



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

### Self Sufficiency for Madison 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	755	876	876	876	876	1054	876	876
Child Care	0	420	836	592	171	1008	836	592
Food	207	313	411	468	542	552	588	643
Transportation	239	246	246	246	246	246	467	467
Health Care	133	363	377	385	414	399	441	449
Miscellaneous	133	222	275	257	225	326	321	303
Taxes	306	467	594	484	359	734	634	541
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	-44	-14	-100	-206	0	0	-65
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	0	-65	-110	-125	-48	-100	-100	-105
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	\$9.89	\$15.24	\$18.69	\$16.38	\$13.52	\$22.35	\$10.88 per adult	\$9.85 per adult
MONTHLY	\$1,740	\$2,682	\$3,289	\$2,882	\$2,379	\$3,934	\$3,830	\$3,468
ANNUAL	\$20,884	\$32,188	\$39,472	\$34,588	\$28,551	\$47,212	\$45,958	\$41,612