



## The Self Sufficiency Standard for Mississippi – Hinds 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 Hinds 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 Hinds County.

### Self Sufficiency for Hinds 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	644	747	747	747	747	898	747	747
Child Care	0	420	836	592	171	1008	836	592
Food	207	313	411	468	542	552	588	643
Transportation	248	255	255	255	255	255	485	485
Health Care	133	365	378	387	416	400	443	451
Miscellaneous	123	210	263	245	213	311	310	292
Taxes	262	401	517	422	305	672	610	489
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	-81	-72	-147	-256	0	-23	-111
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	0	-68	-120	-108	-50	-100	-100	-108
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	\$9.00	\$13.90	\$17.13	\$15.12	\$12.18	\$21.10	\$10.41 per adult	\$9.22 per adult
MONTHLY	\$1,585	\$2,446	\$3,015	\$2,660	\$2,144	\$3,713	\$3,663	\$3,247
ANNUAL	\$19,015	\$29,349	\$36,177	\$31,925	\$25,725	\$44,560	\$43,956	\$38,960