



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

### Self Sufficiency for Stone 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	579	677	677	677	677	882	677	677
Child Care	0	420	836	592	171	1008	836	592
Food	234	354	464	529	613	624	665	727
Transportation	235	241	241	241	241	241	459	459
Health Care	138	386	399	408	437	422	464	472
Miscellaneous	119	208	262	245	214	318	310	293
Taxes	245	392	518	428	316	706	616	501
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	0	-88	-75	-146	-250	0	-22	-106
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	0	-70	-120	-109	-50	-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
<b>SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE</b>								
HOURLY	\$8.62	\$13.66	\$17.06	\$15.14	\$12.33	\$21.69	\$10.43 per adult	\$9.29 per adult
MONTHLY	\$1,516	\$2,404	\$3,003	\$2,665	\$2,169	\$3,818	\$3,672	\$3,271
ANNUAL	\$18,197	\$28,851	\$36,039	\$31,979	\$26,031	\$45,813	\$44,066	\$39,253