



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

### Self Sufficiency for Lauderdale 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	507	594	594	594	594	816	594	594
Child Care	0	340	683	488	149	832	683	488
Food	215	325	426	486	563	573	611	668
Transportation	239	246	246	246	246	246	468	468
Health Care	134	366	379	388	417	401	444	452
Miscellaneous	109	187	233	220	197	287	280	267
Taxes	212	296	376	329	249	530	445	399
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	-150	-188	-232	-312	-85	-152	-197
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	0	-71	-86	-65	-27	-115	-88	-67
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	\$7.86	\$11.45	\$14.00	\$12.81	\$10.66	\$18.20	\$8.67 per adult	\$8.06 per adult
MONTHLY	\$1,383	\$2,016	\$2,465	\$2,254	\$1,876	\$3,203	\$3,051	\$2,838
ANNUAL	\$16,601	\$24,192	\$29,578	\$27,049	\$22,511	\$38,435	\$36,609	\$34,056