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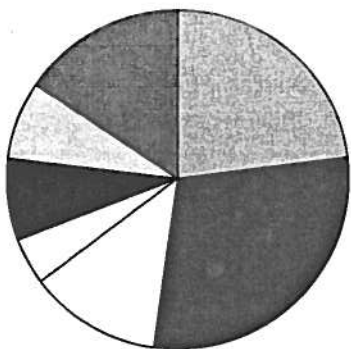
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The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Illinois

How much money does it take for families to live and work without public or private assistance or subsidies?

Introduction

How much money does it take for a family of a given size and composition to be self-sufficient—to pay for their basic necessities without public or private assistance (e.g., cash assistance, food stamps or free babysitting by relatives)? How much money do adult family members need to earn? Which expenses make self-sufficiency difficult to attain?

These questions have taken on new urgency with the passage of the 1996 welfare legislation that ends the 60-year-old federal program, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), and replaces it with a new state-level, time-limited program called Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). TANF emphasizes moving recipients off welfare rolls through rapid entry into the workforce. Program providers—both for-profit and non-profit—share the critical responsibility of helping participants become self-sufficient through steady employment.

The question of how to determine if and when there is success in achieving self-sufficiency is of critical interest to direct service providers, as well as foundations, charities, advocacy groups and state officials. The official poverty standard provides limited guidance. It applies the same standard to families in different circumstances—whether they live in rural Texas or New York City, whether their children are two years old or twelve, whether parents are working or not. The Self-Sufficiency Standard, by contrast, provides a measure that is customized to each family's circumstances, i.e., taking into account where

they live, and how old their children are, and thus makes it possible to determine if a family's income is enough for them to be self-sufficient.

The Self-Sufficiency Standard was conceived and developed by Dr. Diana Pearce, then Director of The Women and Poverty Project of Wider Opportunities for Women, Inc. It uses an original approach and innovative methodology to calculate how much money working adults need to meet their family's basic needs for housing, child care, food, transportation, medical care and taxes.

The Standard defines the amount of income required to meet basic needs (including paying taxes) in the regular "marketplace" without public subsidies—such as public housing, food stamps, Medicaid or child care—or private/informal subsidies—such as free baby-sitting by a relative or friend, food provided by churches or local food banks, or housing shared with relatives or friends. The Standard, therefore, estimates the level of income necessary for a given family type to become independent of welfare or other public or private subsidies.

The Standard provides important guidance for policymakers and program providers regarding how to target their job training resources. It helps participants choose among occupations for work experience and educational training. The Standard can show policymakers how subsidizing child care, housing, or medical care affects the wages necessary for working

families to become self-sufficient. The Standard provides useful information on how low wages must be supplemented for families to meet their basic needs.

The Self-Sufficiency Standard is set at a level that, on the one hand, is not luxurious or even comfortable, and on the other, is not so low that it fails to adequately provide for a family. Rather, the Standard provides income sufficient to, for example, meet minimum nutrition standards and to obtain housing that would be neither substandard nor overcrowded. Self-sufficiency means maintaining a decent standard of living and not having to choose between basic necessities—whether to meet one's need for child care but not for nutrition; or housing but not medical care.

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The Self-Sufficiency Standard is based on the real costs of needs, which vary depending upon a family's size, composition, age of children, and geographic location. Numbers used to calculate the Standard were obtained from federal, national and state data sources such as the U.S. Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, federally mandated state market surveys of child care costs, and national consumer price surveys.

The Standard does not include any private or public subsidies, whether cash (e.g., "welfare"), near-cash (e.g., food stamps), non-cash (e.g., Medicaid), or in-kind (e.g., shared housing or free babysitting).

The Self-Sufficiency Standard calculates the minimum amount of money necessary for a family to meet its basic needs. A family's income is deemed inadequate if it falls below this minimum amount. In

these ways, the Standard is similar to the official measure of poverty calculated by the Census Bureau. The Standard, however, differs from the official poverty measure in several important ways:

- The Standard assumes that all adults work full-time and therefore includes costs associated with employment, specifically, transportation and taxes, and for families with young children, child care.
- The Standard takes into account that many costs differ not only by family size and composition (as does the official poverty measure), but also by the age of children. While food and medical care costs are slightly lower for younger children, child care costs are much higher—particularly for children not yet in school—and are a substantial budget item not included in the official poverty measure.
- The Standard accounts for regional variations in cost. This is particularly important for housing. Housing in the most expensive areas of the country costs four times as much as in the least expensive areas for equivalent size units. Regional variation also occurs for child care, health care and transportation, although to a lesser extent than for housing. Even within Illinois, there is substantial variation in costs: thus, the most expensive area to obtain housing, the Chicago metropolitan area, is almost twice as expensive as the least expensive counties in rural Illinois.
- The Standard includes the "cost" of taxes, and the "benefit" of tax credits. It accounts for state sales taxes, as well as payroll (Social Security) taxes, and federal and state income taxes. Two credits available to working adults, the Child Care Tax Credit (CCTC) and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) are "credited" against the income needed to meet basic needs—thus reducing the income needed to be self-sufficient.
- The Standard accounts for the fact that, over time, various costs increase at different rates. For example, food costs, on which the official poverty thresholds are based, have not increased as fast as housing costs: the official poverty thresholds, which are based on food costs and do not allow for differential inflation rates among other non-food basic needs, are no longer adequate to meet real needs.

By incorporating these factors, the Self-Sufficiency Standard moves beyond the poverty threshold approach in three important ways. First, the Standard reflects the changing needs of families resulting from two important demographic changes that have occurred over the last three decades—the growth of single-parent families and the increased participation of mothers in the labor force. Second, the Standard allows for changes in net income resulting from changes in tax policy,

particularly the much higher level of taxes paid by low-income families today, and the tax credits now available to these families. Third, it reflects the geographical differences in costs—especially housing and child care—not only between different regions and states, but also within states. The Standard defines needs at the most detailed level possible, depending upon data availability, which in Illinois is the county level.

Calculating The Self-Sufficiency Standard

The Self-Sufficiency Standard is calculated using a market basket approach—pricing each component individually. (For detailed information on calculating the Standard, please see *Calculating The Self-Sufficiency Standard*, by Dr. Diana Pearce, et al. forthcoming from Wider Opportunities for Women, Inc.) This market basket approach allows each component to vary independently, so that over time, if some costs rise faster than others, the Standard will reflect the changes in the relative importance of each item and its individual cost or benefit. The market basket approach also allows for adjustments in the Standard if a subsidy becomes available.

Each component included in the Self-Sufficiency Standard is calculated using figures that are either collected and calculated by a single national source (such as the U.S. Bureau of the Census) or calculated by state government agencies using standardized methodology (such as child care costs). All costs presented in The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Illinois are for 1996 or have been updated to 1996 using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) so that they are equivalent.

The costs for the Standard are as geographically specific as is possible with the data available, and based on knowledge of variations in costs. Thus, costs

that have little or no regional variation (such as food) are standardized, while costs such as housing and child care, which vary substantially, are calculated at the most geographically specific level available. The components of The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Illinois and the assumptions included in the calculations are described below.

Housing: The Standard uses the 1996 Fair Market Rents for housing costs, which are calculated annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for every metropolitan housing market and non-metropolitan county.¹ These “rents” reflect the cost of a given size unit (including utilities but not including telephone) at the 40th percentile level. (At the 40th percentile level, 40% of the housing in a given area would be less expensive than this amount; 60% would be more expensive.) The Fair Market Rents are intended to reflect the costs of housing that meet minimum standards of decency. The Self-Sufficiency Standard adjusts for the size of the unit depending upon the size of the family. It assumes that parents and children should not share the same bedroom and that there should not be more than two children in a bedroom. Therefore, one parent and one child need a two-bedroom apartment, as do two parents with two children.

¹Metropolitan areas are defined by the Office of Management and Budget. Generally, they contain a large population center and adjacent communities with which the core area has a high degree of social and economic integration. Non-metropolitan counties are those located outside metropolitan areas. A list of Illinois’ metropolitan and non-metropolitan counties is provided in Appendix I.

Child Care: In most states, we use the survey of child care costs mandated by the Family Support Act, updated for inflation. In Illinois, however, a more accurate and geographically specific survey conducted by the Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies was made available. (Instead of just two zones, it provides costs for 16 different areas in the state.) It is based on a provider survey, which is updated quarterly. From it, we derived average child care costs for each area, for each age group of children and each type of setting (e.g., whether the child is in a day care home, a center, or a before- and after-school program). Within each category, we calculated a weighted average of licensed and exempt providers (some facilities are exempt because they are sponsored by certain kinds of organizations and limited by other special circumstances).

Since studies have shown that most families using out-of-home care choose family day care homes for infants and toddlers and center-based care for children three to five years old, the Standard assumes that children less than three years of age receive care in licensed or exempt day care homes, full-time, while preschoolers attend day care centers full-time. School-age children (ages six to 12) are assumed to receive part-time care in before- and after-school programs.

Food: The Standard uses the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Low-Cost Food Plan for June 1996 to calculate food costs. (USDA does not produce annual averages for food costs. However, we follow the Food Stamp Program and use estimates for June as an annual average.) The amounts for food in the Low-Cost Food Plan are about 25% higher than in the Thrifty Food Plan, which the Census Bureau uses to calculate the official poverty thresholds. The Low-Cost Food Plan also allows for a nutritionally adequate diet and is based on more realistic assumptions about food preparation time and consumption patterns. The food costs in the Standard are varied according to the number and age of children and the number and sex of adults. Since there is little regional variation in these costs, the Standard uses the national average for all areas.

Although the Low-Cost Food Plan amounts are higher than the amounts used to calculate the official poverty thresholds, they are conservative estimates of food expenditures. Even though average American families spend about 39% of their food budget on food

eaten away from home, according to the Consumer Expenditure Survey, the Low-Cost Food Plan does not allow for any fast-food or restaurant meals.

Transportation: Families living in cities with adequate public transportation—which, in effect, means a city with a rail as well as a bus system that is used by a substantial percentage of the population—are assumed to use public transportation to get to work. In Illinois, only Chicago has such a system. For families who live in counties and cities that do not have adequate public transportation systems, it is assumed that each adult must own and operate a car. (It is unlikely that two adults with two jobs would be traveling to and from the same place of work, at exactly the same times.)

Private transportation costs are based on the costs of owning and operating an eight-year-old car or cars. The Standard assumes the car(s) will be used to commute to work five days per week, plus one trip per week for shopping for food and other errands. The costs include monthly variable costs (e.g., gas, oil, tires, maintenance) and fixed costs (e.g., fire and theft insurance, property damage and liability, license, registration and taxes, finance charges). The costs do not, however, include the initial cost of purchasing a car.

The Standard adjusts transportation costs (including mileage) based on whether the family is headed by a single parent, two parents or a single adult with no children. One parent in each household with children is assumed to have a slightly longer weekday trip to allow for "linking" trips to the day care facility. The Standard also adjusts for differences in transportation costs by region of the country. Data for transportation costs were obtained from the American Automobile Manufacturers Association and the *Consumer Expenditure Survey*.

Medical Care: The Self-Sufficiency Standard assumes that a full-time worker has health insurance coverage provided by her/his employer. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 83% of non-temporary workers have health insurance, the majority of which is employer provided. Health care costs included in the Standard are limited to the employee's share of insurance premiums plus additional out-of-pocket expenses, including co-payments, uncovered expenses (such as costs for dental care and prescriptions) and insurance deductibles. The Standard assumes that employees will pay one-third of the cost of health insurance.

Although workers who do not have employer-provided health insurance often “do without,” we stress that families cannot be truly self-sufficient without health insurance. Data for Illinois’ medical costs were obtained from the *National Medical Expenditure Survey* and the Families USA report, *Skyrocketing Health Inflation: 1980 - 1993 - 2000*.

Miscellaneous: This expense category includes items such as clothing, shoes, paper products, diapers, nonprescription medicines, cleaning products and household items, personal hygiene items, and telephone. Miscellaneous expenses are calculated by taking 10% of all other costs. In comparison to other measures of income adequacy (which usually recommend 15%), this percentage is a conservative estimate.

Taxes: Taxes include sales tax, federal and state income tax, and payroll tax. State tax rates are calculated using the Commerce Clearinghouse *State Tax Handbook* and information from the Illinois Department of Revenue. In 1996, the Illinois retail sales tax was 6.25%, with a 1% tax on food. Sales taxes are calculated only on “miscellaneous” items and food because one does not pay tax on rent, child care, and so forth. Indirect taxes, e.g., on housing, are included in the price of housing passed on by the landlord to the tenant; taxes on gasoline and automobiles are included as a cost of owning and running a car. Although we recognize the varying county sales tax rates, they are not included here because of their negligible impact on hourly wages. That is, because this tax is calculated only on “miscellaneous” expenses, even considerable rate variations would have minimal impact.

The state income tax rate is 3% for all individuals and families, with an exemption of \$1000 for each person in the household. Illinois exempts the first \$3,000 from income tax. Payroll tax for OASDI and Medicare is calculated at 7.65% of each dollar earned. Although the federal income tax rate is higher than the payroll tax rate—15% of income for families in this range—exemptions and deductions are substantial, so that families do not start to pay federal income tax until their incomes reach \$10,000 to \$12,000 or higher, thus lowering the effective tax rate to 7% to 10% for most taxpayers.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC): The EITC is a federal tax refund intended to offset the loss of income from taxes owed by working poor and near-poor families. The EITC is a “refundable” tax, i.e., working adults may receive the tax credit—a lump-sum payment—whether or not they owe any federal taxes. The EITC reduces the income needed for a family to be self-sufficient.

Child Care Tax Credit (CCTC): The CCTC is a federal tax credit that allows working parents to deduct a percentage of their child care costs from the federal income taxes they owe. Like the EITC, the CCTC is deducted from the total amount of money a family needs to be self-sufficient. Unlike the EITC, the CCTC is not a “refundable” or “negative” tax. A family may only receive the CCTC as a credit against federal income taxes owed. Therefore, families who owe very little to the federal government in income taxes receive little CCTC.

How Much Money Is Enough in Illinois?

