



The Self Sufficiency Standard for Mississippi – Copiah 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 Copiah 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 Copiah County.

Self Sufficiency for Copiah 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	452	524	524	524	524	630	524	524
Child Care	0	420	836	592	171	1008	836	592
Food	207	313	411	468	542	552	588	643
Transportation	251	258	258	258	258	258	492	492
Health Care	133	363	377	385	414	399	441	449
Miscellaneous	104	188	241	223	191	285	288	270
Taxes	196	298	406	337	222	515	473	408
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	-148	-161	-224	-334	-96	-124	-187
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	0	-72	-98	-69	-16	-115	-102	-72
Child Tax Credit (-)	0	-83	-167	-167	-167	-250	-167	-167
Making Work Pay Tax Credit (-)	-33	-33	-33	-33	-33	-33	-67	-67
SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE								
HOURLY	\$7.44	\$11.52	\$14.73	\$13.04	\$10.07	\$17.91	\$9.04 per adult	\$8.20 per adult
MONTHLY	\$1,310	\$2,027	\$2,593	\$2,294	\$1,773	\$3,153	\$3,184	\$2,886
ANNUAL	\$15,715	\$24,325	\$31,116	\$27,530	\$21,272	\$37,836	\$38,204	\$34,634