



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

Self Sufficiency for Desoto 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	671	746	746	746	746	994	746	746
Child Care	0	420	836	592	171	1008	836	592
Food	215	325	426	486	563	573	611	668
Transportation	243	250	250	250	250	250	476	476
Health Care	131	354	368	376	406	390	432	441
Miscellaneous	126	210	263	245	214	322	310	292
Taxes	275	400	519	425	309	718	612	493
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	-82	-72	-146	-253	0	-22	-109
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	0	-68	-120	-109	-50	-100	-100	-109
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	\$9.25	\$13.86	\$17.14	\$15.15	\$12.25	\$22.00	\$10.42 per adult	\$9.25 per adult
MONTHLY	\$1,628	\$2,439	\$3,016	\$2,666	\$2,156	\$3,871	\$3,668	\$3,256
ANNUAL	\$19,533	\$29,273	\$36,197	\$31,988	\$25,871	\$46,455	\$44,017	\$39,068