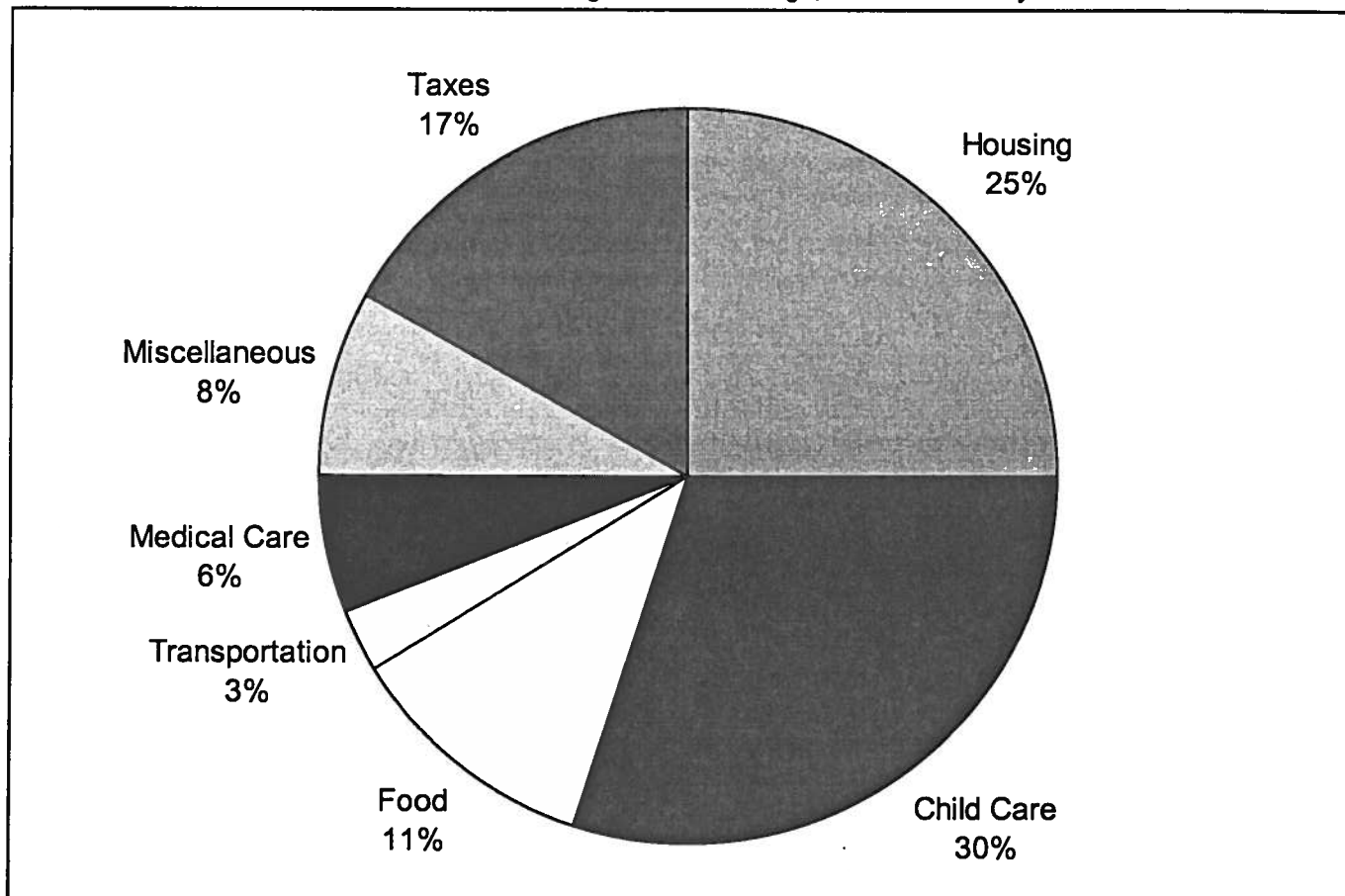
The amount of money that a family needs to be economically self-sufficient varies by family size, the age of children, and where they live. The Self-Sufficiency Standard provides the minimum amount of money needed to be self-sufficient for 70 different family types. Data for selected family types in all Illinois metropolitan and non-metropolitan counties are included in Appendices III and IV. Data for all family

types in all counties can be found in the full report: *The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Illinois*. (Contact Women Employed at (312) 782-3902 or Wider Opportunities for Women at (202) 638-3143 for information.)

Illinois housing costs are higher in metropolitan areas than in rural areas. In 1996, two-bedroom apartments averaged about 32% more than in non-

A family with one parent, one infant and one preschool-age child spends almost three-quarters of their monthly budget on taxes, housing and child care.

Figure 1
Percentage of Income Needed to Meet Basic Needs, 1996
Based on the Self-Sufficiency Standard for a Family with One Parent, One Infant and One Preschool-Age Child in Chicago, IL—Cook County



Note: The percentage of income needed for taxes, 17%, is net of the EITC and CCTC.

metropolitan areas—\$530 per month (including utilities) in Illinois metropolitan areas, compared to \$360 per month in non-metropolitan areas. Even if we exclude Chicago from the calculation—where two-bedroom apartments cost \$704 per month—housing in Illinois' other metropolitan areas averaged 25% more than in rural areas. The cost for a two-bedroom housing unit in the Springfield metropolitan area, for example, was \$479 per month in 1996. By contrast, the cost for a two-bedroom housing unit in non-metropolitan Randolph County was \$353 per month. (See Figure 1, above, and Tables 1 and 2 on the following pages.)

Child care costs vary greatly by location and by the age and number of children. Although infant care is

generally more expensive than preschool care in the *same* setting, the cost of infant care in day care homes in Illinois is generally slightly less expensive (about five to 10% less) than the cost of child care for preschool-age children in child care centers. This pattern holds true in both rural and urban locations. The one exception is suburban Chicago, where infant care in day care homes costs about eight to 10% more than care for preschool children in centers. Part-time care for school-age children, i.e., before and after school, averages close to 50% of the cost of full-day care for a preschool-age child in both urban and rural areas (although it varies from less than one-half to three-fourths, depending upon location).

Table 1
The Self-Sufficiency Standard for the Chicago, IL—Cook County, 1996*
 Monthly Expenses and Shares of Total Budget, Selected Family Types

	One Adult		One Parent, One Infant		One Parent, One Infant, One Preschooler	
Monthly Expenses:	Costs	% of total	Costs	% of total	Costs	% of total
<i>Housing</i>	\$591.00	47.0	\$704.00	32.5	\$704.00	24.7
<i>Child Care</i>	NA	NA	\$431.75	19.9	\$861.26	30.2
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	12.2	\$225.28	10.4	\$303.24	10.6
<i>Transportation</i>	\$95.76	7.6	\$95.76	4.4	\$95.76	3.4
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	6.4	\$163.82	7.6	\$182.93	6.4
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$92.02	7.3	\$162.06	7.5	\$214.72	7.5
<i>Total Taxes (Taxes minus EITC and CCTC)</i>	\$245.53	19.5	\$383.50	17.7	\$491.47	17.2
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00		(\$44.00)		(\$80.00)	
Self-Sufficiency Wage— Monthly Hourly**	\$1,257.76 \$7.15	100.0	\$2,166.17 \$12.31	100.0	\$2,853.38 \$16.21	100.0

* The Standard is calculated by adding expenses and taxes and subtracting tax credits.

** The hourly wage is calculated by dividing the monthly wage by 176 hours (8 hours per day times 22 days per month).

Note: Totals may not add exactly due to rounding.

As with housing, child care costs are higher in metropolitan than in non-metropolitan areas. The differential, however, varies by age: infant care is 30% more in urban areas than rural (averaging \$363 per month versus \$288, respectively), while preschool care is 22% more in urban areas (\$374 compared to \$355), and school-age care is just 9% more in urban areas (\$215 compared to \$197). Furthermore, when we take out the Chicago area—which is by far the most expensive—the urban differential falls to 16% for infant care, and essentially disappears for preschool and school-age care.

In addition to urban-rural differences, there is also quite wide variation in child care costs in different rural and urban areas. Thus, the cost of full-time infant

care in Illinois metropolitan counties ranges from \$253 per month in the St. Louis area (Jersey County) to \$556 per month in suburban Chicago (Du Page and Kane counties). The range is similar in Illinois' non-metropolitan counties: from \$252 per month in central Illinois (Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Edgar, Moutrie, and Shelby counties) to \$346 per month in the Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties. There is considerable variation *within* metropolitan areas as well. For example, infant care in the Chicago metropolitan area ranges from \$398 per month in Will County to \$556 per month in suburban Du Page and Kane counties. The average costs of care for preschool-age children receiving full-time care and school-age children receiving part-time care have similar ranges.

Table 2
The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Randolph County, IL, 1996*
Monthly Expenses and Shares of Total Budget, Selected Family Types

	One Adult		One Parent, One Infant		One Parent, One Infant, One Preschooler	
Monthly Expenses:	Costs	% of total	Costs	% of total	Costs	% of total
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	33.8	\$353.00	27.0	\$353.00	19.0
<i>Child Care</i>	NA	NA	\$306.37	23.5	\$631.17	34.0
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	18.9	\$225.28	17.3	\$303.24	16.3
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	13.9	\$117.47	9.0	\$117.47	6.3
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	9.8	\$163.82	12.5	\$182.93	9.8
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	7.6	\$116.59	8.9	\$158.76	8.5
<i>Total Taxes (Taxes minus EITC and CCTC)</i>	\$129.75	16.0	\$22.30	1.7	\$112.27	6.0
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00		(\$125.43)		(\$108.61)	
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00		(\$54.00)		(\$92.00)	
Self-Sufficiency Wage— Monthly Hourly**	\$813.67 \$4.62	100.0	\$1,304.83 \$7.41	100.0	\$1,858.84 \$10.56	100.0

* The Standard is calculated by adding expenses and taxes and subtracting tax credits.

** The hourly wage is calculated by dividing the monthly wage by 176 hours (8 hours per day times 22 days per month).

Note: Totals may not add exactly due to rounding.

For families in rural areas with one infant or preschool-age child, child care costs are about equal to housing costs. In urban areas, however, housing is relatively as well as absolutely more expensive. Therefore, housing costs average about 25 to 30% more than child care for one below-school-age child. For families with two children below school-age, child care costs dwarf housing costs—averaging 40% more than housing costs in urban areas, and 80% more than housing costs in rural areas. Overall, child care for Illinois families with one child below school-age comprises about 21 to 25% of a family's total budget. For families with two children not yet in school, child care costs comprise 31 to 35% of their total budgets.

(See Figure 1 and Tables 1 and 2.) On the whole, child care costs average slightly higher than housing costs—about 28 to 29% of the budget.

Although both housing and child care costs are higher in urban than in rural areas, the differential is somewhat higher for housing. Therefore, the percentage of a family budget that goes to housing—compared to child care—is somewhat higher in urban areas. (See Tables 1 and 2.) Altogether, housing and child care costs alone make up a large percentage of a family's total expenses in Illinois—an average of one-half for families with children requiring full-day care.

What are the Implications of The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Illinois?

According to the Self-Sufficiency Standard, a single person with no children in Chicago (Cook County) needs to earn \$7.15 per hour to be able to meet her/his basic needs (\$1,258 per month). A single parent with one infant and one preschool-age child, however, needs to earn more than twice as much, about \$16.21 per hour (\$2,853 per month) to meet the basic needs of her family. By contrast, in rural Randolph County, the single adult would need less than the current minimum wage (\$4.62 per hour), while the single parent with one infant and one preschool-age child would need \$10.56 per hour.

According to the Self-Sufficiency Standard, the amount required to meet one's basic needs is considerably higher than the official poverty level as defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. In 1996, a single adult would be considered poor with a monthly income of \$680 (\$8,163 annually) or less, whereas a family consisting of one adult and two children would be considered poor if this family had a monthly income of \$1,053 (\$12,641 annually) or less—regardless of where they live, or the age of their children.² The official poverty level for a three-person family is just 36% of the amount needed to be self-sufficient for a family with one adult, one infant and one preschool-age child in Chicago (Cook County). Even in the less expensive Randolph County, the poverty level is only 57% of the amount needed by this family, according to the Standard.

With an income at the poverty level, a family cannot afford housing and food and child care, much less their other basic needs, forcing families to choose between needs, or accept substandard or inadequate child care, insufficient food, or substandard housing. By knowing what is required to meet *all* of a family's needs at a minimally adequate level, policymakers and

others can understand what is required for true self-sufficiency.

Although the official poverty threshold is artificially low and incomplete in covering a family's real needs, it is nonetheless used as a basis for eligibility for many assistance programs. Thus, families whose incomes are above the poverty level, but below self-sufficiency do not qualify for assistance such as Food Stamps. Illinois' "Work Pays" program allows welfare recipients to work and collect a reduced grant until their income reaches the poverty level (three times the TANF grant level), at which point they lose their cash assistance.

This gap presents states with a challenge of how to aid families who are striving for self-sufficiency, but whose wages are above the "poverty" level and/or assistance eligibility levels, yet fall below what is needed for self-sufficiency. There are a number of areas in which Illinois officials could address this gap and help low-income families achieve self-sufficiency. Below we discuss several of these policy alternatives, and then model their effects on a family's required wages.

Child Support: While not an option for all families, whenever possible child support from absent, non-custodial parents should be sought. Nationally, the average amount of child support per family is about \$200 per month per family, not per child. In individual cases, of course, it can be more or less. Whatever the amount, child support payments reduce the amount required for a family to meet its needs, while providing the support of both parents to meet children's needs.

Taxes: Illinois provides a deduction for each family member. However, because it treats married couples and single parents the same, it does not take into

² U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, "Poverty Thresholds in 1996, by Size of Family and Number of Related Children Under 18 Years," *Current Population Survey*, Washington, DC, 1997.

Note: Official poverty thresholds are calculated by the number of adults and children, but not differentiated by the age of children or by place of residence.

account the differential burden of single parents compared to married-couple families. Indeed, it does not differentiate between a household of all adults, and one of one adult and the rest children. An alternative scheme would differentiate by family type (single, single parent, married couple), and by providing more substantial deductions per person, would exempt the poorest working families from taxes.

Public policy choices can have a substantial impact on the ability of families to become self-sufficient—aiding them with temporary subsidies until they are able to earn wages sufficient to meet their basic needs.

Temporary Public Subsidies: The Self-Sufficiency Standard gives the amount of income that families need to earn to meet all of their basic needs, without outside assistance. However, many families cannot achieve self-sufficiency immediately, but need the aid of temporary subsidies. Such subsidies help families meet their basic needs until their wages rise and/or their costs decrease (when a child reaches school-age, for example), and they are able to fully meet their needs on their own. At the crucial moment when individuals enter employment, such subsidies can help a family achieve stability, without scrimping on nutrition or living in overcrowded or substandard housing, or using inadequate child care.

