



The Self Sufficiency Standard for Mississippi – Pearl River 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 Pearl River 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 Pearl River County.

Self Sufficiency for Pearl River 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	473	567	567	567	567	692	567	567
Child Care	0	340	683	488	149	832	683	488
Food	215	325	426	486	563	573	611	668
Transportation	240	247	247	247	247	247	470	470
Health Care	138	386	400	408	437	422	464	472
Miscellaneous	107	186	232	220	196	277	279	267
Taxes	204	294	371	326	247	466	443	397
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	-152	-191	-235	-314	-131	-154	-199
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	0	-70	-84	-64	-26	-111	-88	-66
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	\$7.63	\$11.40	\$13.93	\$12.75	\$10.60	\$16.95	\$8.64 per adult	\$8.04 per adult
MONTHLY	\$1,344	\$2,007	\$2,452	\$2,244	\$1,866	\$2,983	\$3,042	\$2,830
ANNUAL	\$16,123	\$24,085	\$29,421	\$26,930	\$22,395	\$35,793	\$36,509	\$33,956