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

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 248% of Minimum Wage.

The Self-Sufficiency Standard Wage for this county is 189% 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.

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

Basic Budget Needs for This County

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Annual child care expenses in this county 1 PRESCHOOLER + 1 SCHOOL-AGE CHILD $9,156