Subsidies reduce the amount a family needs to earn to adequately meet their basic needs. For example, a single parent with an infant and a school-age child would need \$704 per month for housing in Chicago (Cook County). However, if that parent received a housing subsidy equal to one-half of their housing costs, their housing costs would be reduced to \$352 per month, which would, in turn, reduce the total amount of income needed to meet expenses. Subsidies also have the indirect effect of decreasing the amount of taxes that would be owed and may increase the Earned Income Tax Credit and/or the Child Care Tax Credit.

Subsidies or vouchers may be provided to help meet any of a family's basic needs: housing (such as Section 8), child care (such as Illinois' assistance for low-income working parents), food (food stamps), health care (Medicaid or other plan), and/or transportation

(bus or subway tokens). All of these subsidies would help families as they make the transition to self-sufficiency wages.

Health Care Coverage: While medical expenses are a relatively small cost item in most of these family type budgets (less than 10%), it is important to recognize the role that employer-provided health insurance plays in the calculation of the Self-Sufficiency Wage. The Standard assumes—based on the average practice across industries—that employers will offer health insurance and pay two-thirds of a family's health insurance costs. Thus, it is important that employers provide all employees with this benefit, so that parents do not have the unattractive choice between health care coverage through welfare/Medicaid and employment without health care coverage for their families.

Table 3 (on the following page) shows a number of the options suggested above. These options have been modeled for one family—a single parent with an infant and a preschooler, who lives in Chicago (Cook County). In the first column, the parent's expenses are those calculated by the Self-Sufficiency Standard. With child care expenses of \$861 per month and housing costs of \$704 per month, it is not surprising that the Self-Sufficiency hourly wage is \$16.21.

In the second column, a child support payment is added, reducing the amount needed to meet expenses by \$200 per month. (Two hundred dollars per month is approximately the average amount of child support paid by absent parents per family, not per child.) Because this income is not subject to taxes, it has a stronger impact on our family's income. It reduces the required Self-Sufficiency Wage by about \$1.50 per hour, to \$14.68. It does so by lowering the income that must be earned directly, and also has an indirect effect of lowering the taxes that must be paid on earned income.

In the third column of Table 3 we have modeled one possible version of "tax relief" in combination with child support shown in column two. Since the single parent family has only one adult to contribute to meeting expenses, it would seem equitable to reduce the tax burden of the single parent. Many states and the federal tax system provide single parents a "head-of-household" exemption—in addition to deductions for dependents or individuals—that, in effect, gives single parents the same, or nearly the same, deductions/exemptions as married couples. In column three, we

Table 3
Impact of Subsidies on the Self-Sufficiency Wage
Single Parent, with One Infant and One Preschool-Age Child, Chicago, IL—Cook County, 1996

	Subsidies:									
	(1) Self-Sufficiency Standard	(2) Child Support	(3) Child Support, Tax Relief	(4) Full Child Care	(5) Partial Child Care	(6) Partial Child Health Care	(7) Partial Child Health Care, Transportation	(8) Partial Child Care, Health Care, Housing, Transportation	(9) Partial Child Care, Health Care, Child Support, Transportation	(10) Partial Child Care, Health Care, Tax Relief Transportation, Child Support
Monthly Expenses:										
Housing	\$704	\$704	\$704	\$704	\$704	\$704	\$704	\$352	\$704	\$704
Child Care	\$861	\$861	\$861	\$0	\$238	\$150	\$114	\$31	\$53	\$53
Food	\$303	\$303	\$303	\$303	\$303	\$303	\$303	\$303	\$303	\$303
Transportation	\$96	\$96	\$96	\$96	\$96	\$96	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Medical Care	\$183	\$183	\$183	\$183	\$183	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous*	\$215	\$215	\$215	\$215	\$215	\$215	\$215	\$215	\$215	\$215
Taxes	\$571	\$502	\$467	\$244	\$336	\$209	\$157	\$84	\$103	\$73
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)†	(\$0)	(\$0)	(\$0)	(\$168)	(\$95)	(\$197)	(\$239)	(\$281)	(\$296)	(\$296)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	(\$80)	(\$80)	(\$80)	(\$0)	(\$55)	(\$39)	(\$16)	(\$0)	(\$0)	(\$0)
Child Support (-)	(\$0)	(\$200)	(\$200)	(\$0)	(\$0)	(\$0)	(\$0)	(\$0)	(\$200)	(\$200)
Self-Sufficiency Wage—										
Monthly	\$2,853	\$2,584	\$2,549	\$1,577	\$1,924	\$1,441	\$1,237	\$703	\$881	\$852
Hourly**	\$16.21	\$14.68	\$14.48	\$8.96	\$10.93	\$8.19	\$7.03	\$4.00	\$5.01	\$4.84

* The amount of money needed for miscellaneous expenses is based on the total amount needed for expenses before calculation of subsidies.

† Note that EITC is highly targeted to low-wage workers. Because of high costs, this family does not qualify for EITC at the Self-Sufficiency Wage. However, as the amount of earned income required to meet needs decreases with the addition of private and public support, this family becomes eligible for the tax credit.

** The hourly wage is calculated by dividing the monthly wage by 176 hours (8 hours per day times 22 days per month).

Note: Totals may not add exactly due to rounding. Numbers in bold type indicate a change in cost due to a subsidy.

have modeled “tax relief” for single parents by making the state deductions the same as the federal deduction—raising the per person deduction from \$1000 to \$2,550, and adding a “head of household” deduction of \$5,900. (The tax rate of 3% remains the same.) The effect is to exempt the first \$13,550 from taxes, instead of just \$3,000, as is currently the case. Although this modification reduces the state taxes owed from \$937 annually to \$511, it only has a small effect on wages at high income levels. (This effect is small also because only state taxes are affected, not federal income or payroll taxes.) For families with lower expenses (such as those with school-age children or teenagers, requiring only part-time or no child care), the effect would be stronger.

In the fourth column, we turn to the effects of public subsidies. Here, we assume that child care costs have been fully subsidized. This subsidy reduces expenses by \$861. By lowering the income a parent must earn to meet her needs, it also decreases her taxes and increases her Earned Income Tax Credit. Although she loses her Child Care Tax Credit, her Self-Sufficiency Wage is reduced by almost one-half, from \$16.21 per hour to \$8.96 per hour.

Of course, a full child-care subsidy is quite costly to the government, so in the fifth column, we have modeled a scheme in which our single parent receives a subsidy that is geared to family income and the number of children receiving child care (and reflects Illinois’ recently instituted 10% earned income disregard). That is, she is required to pay a “child care co-pay” that increases with income, with the state paying the balance. In this instance, the subsidy reduces her child care costs more than 70%. While not as dramatic as a full subsidy, this partial subsidy of child care costs reduces the Self-Sufficiency Wage by about one-third, to \$10.93 per hour (compare column one and column five).

In the sixth column of Table 3, we add a health care subsidy, which takes care of both the employee’s share of the premium and out of pocket costs. This subsidy could be in the form of Medicaid—for those transitioning from welfare to employment—or it could be a state-level program for low-income families with an employed parent. Subsidizing health care costs has a strong effect on the required wage, reducing it another two dollars, from \$10.93 to \$8.19. Note that because the single parent does not need to earn as much with the addition of a health care subsidy, it

lowers her income requirements, which lowers her required child care co-pay, decreases her taxes, and increases her EITC.

In the seventh column, we add a transportation subsidy, which for a Chicago resident would be the equivalent of free bus or subway transportation. The addition of a transportation subsidy—holding constant the partial subsidy of child care and the health care subsidy—reduces the Self-Sufficiency Wage by about one dollar, to \$7.03 per hour.

In the eighth column, we add a subsidy for housing. We assume that the housing costs are reduced by one-half, from \$704 per month for a two-bedroom unit (including utilities) in Chicago to \$352 per month. This large subsidy, like child care, has a dramatic effect: reducing the required wage—when combined with the child care, health care, and transportation subsidies—to just \$4.00 per hour. Unfortunately, due to high per unit costs of housing subsidies (resulting from high housing costs generally), few families are able to receive this kind of help. We, therefore, do not retain this subsidy in the last two columns of the model.

In the ninth column, we have combined the package of public subsidies—child care, health care, and transportation—with the private “subsidy” of child support. This combination reduces the required wage to \$5.01 per hour, allowing a single parent to, for example, support her family at an entry-level wage, and not have to sacrifice nutrition, decent child care, or adequate housing. In the last column, we have again added tax relief. As before, even though it reduces state taxes to zero, it has only a modest effect, given the high level of expenses this parent faces and other taxes that are not affected.

The figures in Table 3 provide examples for one family type in one area—a single parent with one infant and one preschool child living in Chicago. The impact of various subsidies and taxes would vary in different communities and family types, depending on cost levels and policy choices. The Self-Sufficiency Standard can be used to model these choices to determine the impact they would have on families’ Self-Sufficiency Wages. What is clear from this example is that public policy choices can have a substantial impact on the ability of families to become self-sufficient. By aiding them with temporary subsidies until they are able to earn wages sufficient to meet their basic needs,

families are able to meet their needs adequately and achieve stability in their housing, child care, diet, and health care, which in turn helps support achieving a steady position in the labor force. Thus, carefully targeted programs and tax policies can play an important role in helping families become fully self-sufficient.

Removing Barriers to Employment: Many individuals who are striving for self-sufficiency are women and/or people of color. They may face barriers to employment not addressed by the subsidies and public policy options. Employers and unions, as well as policymakers, need to address these barriers in order for individual efforts to be rewarded fairly in the labor market. In particular, two issue areas are key to undergirding individual efforts at achieving self-sufficiency.

The first is training and education: For adults who have language difficulties, inadequate education or who lack job skills and experience, achieving wages at a self-sufficiency level cannot happen without addressing these issues. For such persons, training and education are often key to entering the kinds of occupations and workplaces that will pay, eventually if not immediately, self-sufficiency wages. Thus, training and education are necessary, but often in conjunction

with temporary subsidies—a short-term investment that will lead to the long-term payoff of true economic self-sufficiency.

The second issue is discrimination on the basis of gender and/or race. It is important to recognize that not all barriers to self-sufficiency lie in the individual persons and families seeking self-sufficiency. At the same time, many of these barriers are not matters of deliberate racism and sexism. Addressing these barriers therefore calls for all stakeholders—employers, unions, advocates, training providers and educators, welfare officials and program participants—to join together to address the various difficulties, myths and barriers that arise as more and more families seek to achieve economic self-sufficiency. For example, jobs that are nontraditional for women (such as metalworking, electronics or computer-aided drafting) require relatively little post-secondary training yet provide wages at self-sufficiency levels. Working to enhance women's access to these jobs—or training positions leading to these jobs—requires addressing a range of barriers that prevent women from entering such occupations. Likewise, problems of sexual and racial harassment must be addressed in order for women and/or minorities to fully realize their potential.

How The Self-Sufficiency Standard Can Be Used

The Self-Sufficiency Standard can be used at the policymaking, program delivery, public education and individual counseling levels to improve the likelihood that low-income individuals and families will become self-sufficient (see Table 4). The Standard has many uses at a time when block-granting leaves decisions to the state and local levels about how to evaluate success within the restrictions of federal law, what to subsidize, and how to design and implement programs.

With the passage of the 1996 welfare legislation—particularly with the advent of work requirements and time limits—helping participants become self-sufficient through steady employment has become a top

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priority. The Self-Sufficiency Standard documents the costs of living that families of different sizes must meet to live independently. The Standard demonstrates that, for most families, earnings that are above the official

Table 4
How the Self-Sufficiency Standard Can Be Used

<i>Policymakers Can Use the Standard...</i>	<i>Program Providers, Counselors and Advocates Can Use the Standard...</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>as a planning and evaluation tool</i> in state welfare and workforce development policy, including waivers or state-initiated plans and programs; ■ <i>to compare and rank state and local efforts</i>, local modifications and pilot programs; ■ <i>to target education and training resources to prepare people for high-wage jobs</i> in sectors of the economy that pay Self-Sufficiency Standard Wages; ■ <i>to expand child care subsidy programs</i>; ■ <i>to develop strategies that combine different funding streams</i> such as taxes and tax credits to serve families most in need. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>to counsel participants</i> as to the amount of money they will need to become economically independent; ■ <i>to help participants determine the subsidies for which they are eligible</i>, given their earnings level and family size, both for short- and long-term; ■ <i>as a public education tool</i> to show the disparity between state or county benefit levels, wages earned and the cost-of-living in specific counties; ■ <i>as a media tool</i> to demonstrate the impact that programs and policies will have on the amount individuals need to earn; ■ <i>to help employers understand the importance of providing benefits for entry-level workers and creating career paths</i> to allow workers to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

poverty level or earnings that are high enough to disqualify them from welfare are nevertheless far below what they need to meet their families' basic needs for food, shelter, clothing, and so forth.

Illinois legislators, policymakers in the Governor's office, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Aid, the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and other state agencies can use the Standard as an evaluation tool in state welfare and workforce development policy. Because the Standard is based on county-level costs, it can be used to compare and rank state efforts, local modifications and county pilot programs. It may also be used to target jobs in sectors of the economy that pay Self-Sufficiency Wages, which reduces the need for public subsidies. Social service departments and welfare advisory committees can use the Standard in developing pilot programs or modifying the state program to meet local needs. For example, these groups can use the Standard to assess the amount of subsidies that families will need if they earn wages that fall below the Self-Sufficiency Standard. These subsidies can include child care, transportation, medical or housing assistance.

Policymakers can also use the Standard to design exemptions from program participation for participants whose costs would be too high in the short term or for whom services are not available locally. The Standard can be used to determine what types of training or

education programs will result in the level of wages required for families to be self-sufficient in a given community, and also as a benchmark for evaluating the wages obtained through job search and related programs. In addition, the Standard can be used as a tool for case managers, non-profit program providers, advocates, and participants. Case managers can use it to counsel participants as to the amount of money needed to become independent and leave welfare permanently. They can use the Standard to help participants choose occupations or jobs, and create packages of earnings and subsidies for the short- and long-run. Advocates can use the standard as a public education tool to show the disparity between state or county benefit levels, wages earned and the cost-of-living in specific counties—which may prevent a “race to the bottom” in benefit levels. It can also be used to help employers understand the importance of providing benefits—such as child care, medical care and transportation assistance—for entry-level workers who are moving from welfare to work.

The Standard is currently being used for these purposes in several states and in a number of community organizations. For further information about the Standard, or to learn about how to have Wider Opportunities for Women develop the Standard for your community or state, contact Wider Opportunities for Women, (202) 638-3143.

