,403	\$95,384	\$88,063	\$78,667

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Monthly Costs							
Housing	1338	1338	1338	1338	1338	1338	1338
Child Care	2080	1531	982	1647	1098	549	0
Food	907	930	953	963	986	1008	1031
Transportation	568	568	568	568	568	568	562
Health Care	417	428	440	428	440	452	463
Miscellaneous	531	480	428	494	443	392	339
Taxes	1287	1083	905	1139	945	767	590
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	-100	-100	-50	-100	-100	-50	0
Child Tax Credit (-)	-250	-250	-250	-250	-250	-250	-250
Self-Sufficiency Wage							
Hourly	\$19.26	\$17.07	\$15.10	\$17.69	\$15.53	\$13.56	\$11.57
	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>	<i>per adult</i>
Monthly	\$6,778	\$6,008	\$5,315	\$6,228	\$5,467	\$4,774	\$4,074
Annual	\$81,341	\$72,098	\$63,775	\$74,734	\$65,610	\$57,286	\$48,887

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