WHAT IT REALLY TAKES TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT IN SCOTT COUNTY, INDIANA

HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH? APPLYING THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY STANDARD AT A GLANCE

THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY STANDARD DEFINED

The Self-Sufficiency Standard calculates how much income families of various sizes and compositions need in order to make ends meet without public or private assistance.

COMPARING SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGES WITH MINIMUM WAGE AND POVERTY

The Self-Sufficiency Standard Wage for this county is 260% of Minimum Wage.

The Self-Sufficiency Standard Wage for this county is 198% of the Federal Poverty Line.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT WHEN AN ADULT EARS ONLY MINIMUM WAGE

At the current federal minimum wage of $7.25 an hour, each adult in a family unit would have to work well more than 40 hours per week in order to meet basic needs without public or private assistance.

Compounding the problem, many minimum-wage-paying jobs do not offer full-time hours, requiring workers to balance multiple jobs and their schedules.

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Minimum Wage Federal Poverty Line Self-Sufficiency Standard Wage

Numbers are based on a family of three in this county.
1 ADULT 1 PRESCHOOLER 1 SCHOOL-AGE CHILD

FOR MORE To download the full report and data for all 472 family types, visit www.IndianaSelfSufficiencyStandard.org

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Annual child care expenses in this county 1 PRESCHOOLER + 1 SCHOOL-AGE CHILD $10,452

FAMILY COMPOSITION

1 ADULT 1 PRESCHOOLER 1 SCHOOL-AGE CHILD

HOURS:MINUTES PER WEEK

How much time one minimum-wage employee must work in order to earn enough for the entire family to be self-sufficient if the family consists of:

1 ADULT 1 SCHOOL-AGE CHILD

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HOURS:MINUTES PER WEEK

How much time two minimum-wage employees each must work in order to earn enough for the two adults to be self-sufficient if the family consists of:

2 ADULTS 1 PRESCHOOLER 1 SCHOOL-AGE CHILD

MONTHLY COSTS

1 ADULT 1 PRESCHOOLER 1 SCHOOL-AGE CHILD

BASIC BUDGET NEEDS FOR THIS COUNTY

Housing $557 $746 $746
Child Care $0 $871 $871
Food $239 $547 $750
Transportation $246 $253 $482
Health Care $155 $412 $472
Miscellaneous $120 $283 $332
Taxes $260 $564 $637
Earned Income Tax Credit (-) $0 ($86) ($42)
Child Care Tax Credit (-) $0 ($110) ($100)
Child Tax Credit (-) $0 ($167) ($167)

SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE

Hourly (per adult) $8.96 $18.82 $11.31
Monthly $1,577 $3,313 $3,982
Annual $18,927 $39,755 $47,780