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Appendix I: Illinois Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan Counties

Metropolitan Counties

Bloomington-Normal, ILMSA
McLean County
Champaign-Urbana, ILMSA
Champaign County
Chicago, IL
Cook County
Du Page County
Kane County
Lake County
McHenry County
Will County
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-ILMSA
Henry County
Rock Island County
Decatur, ILMSA
Macon County
De Kalb County, IL
De Kalb County
Grundy County, IL
Grundy County
Kankakee, ILPMSA
Kankakee County
Kendall County, IL
Kendall County
Peoria-Pekin, ILMSA
Peoria County
Tazewell County
Woodford County
Rockford, ILMSA
Boone County
Ogle County
Winnebago County
St. Louis, MO-ILMSA
Clinton County
Jersey County
Madison County
Monroe County
St. Clair County
Springfield, ILMSA
Menard County
Sangamon County

Non-Metropolitan Counties

Adams County
Alexander County
Bond County
Brown County
Bureau County
Calhoun County
Carroll County
Cass County
Christian County
Clark County
Clay County
Coles County
Crawford County
Cumberland County
De Witt County
Douglas County
Edgar County
Edwards County
Effingham County
Fayette County
Ford County
Franklin County
Fulton County
Gallatin County
Greene County
Hamilton County
Hancock County
Hardin County
Henderson County
Iroquois County
Jackson County
Jasper County
Jefferson County
Jo Daviess County
Johnson County
Knox County
La Salle County
Lawrence County
Lee County
Livingston County
Logan County
McDonough County
Macoupin County
Marion County
Marshall County
Mason County
Massac County
Mercer County
Montgomery County
Morgan County
Moultrie County
Perry County
Piatt County
Pike County
Pope County
Pulaski County
Putnam County
Randolph County
Richland County
Saline County
Schuyler County
Scott County
Shelby County
Stark County
Stephenson County
Union County
Vermilion County
Wabash County
Warren County
Washington County
Wayne County
White County
Whiteside County
Williamson County

Appendix II:

Map of Illinois Counties





Appendix III:
***The Self-Sufficiency Standard, Selected
Family Types, Metropolitan Counties***

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

***The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Bloomington-Normal, IL MSA—
McLean County 1996
Selected Family Types***

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$368.00	\$493.00	\$493.00	\$493.00	\$493.00	\$684.00	\$493.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$339.57	\$384.41	\$723.98	\$285.74	\$1,009.72	\$723.98
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$71.47	\$133.91	\$137.22	\$182.06	\$148.40	\$242.11	\$211.20
<i>Taxes</i>	\$165.83	\$288.77	\$306.04	\$444.07	\$279.58	\$632.91	\$499.90
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$71.88)	(\$61.29)	(\$2.09)	(\$136.21)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(\$48.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$48.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$952.05	\$1,639.94	\$1,706.16	\$2,364.67	\$1,727.80	\$3,216.16	\$2,743.07
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$5.41	\$9.32	\$9.69	\$13.44	\$9.82	\$18.27	\$7.79 per adult

***The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Champaign-Urbana, IL MSA—
Champaign County 1996
Selected Family Types***

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$397.00	\$514.00	\$514.00	\$514.00	\$514.00	\$705.00	\$514.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$314.30	\$347.86	\$662.16	\$202.86	\$865.02	\$662.16
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$74.37	\$133.49	\$135.67	\$177.98	\$142.21	\$229.74	\$207.12
<i>Taxes</i>	\$177.08	\$286.67	\$298.38	\$420.16	\$245.29	\$584.92	\$484.06
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$73.17)	(\$66.00)	(\$21.52)	(\$164.06)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(\$48.00)	(\$84.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$995.20	\$1,631.85	\$1,676.69	\$2,272.43	\$1,595.59	\$3,032.11	\$2,682.33
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$5.65	\$9.27	\$9.53	\$12.91	\$9.07	\$17.23	\$7.62 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Chicago, IL—Cook County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$591.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$881.00	\$704.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$431.75	\$429.51	\$861.26	\$201.57	\$1,062.83	\$861.26
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$95.76	\$95.76	\$95.76	\$95.76	\$95.76	\$95.76	\$191.52
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$92.02	\$162.06	\$160.66	\$214.72	\$158.91	\$264.95	\$242.45
Taxes	\$245.53	\$427.50	\$422.17	\$571.47	\$337.18	\$721.50	\$621.12
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$89.47)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$44.00)	(\$44.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$46.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$1,257.76	\$2,166.17	\$2,145.42	\$2,853.38	\$1,949.77	\$3,555.99	\$3,208.05
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$7.15	\$12.31	\$12.19	\$16.21	\$11.08	\$20.20	\$9.11 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Chicago, IL—Du Page County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$591.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$881.00	\$704.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$555.97	\$507.12	\$1,063.09	\$381.46	\$1,444.55	\$1,063.09
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$93.77	\$176.65	\$170.59	\$237.07	\$179.07	\$305.30	\$266.21
Taxes	\$252.33	\$482.80	\$461.39	\$658.18	\$448.31	\$877.99	\$713.28
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$40.00)	(\$42.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$40.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$1,283.85	\$2,385.99	\$2,295.89	\$3,185.99	\$2,378.13	\$4,156.26	\$3,561.58
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$7.29	\$13.56	\$13.04	\$18.10	\$13.51	\$23.62	\$10.12 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Chicago, IL—Kane County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + Infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + Infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + Infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + Infant preschooler
Housing	\$591.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$881.00	\$704.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$555.97	\$507.12	\$1,063.09	\$381.46	\$1,444.55	\$1,063.09
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$93.77	\$176.65	\$170.59	\$237.07	\$179.07	\$305.30	\$266.21
Taxes	\$252.33	\$482.80	\$461.39	\$658.18	\$448.31	\$877.99	\$713.28
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$40.00)	(\$42.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$40.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$1,283.85	\$2,385.99	\$2,295.89	\$3,185.99	\$2,378.13	\$4,156.26	\$3,561.58
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$7.29	\$13.56	\$13.04	\$18.10	\$13.51	\$23.62	\$10.12 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Chicago, IL—Lake County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + Infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + Infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + Infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + Infant preschooler
Housing	\$591.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$881.00	\$704.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$516.10	\$476.07	\$992.17	\$205.68	\$1,197.85	\$992.17
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$93.77	\$172.67	\$167.49	\$229.98	\$161.50	\$280.63	\$259.12
Taxes	\$252.33	\$469.34	\$449.34	\$630.67	\$352.05	\$782.30	\$685.77
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$77.39)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$42.00)	(\$42.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$44.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$1,283.85	\$2,326.67	\$2,249.69	\$3,080.47	\$2,007.13	\$3,789.19	\$3,456.05
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$7.29	\$13.22	\$12.78	\$17.50	\$11.40	\$21.53	\$9.82 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Chicago, IL—McHenry County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$591.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$881.00	\$704.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$493.79	\$452.73	\$946.52	\$189.55	\$1,136.07	\$946.52
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$93.77	\$170.44	\$165.15	\$225.42	\$159.88	\$274.45	\$254.55
Taxes	\$252.33	\$460.68	\$437.60	\$612.96	\$343.55	\$758.33	\$668.06
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$84.28)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$42.00)	(\$42.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$43.60)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$1,283.85	\$2,293.47	\$2,212.27	\$3,012.54	\$1,974.40	\$3,697.27	\$3,388.13
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$7.29	\$13.03	\$12.57	\$17.12	\$11.22	\$21.01	\$9.63 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Chicago, IL—Will County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$591.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$704.00	\$881.00	\$704.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$397.68	\$401.04	\$798.72	\$232.27	\$1,030.99	\$798.72
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$93.77	\$160.82	\$159.98	\$210.64	\$164.16	\$263.94	\$239.77
Taxes	\$252.33	\$422.71	\$419.55	\$555.63	\$366.37	\$717.57	\$610.73
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$65.76)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$44.00)	(\$44.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$44.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$1,283.85	\$2,147.78	\$2,135.36	\$2,792.63	\$2,062.32	\$3,540.92	\$3,168.22
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$7.29	\$12.20	\$12.13	\$15.87	\$11.72	\$20.12	\$9.00 per adult

**The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Davenport-Moline-Rock Island,
IA-IL MSA—Henry County 1996
Selected Family Types**

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$364.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$582.00	\$450.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$301.25	\$322.21	\$623.46	\$156.60	\$780.06	\$623.46
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$71.07	\$125.78	\$126.70	\$167.71	\$131.19	\$208.95	\$196.85
Taxes	\$164.28	\$247.85	\$253.36	\$362.91	\$191.28	\$504.26	\$444.23
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$97.05)	(\$93.70)	(\$68.00)	(\$207.83)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$38.79)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$946.10	\$1,482.39	\$1,503.36	\$2,051.73	\$1,387.74	\$2,722.68	\$2,529.53
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$5.38	\$8.42	\$8.54	\$11.66	\$7.88	\$15.47	\$7.19 <i>per adult</i>

