



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

Self Sufficiency for Hancock 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	688	805	805	805	805	1049	805	805
Child Care	0	420	836	592	171	1008	836	592
Food	234	354	464	529	613	624	665	727
Transportation	245	252	252	252	252	252	479	479
Health Care	138	386	399	408	437	422	464	472
Miscellaneous	131	222	276	259	228	335	325	307
Taxes	297	471	606	505	380	782	659	618
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	-43	-8	-88	-192	0	0	-29
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	0	-65	-110	-120	-46	-100	-100	-100
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	\$9.65	\$15.25	\$18.87	\$16.71	\$13.90	\$23.23	\$11.08 per adult	\$10.34 per adult
MONTHLY	\$1,699	\$2,684	\$3,320	\$2,940	\$2,446	\$4,088	\$3,899	\$3,638
ANNUAL	\$20,388	\$32,206	\$39,844	\$35,285	\$29,358	\$49,056	\$46,783	\$43,656