



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

Self Sufficiency for Jefferson 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	446	536	536	536	536	672	536	536
Child Care	0	340	683	488	149	832	683	488
Food	215	325	426	486	563	573	611	668
Transportation	251	258	258	258	258	258	492	492
Health Care	134	366	379	388	417	401	444	452
Miscellaneous	105	182	228	216	192	274	277	264
Taxes	197	281	355	310	229	454	432	384
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	-161	-205	-249	-329	-141	-164	-209
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	0	-64	-78	-57	-19	-104	-83	-61
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	\$7.47	\$11.06	\$13.55	\$12.37	\$10.20	\$16.68	\$8.50 per adult	\$7.90 per adult
MONTHLY	\$1,314	\$1,947	\$2,384	\$2,177	\$1,796	\$2,936	\$2,994	\$2,780
ANNUAL	\$15,770	\$23,359	\$28,612	\$26,120	\$21,551	\$35,233	\$35,923	\$33,358