**The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA—
Rock Island County 1996
Selected Family Types**

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$364.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$582.00	\$450.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$301.25	\$322.21	\$623.46	\$156.60	\$780.06	\$623.46
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$71.07	\$125.78	\$126.70	\$167.71	\$131.19	\$208.95	\$196.85
Taxes	\$164.28	\$247.85	\$253.36	\$362.91	\$191.28	\$504.26	\$444.23
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$97.05)	(\$93.70)	(\$68.00)	(\$207.83)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$38.79)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$946.10	\$1,482.39	\$1,503.36	\$2,051.73	\$1,387.74	\$2,722.68	\$2,529.53
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$5.38	\$8.42	\$8.54	\$11.66	\$7.88	\$15.47	\$7.19 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Decatur, IL—Macon County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$326.00	\$419.00	\$419.00	\$419.00	\$419.00	\$566.00	\$419.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$314.30	\$347.86	\$662.16	\$202.86	\$865.02	\$662.16
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$67.27	\$123.99	\$126.17	\$168.48	\$132.71	\$215.84	\$197.62
Taxes	\$149.54	\$239.01	\$249.85	\$367.05	\$197.72	\$531.01	\$447.21
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$102.49)	(\$95.87)	(\$64.63)	(\$202.62)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$42.49)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$889.56	\$1,448.38	\$1,489.79	\$2,067.71	\$1,412.46	\$2,825.29	\$2,540.98
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$5.05	\$8.23	\$8.46	\$11.75	\$8.03	\$16.05	\$7.22 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for De Kalb County, IL—De Kalb County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$444.00	\$563.00	\$563.00	\$563.00	\$563.00	\$781.00	\$563.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$344.58	\$353.51	\$698.09	\$175.21	\$873.30	\$698.09
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$79.07	\$141.41	\$141.13	\$186.47	\$144.35	\$238.17	\$215.61
Taxes	\$195.31	\$326.58	\$325.29	\$461.91	\$259.77	\$617.62	\$517.01
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$48.61)	(\$49.45)	\$0.00	(\$152.27)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$48.00)	(\$48.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$43.80)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$1,065.13	\$1,785.53	\$1,780.27	\$2,433.11	\$1,651.54	\$3,157.51	\$2,808.70
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$6.05	\$10.15	\$10.12	\$13.82	\$9.38	\$17.94	\$7.98 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Grundy County, IL—Grundy County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
<i>Housing</i>	\$384.00	\$511.00	\$511.00	\$511.00	\$511.00	\$675.00	\$511.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$397.68	\$401.04	\$798.72	\$232.27	\$1,030.99	\$798.72
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$73.07	\$141.52	\$140.68	\$191.34	\$144.86	\$243.34	\$220.47
<i>Taxes</i>	\$172.03	\$327.12	\$323.09	\$480.77	\$259.51	\$637.67	\$535.87
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$48.28)	(\$50.81)	\$0.00	(\$152.51)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$48.00)	(\$48.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$975.86	\$1,787.61	\$1,771.80	\$2,505.47	\$1,650.42	\$3,234.42	\$2,881.06
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$5.54	\$10.16	\$10.07	\$14.24	\$9.38	\$18.38	\$8.18 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Kankakee, IL PMSA—Kankakee County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
<i>Housing</i>	\$366.00	\$488.00	\$488.00	\$488.00	\$488.00	\$623.00	\$488.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$397.68	\$401.04	\$798.72	\$232.27	\$1,030.99	\$798.72
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$71.27	\$139.22	\$138.38	\$189.04	\$142.56	\$238.14	\$218.17
<i>Taxes</i>	\$165.05	\$315.80	\$311.76	\$471.85	\$247.12	\$617.49	\$526.95
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$55.24)	(\$57.77)	\$0.00	(\$162.57)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$48.00)	(\$48.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$949.08	\$1,744.02	\$1,728.21	\$2,471.25	\$1,602.67	\$3,157.05	\$2,846.84
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$5.39	\$9.91	\$9.82	\$14.04	\$9.11	\$17.94	\$8.09 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Rockford, IL MSA—Boone County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$386.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$591.00	\$470.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$346.21	\$363.95	\$710.16	\$201.34	\$911.50	\$710.16
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$73.27	\$132.28	\$132.87	\$178.38	\$137.66	\$222.99	\$207.52
Taxes	\$172.81	\$280.71	\$283.76	\$422.31	\$220.76	\$558.73	\$485.61
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$76.83)	(\$75.00)	(\$19.77)	(\$183.96)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$84.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$978.83	\$1,608.94	\$1,620.37	\$2,280.73	\$1,501.10	\$2,931.64	\$2,688.29
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$5.56	\$9.14	\$9.21	\$12.96	\$8.53	\$16.66	\$7.64 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Rockford, IL MSA—Ogle County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$386.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$591.00	\$470.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$344.58	\$353.51	\$698.09	\$175.21	\$873.30	\$698.09
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$73.27	\$132.11	\$131.83	\$177.17	\$135.05	\$219.17	\$206.31
Taxes	\$172.81	\$279.91	\$278.62	\$415.81	\$208.83	\$543.92	\$480.93
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$77.33)	(\$78.17)	(\$25.04)	(\$193.62)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$84.00)	(\$45.55)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$978.83	\$1,605.85	\$1,600.58	\$2,255.67	\$1,455.19	\$2,874.81	\$2,670.33
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$5.56	\$9.12	\$9.09	\$12.82	\$8.27	\$16.33	\$7.59 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Rockford, IL MSA—Winnebago County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
<i>Housing</i>	\$386.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$591.00	\$470.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$346.21	\$363.95	\$710.16	\$201.34	\$911.50	\$710.16
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$73.27	\$132.28	\$132.87	\$178.38	\$137.66	\$222.99	\$207.52
<i>Taxes</i>	\$172.81	\$280.71	\$283.76	\$422.31	\$220.76	\$558.73	\$485.61
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$76.83)	(\$75.00)	(\$19.77)	(\$183.96)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$84.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$978.83	\$1,608.94	\$1,620.37	\$2,280.73	\$1,501.10	\$2,931.64	\$2,688.29
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$5.56	\$9.14	\$9.21	\$12.96	\$8.53	\$16.66	\$7.64 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for St. Louis, MO-IL MSA—Clinton County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
<i>Housing</i>	\$362.00	\$471.00	\$471.00	\$471.00	\$471.00	\$612.00	\$471.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$306.37	\$324.80	\$631.17	\$214.41	\$845.58	\$631.17
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$70.87	\$128.39	\$129.06	\$170.58	\$139.07	\$218.50	\$199.72
<i>Taxes</i>	\$163.50	\$261.59	\$264.98	\$378.37	\$228.34	\$541.31	\$455.36
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$88.59)	(\$86.56)	(\$55.44)	(\$177.81)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$943.12	\$1,535.32	\$1,548.07	\$2,111.32	\$1,530.30	\$2,864.81	\$2,572.24
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$5.36	\$8.72	\$8.80	\$12.00	\$8.69	\$16.28	\$7.31 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for St. Louis, MO-IL MSA—Jersey County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + Infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$362.00	\$471.00	\$471.00	\$471.00	\$471.00	\$612.00	\$471.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$253.41	\$283.17	\$536.58	\$155.18	\$691.76	\$536.58
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$70.87	\$123.10	\$124.90	\$161.12	\$133.15	\$203.12	\$190.26
Taxes	\$163.50	\$234.63	\$243.60	\$325.49	\$201.08	\$481.64	\$418.67
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$105.18)	(\$99.71)	(\$98.38)	(\$199.89)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$40.35)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$943.12	\$1,431.53	\$1,465.74	\$1,907.46	\$1,425.46	\$2,635.94	\$2,431.50
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$5.36	\$8.13	\$8.33	\$10.84	\$8.10	\$14.98	\$6.91 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for St. Louis, MO-IL MSA—Madison County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + Infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$362.00	\$471.00	\$471.00	\$471.00	\$471.00	\$612.00	\$471.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$306.37	\$324.80	\$631.17	\$214.41	\$845.58	\$631.17
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$70.87	\$128.39	\$129.06	\$170.58	\$139.07	\$218.50	\$199.72
Taxes	\$163.50	\$261.59	\$264.98	\$378.37	\$228.34	\$541.31	\$455.36
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$88.59)	(\$86.56)	(\$55.44)	(\$177.81)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$943.12	\$1,535.32	\$1,548.07	\$2,111.32	\$1,530.30	\$2,864.81	\$2,572.24
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$5.36	\$8.72	\$8.80	\$12.00	\$8.69	\$16.28	\$7.31 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for St. Louis, MO-IL MSA—Monroe County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$362.00	\$471.00	\$471.00	\$471.00	\$471.00	\$612.00	\$471.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$306.37	\$324.80	\$631.17	\$214.41	\$845.58	\$631.17
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$70.87	\$128.39	\$129.06	\$170.58	\$139.07	\$218.50	\$199.72
Taxes	\$163.50	\$261.59	\$264.98	\$378.37	\$228.34	\$541.31	\$455.36
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$88.59)	(\$86.56)	(\$55.44)	(\$177.81)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$943.12	\$1,535.32	\$1,548.07	\$2,111.32	\$1,530.30	\$2,864.81	\$2,572.24
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$5.36	\$8.72	\$8.80	\$12.00	\$8.69	\$16.28	\$7.31 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for St. Louis, MO-IL MSA—St. Clair County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$362.00	\$471.00	\$471.00	\$471.00	\$471.00	\$612.00	\$471.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$306.37	\$324.80	\$631.17	\$214.41	\$845.58	\$631.17
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$70.87	\$128.39	\$129.06	\$170.58	\$139.07	\$218.50	\$199.72
Taxes	\$163.50	\$261.59	\$264.98	\$378.37	\$228.34	\$541.31	\$455.36
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$88.59)	(\$86.56)	(\$55.44)	(\$177.81)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$943.12	\$1,535.32	\$1,548.07	\$2,111.32	\$1,530.30	\$2,864.81	\$2,572.24
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$5.36	\$8.72	\$8.80	\$12.00	\$8.69	\$16.28	\$7.31 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Springfield, IL MSA—Menard County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$359.00	\$479.00	\$479.00	\$479.00	\$479.00	\$637.00	\$479.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$301.32	\$330.51	\$631.83	\$236.13	\$867.96	\$631.83
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$70.57	\$128.69	\$130.43	\$171.45	\$142.04	\$223.24	\$200.58
Taxes	\$162.34	\$263.04	\$271.73	\$383.04	\$244.35	\$559.69	\$458.72
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$87.70)	(\$82.41)	(\$51.66)	(\$164.81)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$938.66	\$1,540.92	\$1,574.05	\$2,129.30	\$1,592.00	\$2,935.30	\$2,585.13
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$5.33	\$8.76	\$8.94	\$12.10	\$9.05	\$16.68	\$7.34 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Springfield, IL MSA—Sangamon County 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$359.00	\$479.00	\$479.00	\$479.00	\$479.00	\$637.00	\$479.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$301.32	\$330.51	\$631.83	\$236.13	\$867.96	\$631.83
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$70.57	\$128.69	\$130.43	\$171.45	\$142.04	\$223.24	\$200.58
Taxes	\$162.34	\$263.04	\$271.73	\$383.04	\$244.35	\$559.69	\$458.72
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$87.70)	(\$82.41)	(\$51.66)	(\$164.81)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$938.66	\$1,540.92	\$1,574.05	\$2,129.30	\$1,592.00	\$2,935.30	\$2,585.13
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$5.33	\$8.76	\$8.94	\$12.10	\$9.05	\$16.68	\$7.34 per adult

Appendix IV:
The Self-Sufficiency Standard,
Selected Family Types,
Non-Metropolitan Counties

