



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

Self Sufficiency for Jackson 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	654	784	784	784	784	1080	784	784
Child Care	0	420	836	592	171	1008	836	592
Food	215	325	426	486	563	573	611	668
Transportation	238	245	245	245	245	245	465	465
Health Care	138	386	399	408	437	422	464	472
Miscellaneous	124	216	269	252	220	333	316	298
Taxes	269	436	560	455	339	766	619	521
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	-62	-40	-123	-226	0	-3	-85
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	0	-68	-115	-125	-48	-100	-100	-110
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	\$9.12	\$14.58	\$17.99	\$15.76	\$12.99	\$22.97	\$10.68 per adult	\$9.58 per adult
MONTHLY	\$1,605	\$2,566	\$3,166	\$2,774	\$2,286	\$4,043	\$3,759	\$3,372
ANNUAL	\$19,257	\$30,797	\$37,989	\$33,283	\$27,433	\$48,516	\$45,107	\$40,464