



## The Self Sufficiency Standard for Mississippi – Coahoma County

The Self Sufficiency Standard of Mississippi is a measure of how much a family of a certain structure in a geographic area needs to earn to meet their needs without public or private assistance. The Self Sufficiency Standard varies by family size, composition, children’s age, and geographic location.

### How much is enough in Coahoma County?

The Self Sufficiency Standard includes the following expenses: housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, miscellaneous expenses and taxes. The Self Sufficiency Standard also subtracts tax credits from the other expenses to calculate the given wages. The Standard is a conservative measure that does not include items such as debt repayment, eating out or savings of any kind. It represents a minimum adequate wage needed to live without any assistance. The table below illustrates the Self Sufficiency Standard for eight different family types in Coahoma County.

### Self Sufficiency for Coahoma County – Selected Family Types

MONTHLY COSTS	Adult	Adult + Preschooler	Adult + Infant Preschooler	Adult + Preschooler Schoolage	Adult + Schoolage Teenager	Adult + Infant Preschooler Schoolage	2 Adults+ Infant Preschooler	2 Adults + Preschooler Schoolage
Housing	472	623	623	623	623	744	623	623
Child Care	0	340	683	488	149	832	683	488
Food	215	325	426	486	563	573	611	668
Transportation	247	254	254	254	254	254	484	484
Health Care	131	354	368	376	406	390	432	441
Miscellaneous	106	190	235	223	199	279	283	270
Taxes	203	305	387	339	259	480	458	412
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	-144	-179	-223	-303	-121	-141	-186
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	0	-75	-90	-69	-31	-118	-94	-73
Child Tax Credit (-)	0	-83	-167	-167	-167	-250	-167	-167
Making Work Pay Tax Credit (-)	-33	-33	-33	-33	-33	-33	-67	-67
<b>SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE</b>								
HOURLY	\$7.62	\$11.68	\$14.25	\$13.05	\$10.90	\$17.21	\$8.82 per adult	\$8.22 per adult
MONTHLY	\$1,341	\$2,055	\$2,508	\$2,297	\$1,918	\$3,030	\$3,106	\$2,894
ANNUAL	\$16,091	\$24,660	\$30,092	\$27,560	\$23,013	\$36,357	\$37,276	\$34,723