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Adams County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$253.41	\$283.17	\$536.58	\$155.18	\$691.76	\$536.58
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$111.30	\$113.10	\$149.32	\$121.35	\$188.22	\$178.46
Taxes	\$129.75	\$179.44	\$186.61	\$266.43	\$149.77	\$423.85	\$358.95
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$139.11)	(\$134.76)	(\$146.27)	(\$241.41)	\$0.00	(\$36.45)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$45.38)	(\$49.47)	(\$82.64)	(\$14.87)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,219.22	\$1,246.44	\$1,680.07	\$1,228.31	\$2,414.24	\$2,201.53
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.93	\$7.08	\$9.55	\$6.98	\$13.72	\$6.25 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Alexander County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$282.46	\$306.86	\$589.32	\$234.79	\$824.11	\$589.32
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$114.20	\$115.47	\$154.60	\$129.31	\$201.45	\$183.73
Taxes	\$129.75	\$190.86	\$196.28	\$288.67	\$183.35	\$475.18	\$387.36
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$132.11)	(\$128.82)	(\$128.27)	(\$214.25)	\$0.00	(\$13.39)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$51.95)	(\$54.00)	(\$95.45)	(\$34.22)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,263.02	\$1,283.58	\$1,765.51	\$1,357.27	\$2,611.17	\$2,311.02
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.18	\$7.29	\$10.03	\$7.71	\$14.84	\$6.57 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Bond County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$306.37	\$324.80	\$631.17	\$214.41	\$845.58	\$631.17
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$116.59	\$117.26	\$158.78	\$127.27	\$203.60	\$187.92
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$201.73	\$205.12	\$312.88	\$174.75	\$483.51	\$409.59
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$125.43)	(\$123.39)	(\$108.61)	(\$221.20)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$54.00)	(\$54.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$29.26)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$813.68	\$1,304.83	\$1,317.58	\$1,858.86	\$1,324.26	\$2,643.11	\$2,396.67
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$4.62	\$7.41	\$7.49	\$10.56	\$7.52	\$15.02	\$6.81 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Brown County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$253.41	\$283.17	\$536.58	\$155.18	\$691.76	\$536.58
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$111.30	\$113.10	\$149.32	\$121.35	\$188.22	\$178.46
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$179.44	\$186.61	\$266.43	\$149.77	\$423.85	\$358.95
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$139.11)	(\$134.76)	(\$146.27)	(\$241.41)	\$0.00	(\$36.45)
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$45.38)	(\$49.47)	(\$82.64)	(\$14.87)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$813.68	\$1,219.22	\$1,246.44	\$1,680.07	\$1,228.31	\$2,414.24	\$2,201.53
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$4.62	\$6.93	\$7.08	\$9.55	\$6.98	\$13.72	\$6.25 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Bureau County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$308.00	\$362.00	\$362.00	\$362.00	\$362.00	\$463.00	\$362.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$328.45	\$358.65	\$687.10	\$173.01	\$860.11	\$687.10
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$65.47	\$119.70	\$121.54	\$165.27	\$124.03	\$205.05	\$194.41
Taxes	\$142.55	\$217.91	\$227.10	\$349.78	\$161.09	\$489.15	\$434.78
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$115.47)	(\$109.87)	(\$78.65)	(\$232.25)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$21.39)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$862.78	\$1,367.16	\$1,402.21	\$2,001.16	\$1,271.77	\$2,664.73	\$2,493.28
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.90	\$7.77	\$7.97	\$11.37	\$7.23	\$15.14	\$7.08 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Calhoun County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$253.41	\$283.17	\$536.58	\$155.18	\$691.76	\$536.58
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$111.30	\$113.10	\$149.32	\$121.35	\$188.22	\$178.46
Taxes	\$129.75	\$179.44	\$186.61	\$266.43	\$149.77	\$423.85	\$358.95
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$139.11)	(\$134.76)	(\$146.27)	(\$241.41)	\$0.00	(\$36.45)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$45.38)	(\$49.47)	(\$82.64)	(\$14.87)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,219.22	\$1,246.44	\$1,680.07	\$1,228.31	\$2,414.24	\$2,201.53
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.93	\$7.08	\$9.55	\$6.98	\$13.72	\$6.25 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Bond County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$306.37	\$324.80	\$631.17	\$214.41	\$845.58	\$631.17
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$116.59	\$117.26	\$158.78	\$127.27	\$203.60	\$187.92
Taxes	\$129.75	\$201.73	\$205.12	\$312.88	\$174.75	\$483.51	\$409.59
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$125.43)	(\$123.39)	(\$108.61)	(\$221.20)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$54.00)	(\$54.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$29.26)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,304.83	\$1,317.58	\$1,858.86	\$1,324.26	\$2,643.11	\$2,396.67
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.41	\$7.49	\$10.56	\$7.52	\$15.02	\$6.81 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Brown County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$253.41	\$283.17	\$536.58	\$155.18	\$691.76	\$536.58
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$111.30	\$113.10	\$149.32	\$121.35	\$188.22	\$178.46
Taxes	\$129.75	\$179.44	\$186.61	\$266.43	\$149.77	\$423.85	\$358.95
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$139.11)	(\$134.76)	(\$146.27)	(\$241.41)	\$0.00	(\$36.45)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$45.38)	(\$49.47)	(\$82.64)	(\$14.87)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,219.22	\$1,246.44	\$1,680.07	\$1,228.31	\$2,414.24	\$2,201.53
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.93	\$7.08	\$9.55	\$6.98	\$13.72	\$6.25 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Bureau County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
<i>Housing</i>	\$308.00	\$362.00	\$362.00	\$362.00	\$362.00	\$463.00	\$362.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$328.45	\$358.65	\$687.10	\$173.01	\$860.11	\$687.10
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$65.47	\$119.70	\$121.54	\$165.27	\$124.03	\$205.05	\$194.41
<i>Taxes</i>	\$142.55	\$217.91	\$227.10	\$349.78	\$161.09	\$489.15	\$434.78
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$115.47)	(\$109.87)	(\$78.65)	(\$232.25)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$21.39)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$862.78	\$1,367.16	\$1,402.21	\$2,001.16	\$1,271.77	\$2,664.73	\$2,493.28
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.90	\$7.77	\$7.97	\$11.37	\$7.23	\$15.14	\$7.08 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Calhoun County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$253.41	\$283.17	\$536.58	\$155.18	\$691.76	\$536.58
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$111.30	\$113.10	\$149.32	\$121.35	\$188.22	\$178.46
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$179.44	\$186.61	\$266.43	\$149.77	\$423.85	\$358.95
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$139.11)	(\$134.76)	(\$146.27)	(\$241.41)	\$0.00	(\$36.45)
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$45.38)	(\$49.47)	(\$82.64)	(\$14.87)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,219.22	\$1,246.44	\$1,680.07	\$1,228.31	\$2,414.24	\$2,201.53
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.93	\$7.08	\$9.55	\$6.98	\$13.72	\$6.25 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Carroll County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$344.58	\$353.51	\$698.09	\$175.21	\$873.30	\$698.09
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$120.41	\$120.13	\$165.47	\$123.35	\$206.37	\$194.61
Taxes	\$129.75	\$221.42	\$220.13	\$350.86	\$158.22	\$494.26	\$435.55
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$113.31)	(\$114.15)	(\$77.78)	(\$234.57)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$19.74)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,380.68	\$1,375.42	\$2,005.29	\$1,260.76	\$2,684.36	\$2,496.24
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.84	\$7.81	\$11.39	\$7.16	\$15.25	\$7.09 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Cass County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$253.41	\$283.17	\$536.58	\$155.18	\$691.76	\$536.58
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$111.30	\$113.10	\$149.32	\$121.35	\$188.22	\$178.46
Taxes	\$129.75	\$179.44	\$186.61	\$266.43	\$149.77	\$423.85	\$358.95
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$139.11)	(\$134.76)	(\$146.27)	(\$241.41)	\$0.00	(\$36.45)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$45.38)	(\$49.47)	(\$82.64)	(\$14.87)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,219.22	\$1,246.44	\$1,680.07	\$1,228.31	\$2,414.24	\$2,201.53
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.93	\$7.08	\$9.55	\$6.98	\$13.72	\$6.25 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Christian County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$355.00	\$355.00	\$355.00	\$355.00	\$465.00	\$355.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$301.32	\$330.51	\$631.83	\$236.13	\$867.96	\$631.83
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$116.29	\$118.03	\$159.05	\$129.64	\$206.04	\$188.18
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$200.23	\$209.79	\$314.31	\$184.76	\$492.97	\$410.62
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$126.35)	(\$120.51)	(\$107.45)	(\$213.11)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$54.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$35.03)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,299.05	\$1,335.62	\$1,864.38	\$1,362.68	\$2,679.39	\$2,400.63
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.38	\$7.59	\$10.59	\$7.74	\$15.22	\$6.82 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Clark County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$252.34	\$276.74	\$529.08	\$187.83	\$716.91	\$529.08
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$111.19	\$112.45	\$148.57	\$124.61	\$190.73	\$177.71
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$179.02	\$184.09	\$263.27	\$163.54	\$433.60	\$354.91
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$139.37)	(\$136.31)	(\$148.82)	(\$230.27)	\$0.00	(\$39.72)
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$45.14)	(\$48.01)	(\$80.81)	(\$22.81)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,217.61	\$1,236.75	\$1,667.92	\$1,281.20	\$2,451.66	\$2,185.96
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.92	\$7.03	\$9.48	\$7.28	\$13.93	\$6.21 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Clay County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$257.45	\$279.88	\$537.33	\$160.37	\$697.70	\$537.33
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$111.70	\$112.77	\$149.40	\$121.87	\$188.81	\$178.53
Taxes	\$129.75	\$181.03	\$185.32	\$266.75	\$151.96	\$426.15	\$359.35
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$138.13)	(\$135.55)	(\$146.01)	(\$239.64)	\$0.00	(\$36.12)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$46.30)	(\$48.72)	(\$82.82)	(\$16.13)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,225.32	\$1,241.48	\$1,681.29	\$1,236.72	\$2,423.08	\$2,203.09
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.96	\$7.05	\$9.55	\$7.03	\$13.77	\$6.26 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Coles County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$307.00	\$409.00	\$409.00	\$409.00	\$409.00	\$543.00	\$409.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$252.34	\$276.74	\$529.08	\$187.83	\$716.91	\$529.08
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$65.37	\$116.79	\$118.05	\$154.17	\$130.21	\$198.73	\$183.31
Taxes	\$142.17	\$202.70	\$209.91	\$286.88	\$187.16	\$464.63	\$385.07
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$124.83)	(\$120.44)	(\$129.72)	(\$211.16)	\$0.00	(\$15.24)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$54.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$94.42)	(\$36.41)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$861.29	\$1,308.57	\$1,336.05	\$1,758.64	\$1,371.92	\$2,570.70	\$2,302.22
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.89	\$7.44	\$7.59	\$9.99	\$7.79	\$14.61	\$6.54 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Crawford County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + Infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$257.45	\$279.88	\$537.33	\$160.37	\$697.70	\$537.33
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$111.70	\$112.77	\$149.40	\$121.87	\$188.81	\$178.53
Taxes	\$129.75	\$181.03	\$185.32	\$266.75	\$151.96	\$426.15	\$359.35
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$138.13)	(\$135.55)	(\$146.01)	(\$239.64)	\$0.00	(\$36.12)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$46.30)	(\$48.72)	(\$82.82)	(\$16.13)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,225.32	\$1,241.48	\$1,681.29	\$1,236.72	\$2,423.08	\$2,203.09
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.96	\$7.05	\$9.55	\$7.03	\$13.77	\$6.26 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Cumberland County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + Infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$252.34	\$276.74	\$529.08	\$187.83	\$716.91	\$529.08
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$111.19	\$112.45	\$148.57	\$124.61	\$190.73	\$177.71
Taxes	\$129.75	\$179.02	\$184.09	\$263.27	\$163.54	\$433.60	\$354.91
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$139.37)	(\$136.31)	(\$148.82)	(\$230.27)	\$0.00	(\$39.72)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$45.14)	(\$48.01)	(\$80.81)	(\$22.81)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,217.61	\$1,236.75	\$1,667.92	\$1,281.20	\$2,451.66	\$2,185.96
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.92	\$7.03	\$9.48	\$7.28	\$13.93	\$6.21 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for De Witt County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$467.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$339.57	\$384.41	\$723.98	\$285.74	\$1,009.72	\$723.98
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$119.91	\$123.22	\$168.06	\$134.40	\$220.41	\$197.20
Taxes	\$129.75	\$218.96	\$235.35	\$364.80	\$204.84	\$548.73	\$445.59
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$114.82)	(\$104.79)	(\$66.46)	(\$196.87)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$46.60)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,371.18	\$1,433.98	\$2,059.03	\$1,439.81	\$2,893.29	\$2,534.76
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.79	\$8.15	\$11.70	\$8.18	\$16.44	\$7.20 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Douglas County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$314.30	\$347.86	\$662.16	\$202.86	\$865.02	\$662.16
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$117.39	\$119.57	\$161.88	\$126.11	\$205.54	\$191.02
Taxes	\$129.75	\$205.63	\$217.35	\$329.57	\$169.88	\$491.05	\$421.61
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$123.03)	(\$115.86)	(\$95.06)	(\$225.14)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$54.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$26.46)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,319.86	\$1,364.71	\$1,923.19	\$1,305.55	\$2,672.04	\$2,442.78
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.50	\$7.75	\$10.93	\$7.42	\$15.18	\$6.94 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Edgar County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + Infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$252.34	\$276.74	\$529.08	\$187.83	\$716.91	\$529.08
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$111.19	\$112.45	\$148.57	\$124.61	\$190.73	\$177.71
Taxes	\$129.75	\$179.02	\$184.09	\$263.27	\$163.54	\$433.60	\$354.91
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$139.37)	(\$136.31)	(\$148.82)	(\$230.27)	\$0.00	(\$39.72)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$45.14)	(\$48.01)	(\$80.81)	(\$22.81)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,217.61	\$1,236.75	\$1,667.92	\$1,281.20	\$2,451.66	\$2,185.96
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.92	\$7.03	\$9.48	\$7.28	\$13.93	\$6.21 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Edwards County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + Infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$257.45	\$279.88	\$537.33	\$160.37	\$697.70	\$537.33
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$111.70	\$112.77	\$149.40	\$121.87	\$188.81	\$178.53
Taxes	\$129.75	\$181.03	\$185.32	\$266.75	\$151.96	\$426.15	\$359.35
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$138.13)	(\$135.55)	(\$146.01)	(\$239.64)	\$0.00	(\$36.12)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$46.30)	(\$48.72)	(\$82.82)	(\$16.13)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,225.32	\$1,241.48	\$1,681.29	\$1,236.72	\$2,423.08	\$2,203.09
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.96	\$7.05	\$9.55	\$7.03	\$13.77	\$6.26 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Effingham County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$283.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$257.45	\$279.88	\$537.33	\$160.37	\$697.70	\$537.33
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.97	\$111.70	\$112.77	\$149.40	\$121.87	\$188.81	\$178.53
Taxes	\$132.86	\$181.03	\$185.32	\$266.75	\$151.96	\$426.15	\$359.35
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$138.13)	(\$135.55)	(\$146.01)	(\$239.64)	\$0.00	(\$36.12)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$46.30)	(\$48.72)	(\$82.82)	(\$16.13)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$825.58	\$1,225.32	\$1,241.48	\$1,681.29	\$1,236.72	\$2,423.08	\$2,203.09
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.69	\$6.96	\$7.05	\$9.55	\$7.03	\$13.77	\$6.26 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Fayette County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$257.45	\$279.88	\$537.33	\$160.37	\$697.70	\$537.33
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$111.70	\$112.77	\$149.40	\$121.87	\$188.81	\$178.53
Taxes	\$129.75	\$181.03	\$185.32	\$266.75	\$151.96	\$426.15	\$359.35
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$138.13)	(\$135.55)	(\$146.01)	(\$239.64)	\$0.00	(\$36.12)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$46.30)	(\$48.72)	(\$82.82)	(\$16.13)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,225.32	\$1,241.48	\$1,681.29	\$1,236.72	\$2,423.08	\$2,203.09
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.96	\$7.05	\$9.55	\$7.03	\$13.77	\$6.26 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Ford County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
<i>Housing</i>	\$326.00	\$424.00	\$424.00	\$424.00	\$424.00	\$544.00	\$424.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$339.57	\$384.41	\$723.98	\$285.74	\$1,009.72	\$723.98
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$67.27	\$127.01	\$130.32	\$175.16	\$141.50	\$228.11	\$204.30
<i>Taxes</i>	\$149.54	\$254.79	\$271.19	\$404.98	\$241.45	\$578.60	\$473.13
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$92.77)	(\$82.74)	(\$33.84)	(\$167.17)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$84.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$889.56	\$1,509.17	\$1,571.97	\$2,213.93	\$1,580.81	\$3,007.85	\$2,640.41
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$5.05	\$8.57	\$8.93	\$12.58	\$8.98	\$17.09	\$7.50 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Franklin County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$282.46	\$306.86	\$589.32	\$234.79	\$824.11	\$589.32
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$114.20	\$115.47	\$154.60	\$129.31	\$201.45	\$183.73
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$190.86	\$196.28	\$288.67	\$183.35	\$475.18	\$387.36
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$132.11)	(\$128.82)	(\$128.27)	(\$214.25)	\$0.00	(\$13.39)
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$51.95)	(\$54.00)	(\$95.45)	(\$34.22)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,263.02	\$1,283.58	\$1,765.51	\$1,357.27	\$2,611.17	\$2,311.02
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.18	\$7.29	\$10.03	\$7.71	\$14.84	\$6.57 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Fulton County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$328.45	\$358.65	\$687.10	\$173.01	\$860.11	\$687.10
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$118.80	\$120.64	\$164.37	\$123.13	\$205.05	\$193.51
Taxes	\$129.75	\$213.48	\$222.66	\$343.01	\$157.29	\$489.15	\$431.29
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$118.19)	(\$112.59)	(\$84.16)	(\$235.32)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$19.20)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,350.11	\$1,385.16	\$1,974.97	\$1,257.19	\$2,664.73	\$2,479.89
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.67	\$7.87	\$11.22	\$7.14	\$15.14	\$7.05 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Gallatin County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$282.46	\$306.86	\$589.32	\$234.79	\$824.11	\$589.32
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$114.20	\$115.47	\$154.60	\$129.31	\$201.45	\$183.73
Taxes	\$129.75	\$190.86	\$196.28	\$288.67	\$183.35	\$475.18	\$387.36
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$132.11)	(\$128.82)	(\$128.27)	(\$214.25)	\$0.00	(\$13.39)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$51.95)	(\$54.00)	(\$95.45)	(\$34.22)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,263.02	\$1,283.58	\$1,765.51	\$1,357.27	\$2,611.17	\$2,311.02
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.18	\$7.29	\$10.03	\$7.71	\$14.84	\$6.57 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Greene County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$253.41	\$283.17	\$536.58	\$155.18	\$691.76	\$536.58
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$111.30	\$113.10	\$149.32	\$121.35	\$188.22	\$178.46
Taxes	\$129.75	\$179.44	\$186.61	\$266.43	\$149.77	\$423.85	\$358.95
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$139.11)	(\$134.76)	(\$146.27)	(\$241.41)	\$0.00	(\$36.45)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$45.38)	(\$49.47)	(\$82.64)	(\$14.87)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,219.22	\$1,246.44	\$1,680.07	\$1,228.31	\$2,414.24	\$2,201.53
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.93	\$7.08	\$9.55	\$6.98	\$13.72	\$6.25 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Hamilton County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$276.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$282.46	\$306.86	\$589.32	\$234.79	\$824.11	\$589.32
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.27	\$114.20	\$115.47	\$154.60	\$129.31	\$201.45	\$183.73
Taxes	\$130.14	\$190.86	\$196.28	\$288.67	\$183.35	\$475.18	\$387.36
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$132.11)	(\$128.82)	(\$128.27)	(\$214.25)	\$0.00	(\$13.39)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$51.95)	(\$54.00)	(\$95.45)	(\$34.22)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$815.17	\$1,263.02	\$1,283.58	\$1,765.51	\$1,357.27	\$2,611.17	\$2,311.02
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.63	\$7.18	\$7.29	\$10.03	\$7.71	\$14.84	\$6.57 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Hancock County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$253.41	\$283.17	\$536.58	\$155.18	\$691.76	\$536.58
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$111.30	\$113.10	\$149.32	\$121.35	\$188.22	\$178.46
Taxes	\$129.75	\$179.44	\$186.61	\$266.43	\$149.77	\$423.85	\$358.95
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$139.11)	(\$134.76)	(\$146.27)	(\$241.41)	\$0.00	(\$36.45)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$45.38)	(\$49.47)	(\$82.64)	(\$14.87)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,219.22	\$1,246.44	\$1,680.07	\$1,228.31	\$2,414.24	\$2,201.53
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.93	\$7.08	\$9.55	\$6.98	\$13.72	\$6.25 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Hardin County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$282.46	\$306.86	\$589.32	\$234.79	\$824.11	\$589.32
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$114.20	\$115.47	\$154.60	\$129.31	\$201.45	\$183.73
Taxes	\$129.75	\$190.86	\$196.28	\$288.67	\$183.35	\$475.18	\$387.36
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$132.11)	(\$128.82)	(\$128.27)	(\$214.25)	\$0.00	(\$13.39)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$51.95)	(\$54.00)	(\$95.45)	(\$34.22)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,263.02	\$1,283.58	\$1,765.51	\$1,357.27	\$2,611.17	\$2,311.02
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.18	\$7.29	\$10.03	\$7.71	\$14.84	\$6.57 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Henderson County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$301.25	\$322.21	\$623.46	\$156.60	\$780.06	\$623.46
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$116.08	\$117.00	\$158.01	\$121.49	\$197.05	\$187.15
Taxes	\$129.75	\$199.21	\$203.84	\$308.73	\$150.37	\$458.10	\$406.60
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$126.98)	(\$124.18)	(\$111.98)	(\$240.92)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$54.00)	(\$54.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$15.22)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,295.13	\$1,312.67	\$1,842.86	\$1,230.61	\$2,545.62	\$2,385.20
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.36	\$7.46	\$10.47	\$6.99	\$14.46	\$6.78 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Iroquois County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$314.30	\$347.86	\$662.16	\$202.86	\$865.02	\$662.16
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$117.39	\$119.57	\$161.88	\$126.11	\$205.54	\$191.02
Taxes	\$129.75	\$205.63	\$217.35	\$329.57	\$169.88	\$491.05	\$421.61
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$123.03)	(\$115.86)	(\$95.06)	(\$225.14)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$54.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$26.46)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,319.86	\$1,364.71	\$1,923.19	\$1,305.55	\$2,672.04	\$2,442.78
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.50	\$7.75	\$10.93	\$7.42	\$15.18	\$6.94 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Jackson County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$297.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$533.00	\$375.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$282.46	\$306.86	\$589.32	\$234.79	\$824.11	\$589.32
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$64.37	\$116.40	\$117.67	\$156.80	\$131.51	\$208.45	\$185.93
Taxes	\$138.29	\$200.79	\$207.12	\$300.26	\$192.63	\$502.34	\$401.14
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$126.01)	(\$122.16)	(\$118.87)	(\$206.74)	\$0.00	(\$2.19)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$54.00)	(\$54.00)	(\$96.00)	(\$39.56)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$846.41	\$1,301.21	\$1,325.27	\$1,810.15	\$1,392.91	\$2,715.32	\$2,364.19
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.81	\$7.39	\$7.53	\$10.28	\$7.91	\$15.43	\$6.72 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Jasper County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$277.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$257.45	\$279.88	\$537.33	\$160.37	\$697.70	\$537.33
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.37	\$111.70	\$112.77	\$149.40	\$121.87	\$188.81	\$178.53
Taxes	\$130.53	\$181.03	\$185.32	\$266.75	\$151.96	\$426.15	\$359.35
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$138.13)	(\$135.55)	(\$146.01)	(\$239.64)	\$0.00	(\$36.12)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$46.30)	(\$48.72)	(\$82.82)	(\$16.13)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$816.65	\$1,225.32	\$1,241.48	\$1,681.29	\$1,236.72	\$2,423.08	\$2,203.09
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.64	\$6.96	\$7.05	\$9.55	\$7.03	\$13.77	\$6.26 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Jefferson County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
<i>Housing</i>	\$288.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$491.00	\$360.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$257.45	\$279.88	\$537.33	\$160.37	\$697.70	\$537.33
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$63.47	\$112.40	\$113.47	\$150.10	\$122.57	\$191.61	\$179.23
<i>Taxes</i>	\$134.80	\$183.78	\$188.07	\$269.70	\$154.91	\$437.01	\$363.12
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$136.45)	(\$133.86)	(\$143.62)	(\$237.25)	\$0.00	(\$33.06)
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$47.88)	(\$50.31)	(\$84.52)	(\$17.83)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$833.02	\$1,235.87	\$1,252.04	\$1,692.63	\$1,248.06	\$2,464.74	\$2,217.62
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.73	\$7.02	\$7.11	\$9.62	\$7.09	\$14.00	\$6.30 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Jo Daviess County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
<i>Housing</i>	\$293.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$346.21	\$363.95	\$710.16	\$201.34	\$911.50	\$710.16
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$63.97	\$120.58	\$121.17	\$166.68	\$125.96	\$210.19	\$195.82
<i>Taxes</i>	\$136.74	\$222.23	\$225.27	\$357.36	\$169.24	\$509.08	\$440.23
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$112.81)	(\$110.99)	(\$72.50)	(\$225.66)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$26.09)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$840.46	\$1,383.77	\$1,395.20	\$2,030.34	\$1,303.09	\$2,741.19	\$2,514.20
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.78	\$7.86	\$7.93	\$11.54	\$7.40	\$15.57	\$7.14 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Johnson County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$282.46	\$306.86	\$589.32	\$234.79	\$824.11	\$589.32
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$114.20	\$115.47	\$154.60	\$129.31	\$201.45	\$183.73
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$190.86	\$196.28	\$288.67	\$183.35	\$475.18	\$387.36
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$132.11)	(\$128.82)	(\$128.27)	(\$214.25)	\$0.00	(\$13.39)
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$51.95)	(\$54.00)	(\$95.45)	(\$34.22)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$813.68	\$1,263.02	\$1,283.58	\$1,765.51	\$1,357.27	\$2,611.17	\$2,311.02
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$4.62	\$7.18	\$7.29	\$10.03	\$7.71	\$14.84	\$6.57 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Knox County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$301.25	\$322.21	\$623.46	\$156.60	\$780.06	\$623.46
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$116.08	\$117.00	\$158.01	\$121.49	\$197.05	\$187.15
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$199.21	\$203.84	\$308.73	\$150.37	\$458.10	\$406.60
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$126.98)	(\$124.18)	(\$111.98)	(\$240.92)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$54.00)	(\$54.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$15.22)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$813.68	\$1,295.13	\$1,312.67	\$1,842.86	\$1,230.61	\$2,545.62	\$2,385.20
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$4.62	\$7.36	\$7.46	\$10.47	\$6.99	\$14.46	\$6.78 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for La Salle County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$286.00	\$382.00	\$382.00	\$382.00	\$382.00	\$516.00	\$382.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$328.45	\$358.65	\$687.10	\$173.01	\$860.11	\$687.10
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$63.27	\$121.70	\$123.54	\$167.27	\$126.03	\$210.35	\$196.41
<i>Taxes</i>	\$134.02	\$227.76	\$236.94	\$360.56	\$169.52	\$509.71	\$442.53
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$109.41)	(\$103.81)	(\$69.90)	(\$225.43)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$26.25)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$830.04	\$1,405.07	\$1,440.12	\$2,042.67	\$1,304.17	\$2,743.59	\$2,523.04
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$4.72	\$7.98	\$8.18	\$11.61	\$7.41	\$15.59	\$7.17 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Lawrence County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$257.45	\$279.88	\$537.33	\$160.37	\$697.70	\$537.33
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$111.70	\$112.77	\$149.40	\$121.87	\$188.81	\$178.53
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$181.03	\$185.32	\$266.75	\$151.96	\$426.15	\$359.35
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$138.13)	(\$135.55)	(\$146.01)	(\$239.64)	\$0.00	(\$36.12)
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$46.30)	(\$48.72)	(\$82.82)	(\$16.13)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$813.68	\$1,225.32	\$1,241.48	\$1,681.29	\$1,236.72	\$2,423.08	\$2,203.09
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$4.62	\$6.96	\$7.05	\$9.55	\$7.03	\$13.77	\$6.26 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Lee County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$281.00	\$374.00	\$374.00	\$374.00	\$374.00	\$468.00	\$374.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$344.58	\$353.51	\$698.09	\$175.21	\$873.30	\$698.09
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.77	\$122.51	\$122.23	\$167.57	\$125.45	\$206.87	\$196.71
Taxes	\$132.08	\$231.76	\$230.47	\$362.17	\$167.08	\$496.20	\$443.69
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$106.95)	(\$107.79)	(\$68.59)	(\$227.41)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$24.84)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$822.61	\$1,420.48	\$1,415.22	\$2,048.88	\$1,294.78	\$2,691.80	\$2,527.49
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.67	\$8.07	\$8.04	\$11.64	\$7.36	\$15.29	\$7.18 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Livingston County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$301.00	\$402.00	\$402.00	\$402.00	\$402.00	\$518.00	\$402.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$339.57	\$384.41	\$723.98	\$285.74	\$1,009.72	\$723.98
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$64.77	\$124.81	\$128.12	\$172.96	\$139.30	\$225.51	\$202.10
Taxes	\$139.84	\$243.08	\$260.35	\$393.13	\$229.60	\$568.52	\$464.60
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$99.98)	(\$89.40)	(\$43.45)	(\$176.79)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$84.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$852.36	\$1,464.05	\$1,530.27	\$2,168.26	\$1,535.14	\$2,969.17	\$2,607.67
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.84	\$8.32	\$8.69	\$12.32	\$8.72	\$16.87	\$7.41 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Logan County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + Infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
<i>Housing</i>	\$291.00	\$387.00	\$387.00	\$387.00	\$387.00	\$485.00	\$387.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$301.32	\$330.51	\$631.83	\$263.13	\$894.96	\$631.83
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$63.77	\$119.49	\$121.23	\$162.25	\$135.54	\$210.74	\$191.38
<i>Taxes</i>	\$135.96	\$216.86	\$225.55	\$331.55	\$209.64	\$511.20	\$423.03
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$116.11)	(\$110.82)	(\$93.46)	(\$192.98)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$49.36)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$837.48	\$1,363.13	\$1,396.26	\$1,930.81	\$1,458.26	\$2,749.32	\$2,448.24
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.76	\$7.75	\$7.93	\$10.97	\$8.29	\$15.62	\$6.96 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for McDonough County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + Infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
<i>Housing</i>	\$280.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$301.25	\$322.21	\$623.46	\$156.60	\$780.06	\$623.46
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.67	\$116.08	\$117.00	\$158.01	\$121.49	\$197.05	\$187.15
<i>Taxes</i>	\$131.69	\$199.21	\$203.84	\$308.73	\$150.37	\$458.10	\$406.60
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$126.98)	(\$124.18)	(\$111.98)	(\$240.92)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$54.00)	(\$54.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$15.22)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$821.12	\$1,295.13	\$1,312.67	\$1,842.86	\$1,230.61	\$2,545.62	\$2,385.20
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.67	\$7.36	\$7.46	\$10.47	\$6.99	\$14.46	\$6.78 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Macoupin County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + Infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$301.32	\$330.51	\$631.83	\$263.13	\$894.96	\$631.83
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$116.09	\$117.83	\$158.85	\$132.14	\$208.54	\$187.98
Taxes	\$129.75	\$199.24	\$207.93	\$313.23	\$195.30	\$502.67	\$409.85
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$126.96)	(\$121.66)	(\$108.32)	(\$204.58)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$54.00)	(\$54.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$41.10)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,295.26	\$1,328.40	\$1,860.23	\$1,403.18	\$2,716.58	\$2,397.66
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.36	\$7.55	\$10.57	\$7.97	\$15.44	\$6.81 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Marion County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + Infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$257.45	\$279.88	\$537.33	\$160.37	\$697.70	\$537.33
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$111.70	\$112.77	\$149.40	\$121.87	\$188.81	\$178.53
Taxes	\$129.75	\$181.03	\$185.32	\$266.75	\$151.96	\$426.15	\$359.35
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$138.13)	(\$135.55)	(\$146.01)	(\$239.64)	\$0.00	(\$36.12)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$46.30)	(\$48.72)	(\$82.82)	(\$16.13)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,225.32	\$1,241.48	\$1,681.29	\$1,236.72	\$2,423.08	\$2,203.09
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.96	\$7.05	\$9.55	\$7.03	\$13.77	\$6.26 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Marshall County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$328.45	\$358.65	\$687.10	\$173.01	\$860.11	\$687.10
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$118.80	\$120.64	\$164.37	\$123.13	\$205.05	\$193.51
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$213.48	\$222.66	\$343.01	\$157.29	\$489.15	\$431.29
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$118.19)	(\$112.59)	(\$84.16)	(\$235.32)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$19.20)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$813.68	\$1,350.11	\$1,385.16	\$1,974.97	\$1,257.19	\$2,664.73	\$2,479.89
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$4.62	\$7.67	\$7.87	\$11.22	\$7.14	\$15.14	\$7.05 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Mason County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$301.32	\$330.51	\$631.83	\$236.13	\$867.96	\$631.83
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$116.09	\$117.83	\$158.85	\$129.44	\$205.84	\$187.98
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$199.24	\$207.93	\$313.23	\$183.91	\$492.19	\$409.85
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$126.96)	(\$121.66)	(\$108.32)	(\$213.79)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$54.00)	(\$54.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$34.54)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$813.68	\$1,295.26	\$1,328.40	\$1,860.23	\$1,359.44	\$2,676.41	\$2,397.66
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$4.62	\$7.36	\$7.55	\$10.57	\$7.72	\$15.21	\$6.81 <i>per adult</i>

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Massac County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$282.46	\$306.86	\$589.32	\$234.79	\$824.11	\$589.32
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$114.20	\$115.47	\$154.60	\$129.31	\$201.45	\$183.73
Taxes	\$129.75	\$190.86	\$196.28	\$288.67	\$183.35	\$475.18	\$387.36
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$132.11)	(\$128.82)	(\$128.27)	(\$214.25)	\$0.00	(\$13.39)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$51.95)	(\$54.00)	(\$95.45)	(\$34.22)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,263.02	\$1,283.58	\$1,765.51	\$1,357.27	\$2,611.17	\$2,311.02
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.18	\$7.29	\$10.03	\$7.71	\$14.84	\$6.57 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Mercer County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$301.25	\$322.21	\$623.46	\$156.60	\$780.06	\$623.46
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$116.08	\$117.00	\$158.01	\$121.49	\$197.05	\$187.15
Taxes	\$129.75	\$199.21	\$203.84	\$308.73	\$150.37	\$458.10	\$406.60
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$126.98)	(\$124.18)	(\$111.98)	(\$240.92)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$54.00)	(\$54.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$15.22)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,295.13	\$1,312.67	\$1,842.86	\$1,230.61	\$2,545.62	\$2,385.20
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.36	\$7.46	\$10.47	\$6.99	\$14.46	\$6.78 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Montgomery County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$301.32	\$330.51	\$631.83	\$236.13	\$867.96	\$631.83
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$116.09	\$117.83	\$158.85	\$129.44	\$205.84	\$187.98
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$199.24	\$207.93	\$313.23	\$183.91	\$492.19	\$409.85
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$126.96)	(\$121.66)	(\$108.32)	(\$213.79)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$54.00)	(\$54.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$34.54)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$813.68	\$1,295.26	\$1,328.40	\$1,860.23	\$1,359.44	\$2,676.41	\$2,397.66
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$4.62	\$7.36	\$7.55	\$10.57	\$7.72	\$15.21	\$6.81 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Morgan County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$309.00	\$412.00	\$412.00	\$412.00	\$412.00	\$548.00	\$412.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$301.32	\$330.51	\$631.83	\$236.13	\$867.96	\$631.83
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$65.57	\$121.99	\$123.73	\$164.75	\$135.34	\$214.34	\$193.88
<i>Taxes</i>	\$142.94	\$229.17	\$237.86	\$345.02	\$208.80	\$525.16	\$432.73
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$108.54)	(\$103.25)	(\$82.53)	(\$193.66)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$48.88)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$864.27	\$1,410.51	\$1,443.64	\$1,982.71	\$1,455.02	\$2,802.88	\$2,485.44
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$4.91	\$8.01	\$8.20	\$11.27	\$8.27	\$15.93	\$7.06 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Moultrie County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$476.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$252.34	\$276.74	\$529.08	\$187.83	\$716.91	\$529.08
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$111.19	\$112.45	\$148.57	\$124.61	\$192.03	\$177.71
Taxes	\$129.75	\$179.02	\$184.09	\$263.27	\$163.54	\$438.64	\$354.91
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$139.37)	(\$136.31)	(\$148.82)	(\$230.27)	\$0.00	(\$39.72)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$45.14)	(\$48.01)	(\$80.81)	(\$22.81)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,217.61	\$1,236.75	\$1,667.92	\$1,281.20	\$2,471.01	\$2,185.96
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.92	\$7.03	\$9.48	\$7.28	\$14.04	\$6.21 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Perry County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$282.46	\$306.86	\$589.32	\$234.79	\$824.11	\$589.32
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$114.20	\$115.47	\$154.60	\$129.31	\$201.45	\$183.73
Taxes	\$129.75	\$190.86	\$196.28	\$288.67	\$183.35	\$475.18	\$387.36
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$132.11)	(\$128.82)	(\$128.27)	(\$214.25)	\$0.00	(\$13.39)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$51.95)	(\$54.00)	(\$95.45)	(\$34.22)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,263.02	\$1,283.58	\$1,765.51	\$1,357.27	\$2,611.17	\$2,311.02
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.18	\$7.29	\$10.03	\$7.71	\$14.84	\$6.57 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Piatt County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$297.00	\$386.00	\$386.00	\$386.00	\$386.00	\$527.00	\$386.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$314.30	\$347.86	\$662.16	\$202.86	\$865.02	\$662.16
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$64.37	\$120.69	\$122.87	\$165.18	\$129.41	\$211.94	\$194.32
<i>Taxes</i>	\$138.29	\$222.76	\$233.60	\$347.35	\$183.80	\$515.88	\$434.41
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$112.48)	(\$105.87)	(\$80.64)	(\$213.88)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$34.48)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$846.41	\$1,385.83	\$1,427.25	\$1,991.70	\$1,359.01	\$2,767.26	\$2,491.88
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$4.81	\$7.87	\$8.11	\$11.32	\$7.72	\$15.72	\$7.08 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Pike County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$253.41	\$283.17	\$536.58	\$155.18	\$691.76	\$536.58
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$111.30	\$113.10	\$149.32	\$121.35	\$188.22	\$178.46
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$179.44	\$186.61	\$266.43	\$149.77	\$423.85	\$358.95
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$139.11)	(\$134.76)	(\$146.27)	(\$241.41)	\$0.00	(\$36.45)
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$45.38)	(\$49.47)	(\$82.64)	(\$14.87)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$813.68	\$1,219.22	\$1,246.44	\$1,680.07	\$1,228.31	\$2,414.24	\$2,201.53
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$4.62	\$6.93	\$7.08	\$9.55	\$6.98	\$13.72	\$6.25 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Pope County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$282.46	\$306.86	\$589.32	\$234.79	\$824.11	\$589.32
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$114.20	\$115.47	\$154.60	\$129.31	\$201.45	\$183.73
Taxes	\$129.75	\$190.86	\$196.28	\$288.67	\$183.35	\$475.18	\$387.36
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$132.11)	(\$128.82)	(\$128.27)	(\$214.25)	\$0.00	(\$13.39)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$51.95)	(\$54.00)	(\$95.45)	(\$34.22)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,263.02	\$1,283.58	\$1,765.51	\$1,357.27	\$2,611.17	\$2,311.02
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.18	\$7.29	\$10.03	\$7.71	\$14.84	\$6.57 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Pulaski County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$282.46	\$306.86	\$589.32	\$234.79	\$824.11	\$589.32
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$114.20	\$115.47	\$154.60	\$129.31	\$201.45	\$183.73
Taxes	\$129.75	\$190.86	\$196.28	\$288.67	\$183.35	\$475.18	\$387.36
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$132.11)	(\$128.82)	(\$128.27)	(\$214.25)	\$0.00	(\$13.39)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$51.95)	(\$54.00)	(\$95.45)	(\$34.22)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,263.02	\$1,283.58	\$1,765.51	\$1,357.27	\$2,611.17	\$2,311.02
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.18	\$7.29	\$10.03	\$7.71	\$14.84	\$6.57 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Putnam County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$328.45	\$358.65	\$687.10	\$173.01	\$860.11	\$687.10
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$118.80	\$120.64	\$164.37	\$123.13	\$205.05	\$193.51
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$213.48	\$222.66	\$343.01	\$157.29	\$489.15	\$431.29
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$118.19)	(\$112.59)	(\$84.16)	(\$235.32)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$19.20)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$813.68	\$1,350.11	\$1,385.16	\$1,974.97	\$1,257.19	\$2,664.73	\$2,479.89
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$4.62	\$7.67	\$7.87	\$11.22	\$7.14	\$15.14	\$7.05 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Randolph County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$306.37	\$324.80	\$631.17	\$214.41	\$845.58	\$631.17
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$116.59	\$117.26	\$158.78	\$127.27	\$203.60	\$187.92
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$201.73	\$205.12	\$312.88	\$174.75	\$483.51	\$409.59
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$125.43)	(\$123.39)	(\$108.61)	(\$221.20)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$54.00)	(\$54.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$29.26)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$813.68	\$1,304.83	\$1,317.58	\$1,858.86	\$1,324.26	\$2,643.11	\$2,396.67
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$4.62	\$7.41	\$7.49	\$10.56	\$7.52	\$15.02	\$6.81 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Richland County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$257.45	\$279.88	\$537.33	\$160.37	\$697.70	\$537.33
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$111.70	\$112.77	\$149.40	\$121.87	\$188.81	\$178.53
Taxes	\$129.75	\$181.03	\$185.32	\$266.75	\$151.96	\$426.15	\$359.35
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$138.13)	(\$135.55)	(\$146.01)	(\$239.64)	\$0.00	(\$36.12)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$46.30)	(\$48.72)	(\$82.82)	(\$16.13)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,225.32	\$1,241.48	\$1,681.29	\$1,236.72	\$2,423.08	\$2,203.09
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.96	\$7.05	\$9.55	\$7.03	\$13.77	\$6.26 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Saline County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$282.46	\$306.86	\$589.32	\$234.79	\$824.11	\$589.32
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$114.20	\$115.47	\$154.60	\$129.31	\$201.45	\$183.73
Taxes	\$129.75	\$190.86	\$196.28	\$288.67	\$183.35	\$475.18	\$387.36
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$132.11)	(\$128.82)	(\$128.27)	(\$214.25)	\$0.00	(\$13.39)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$51.95)	(\$54.00)	(\$95.45)	(\$34.22)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,263.02	\$1,283.58	\$1,765.51	\$1,357.27	\$2,611.17	\$2,311.02
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.18	\$7.29	\$10.03	\$7.71	\$14.84	\$6.57 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Schuyler County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$253.41	\$283.17	\$536.58	\$155.18	\$691.76	\$536.58
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$111.30	\$113.10	\$149.32	\$121.35	\$188.22	\$178.46
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$179.44	\$186.61	\$266.43	\$149.77	\$423.85	\$358.95
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$139.11)	(\$134.76)	(\$146.27)	(\$241.41)	\$0.00	(\$36.45)
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$45.38)	(\$49.47)	(\$82.64)	(\$14.87)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,219.22	\$1,246.44	\$1,680.07	\$1,228.31	\$2,414.24	\$2,201.53
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.93	\$7.08	\$9.55	\$6.98	\$13.72	\$6.25 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Scott County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$301.32	\$330.51	\$631.83	\$236.13	\$867.96	\$631.83
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$116.09	\$117.83	\$158.85	\$129.44	\$205.84	\$187.98
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$199.24	\$207.93	\$313.23	\$183.91	\$492.19	\$409.85
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$126.96)	(\$121.66)	(\$108.32)	(\$213.79)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$54.00)	(\$54.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$34.54)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,295.26	\$1,328.40	\$1,860.23	\$1,359.44	\$2,676.41	\$2,397.66
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.36	\$7.55	\$10.57	\$7.72	\$15.21	\$6.81 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Vermilion County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$311.00	\$389.00	\$389.00	\$389.00	\$389.00	\$487.00	\$389.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$314.30	\$347.86	\$662.16	\$202.86	\$865.02	\$662.16
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$65.77	\$120.99	\$123.17	\$165.48	\$129.71	\$207.94	\$194.62
Taxes	\$143.72	\$224.24	\$235.08	\$350.89	\$185.07	\$500.36	\$435.58
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$111.58)	(\$104.96)	(\$77.74)	(\$212.86)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$35.20)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$867.24	\$1,391.52	\$1,432.94	\$2,005.43	\$1,363.87	\$2,707.75	\$2,496.35
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.93	\$7.91	\$8.14	\$11.39	\$7.75	\$15.38	\$7.09 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Wabash County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$257.45	\$279.88	\$537.33	\$160.37	\$697.70	\$537.33
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$111.70	\$112.77	\$149.40	\$121.87	\$188.81	\$178.53
Taxes	\$129.75	\$181.03	\$185.32	\$266.75	\$151.96	\$426.15	\$359.35
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$138.13)	(\$135.55)	(\$146.01)	(\$239.64)	\$0.00	(\$36.12)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$46.30)	(\$48.72)	(\$82.82)	(\$16.13)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,225.32	\$1,241.48	\$1,681.29	\$1,236.72	\$2,423.08	\$2,203.09
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.96	\$7.05	\$9.55	\$7.03	\$13.77	\$6.26 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Warren County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$301.25	\$322.21	\$623.46	\$156.60	\$780.06	\$623.46
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$62.17	\$116.08	\$117.00	\$158.01	\$121.49	\$197.05	\$187.15
<i>Taxes</i>	\$129.75	\$199.21	\$203.84	\$308.73	\$150.37	\$458.10	\$406.60
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$126.98)	(\$124.18)	(\$111.98)	(\$240.92)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$54.00)	(\$54.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$15.22)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$813.68	\$1,295.13	\$1,312.67	\$1,842.86	\$1,230.61	\$2,545.62	\$2,385.20
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$4.62	\$7.36	\$7.46	\$10.47	\$6.99	\$14.46	\$6.78 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Washington County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

<i>Monthly Costs</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Adult + infant</i>	<i>Adult + preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler</i>	<i>Adult + schoolage teenager</i>	<i>Adult + infant preschooler schoolage</i>	<i>2 Adults + infant preschooler</i>
<i>Housing</i>	\$293.00	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$489.00	\$390.00
<i>Child Care</i>	\$0.00	\$306.37	\$324.80	\$631.17	\$214.41	\$845.58	\$631.17
<i>Food</i>	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
<i>Transportation</i>	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
<i>Medical Care</i>	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$63.97	\$120.29	\$120.96	\$162.48	\$130.97	\$206.20	\$191.62
<i>Taxes</i>	\$136.74	\$220.83	\$224.21	\$332.81	\$190.36	\$493.60	\$423.94
<i>Earned Income Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$113.67)	(\$111.64)	(\$92.44)	(\$208.58)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$92.00)	(\$38.25)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
<i>Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$840.46	\$1,378.38	\$1,391.13	\$1,935.67	\$1,384.20	\$2,681.80	\$2,451.73
<i>Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage</i>	\$4.78	\$7.83	\$7.90	\$11.00	\$7.86	\$15.24	\$6.97 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Wayne County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$257.45	\$279.88	\$537.33	\$160.37	\$697.70	\$537.33
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$111.70	\$112.77	\$149.40	\$121.87	\$188.81	\$178.53
Taxes	\$129.75	\$181.03	\$185.32	\$266.75	\$151.96	\$426.15	\$359.35
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$138.13)	(\$135.55)	(\$146.01)	(\$239.64)	\$0.00	(\$36.12)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$46.30)	(\$48.72)	(\$82.82)	(\$16.13)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,225.32	\$1,241.48	\$1,681.29	\$1,236.72	\$2,423.08	\$2,203.09
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$6.96	\$7.05	\$9.55	\$7.03	\$13.77	\$6.26 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for White County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$463.00	\$353.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$282.46	\$306.86	\$589.32	\$234.79	\$824.11	\$589.32
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$114.20	\$115.47	\$154.60	\$129.31	\$201.45	\$183.73
Taxes	\$129.75	\$190.86	\$196.28	\$288.67	\$183.35	\$475.18	\$387.36
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$132.11)	(\$128.82)	(\$128.27)	(\$214.25)	\$0.00	(\$13.39)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$51.95)	(\$54.00)	(\$95.45)	(\$34.22)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,263.02	\$1,283.58	\$1,765.51	\$1,357.27	\$2,611.17	\$2,311.02
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.18	\$7.29	\$10.03	\$7.71	\$14.84	\$6.57 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Whiteside County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$294.00	\$391.00	\$391.00	\$391.00	\$391.00	\$490.00	\$391.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$344.58	\$353.51	\$698.09	\$175.21	\$873.30	\$698.09
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$64.07	\$124.21	\$123.93	\$169.27	\$127.15	\$209.07	\$198.41
Taxes	\$137.12	\$240.13	\$238.84	\$371.33	\$174.25	\$504.74	\$450.29
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$101.80)	(\$102.64)	(\$61.16)	(\$221.61)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$52.00)	(\$52.00)	(\$88.00)	(\$28.97)	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$841.95	\$1,452.70	\$1,447.43	\$2,084.17	\$1,322.31	\$2,724.53	\$2,552.78
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.78	\$8.25	\$8.22	\$11.84	\$7.51	\$15.48	\$7.25 per adult

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Williamson County, IL 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	Adult	Adult + infant	Adult + preschooler	Adult + infant preschooler	Adult + schoolage teenager	Adult + infant preschooler schoolage	2 Adults + infant preschooler
Housing	\$275.00	\$355.00	\$355.00	\$355.00	\$355.00	\$494.00	\$355.00
Child Care	\$0.00	\$282.46	\$306.86	\$589.32	\$234.79	\$824.11	\$589.32
Food	\$153.48	\$225.28	\$233.09	\$303.24	\$400.26	\$407.90	\$434.90
Transportation	\$113.30	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$117.47	\$227.29
Medical Care	\$79.97	\$163.82	\$144.23	\$182.93	\$187.56	\$202.05	\$232.81
Miscellaneous	\$62.17	\$114.40	\$115.67	\$154.80	\$129.51	\$204.55	\$183.93
Taxes	\$129.75	\$191.64	\$197.27	\$289.52	\$184.19	\$487.21	\$388.44
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$131.63)	(\$128.22)	(\$127.59)	(\$213.56)	\$0.00	(\$12.51)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0.00	(\$52.41)	(\$54.00)	(\$95.94)	(\$34.70)	(\$80.00)	(\$84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$813.68	\$1,266.04	\$1,287.37	\$1,768.75	\$1,360.51	\$2,657.29	\$2,315.17
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	\$4.62	\$7.19	\$7.31	\$10.05	\$7.73	\$15.10	\$6.58 per adult