

**Table 18**  
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| <i>Monthly Costs</i>                     | <i>Adult</i>    | <i>Adult +<br/>infant</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>preschooler</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>schoolage</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>teenager</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>infant<br/>infant</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>infant<br/>preschooler</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>infant<br/>schoolage</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>infant<br/>teenager</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>preschooler<br/>preschooler</i> |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| <i>Housing</i>                           | 1077            | 1266                      | 1266                           | 1266                         | 1266                        | 1266                                 | 1266                                      | 1266                                    | 1266                                   | 1266   |
| <i>Child Care</i>                        | 0               | 914                       | 796                            | 497                          | 0                           | 1827                                 | 1710                                      | 1410                                    | 914                                    | 1592   |
| <i>Food</i>                              | 224             | 330                       | 341                            | 398                          | 422                         | 413                                  | 423                                       | 475                                     | 497                                    | 433  |
| <i>Transportation</i>                    | 255             | 260                       | 260                            | 260                          | 255                         | 260                                  | 260                                       | 260                                     | 260                                    | 260  |
| <i>Health Care</i>                       | 104             | 255                       | 254                            | 264                          | 283                         | 264                                  | 263                                       | 273                                     | 292                                    | 262  |
| <i>Miscellaneous</i>                     | 166             | 303                       | 292                            | 269                          | 223                         | 403                                  | 392                                       | 369                                     | 323                                    | 381  |
| <i>Taxes</i>                             | 416             | 760                       | 721                            | 636                          | 486                         | 1132                                 | 1066                                      | 923                                     | 753                                    | 1001   |
| <i>Earned Income<br/>Tax Credit (-)</i>  | 0               | 0                         | 0                              | 0                            | 0                           | 0                                    | 0   | 0                                       | 0                                      | 0  |
| <i>Child Care<br/>Tax Credit (-)</i>     | 0               | -50                       | -50                            | -53                          | 0                           | -100                                 | -100                                      | -100                                    | -50                                    | -100   |
| <i>Child Tax Credit (-)</i>              | 0               | -83                       | -83                            | -83                          | -83                         | -167                                 | -167                                      | -167                                    | -167                                   | -167   |
| <i>Self-Sufficiency Wage<br/>-Hourly</i> | <b>\$12.74</b>  | <b>\$22.47</b>            | <b>\$21.58</b>                 | <b>\$19.63</b>               | <b>\$16.20</b>              | <b>\$30.11</b>                       | <b>\$29.06</b>                            | <b>\$26.76</b>                          | <b>\$23.23</b>                         | <b>\$28.01</b>                                 |
| <i>-Monthly</i>                          | <b>\$2,242</b>  | <b>\$3,955</b>            | <b>\$3,798</b>                 | <b>\$3,454</b>               | <b>\$2,852</b>              | <b>\$5,300</b>                       | <b>\$5,115</b>                            | <b>\$4,710</b>                          | <b>\$4,089</b>                         | <b>\$4,929</b>                                 |
| <i>-Annual</i>                           | <b>\$26,909</b> | <b>\$47,465</b>           | <b>\$45,572</b>                | <b>\$41,453</b>              | <b>\$34,222</b>             | <b>\$63,603</b>                      | <b>\$61,377</b>                           | <b>\$56,519</b>                         | <b>\$49,063</b>                        | <b>\$59,151</b>                                |

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|   | <i>Adult +<br/>preschooler<br/>schoolage</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>preschooler<br/>teenager</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>schoolage<br/>schoolage</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>schoolage<br/>teenager</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>teenager<br/>teenager</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>infant<br/>infant<br/>infant</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>infant<br/>infant<br/>preschooler</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>infant<br/>infant<br/>schoolage</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>infant<br/>infant<br/>teenager</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>infant<br/>preschooler</i> |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| <b>Monthly Costs</b>                    |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |   |
| <i>Housing</i>                          | 1266   | 1266  | 1266                                       | 1266                                      | 1266                                     | 1589  | 1589   | 1589   | 1589  | 1589                                      |
| <i>Child Care</i>                       | 1293   | 796   | 994  | 497                                       | 0  | 2741  | 2623   | 2324   | 1827  | 2506                                      |
| <i>Food</i>                             | 485  | 507   | 537  | 559                                       | 581                                      | 553   | 563  | 618  | 641   | 574                                       |
| <i>Transportation</i>                   | 260  | 260   | 260  | 260                                       | 255                                      | 260   | 260  | 260  | 260   | 260                                       |
| <i>Health Care</i>                      | 272  | 291   | 281  | 300                                       | 319                                      | 274   | 272  | 282  | 301   | 271                                       |
| <i>Miscellaneous</i>                    | 358  | 312   | 334  | 288                                       | 242                                      | 542   | 531  | 507  | 462   | 520                                       |
| <i>Taxes</i>                            | 869  | 714   | 777  | 627                                       | 476                                      | 1848  | 1774   | 1621   | 1337  | 1701                                      |
| <i>Earned Income<br/>Tax Credit (-)</i> | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| <i>Child Care<br/>Tax Credit (-)</i>    | -100   | -50   | -100                                       | -53                                       | 0  | -100  | -100   | -100   | -100  | -100                                      |
| <i>Child Tax Credit (-)</i>             | -167   | -167  | -167                                       | -167                                      | -167                                     | -250  | -250   | -250   | -250  | -250                                      |
| <b>Self-Sufficiency Wage</b>            |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |   |
| <i>-Hourly</i>                          | <b>\$25.77</b>                               | <b>\$22.33</b>                              | <b>\$23.77</b>                             | <b>\$20.33</b>                            | <b>\$16.89</b>                           | <b>\$42.29</b>                                  | <b>\$41.26</b>                                       | <b>\$38.93</b>                                     | <b>\$34.47</b>                                    | <b>\$40.17</b>                            |
| <i>-Monthly</i>                         | <b>\$4,536</b>                               | <b>\$3,929</b>                              | <b>\$4,183</b>                             | <b>\$3,579</b>                            | <b>\$2,973</b>                           | <b>\$7,443</b>                                  | <b>\$7,262</b>                                       | <b>\$6,851</b>                                     | <b>\$6,067</b>                                    | <b>\$7,070</b>                            |
| <i>-Annual</i>                          | <b>\$54,435</b>                              | <b>\$47,153</b>                             | <b>\$50,195</b>                            | <b>\$42,943</b>                           | <b>\$35,673</b>                          | <b>\$89,321</b>                                 | <b>\$87,139</b>                                      | <b>\$82,213</b>                                    | <b>\$72,801</b>                                   | <b>\$84,844</b>                           |

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|   | <i>Adult +<br/>infant<br/>preschooler<br/>schoolage</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>infant<br/>preschooler<br/>teenager</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>infant<br/>schoolage<br/>schoolage</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>infant<br/>schoolage<br/>teenager</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>infant<br/>teenager</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>preschooler<br/>preschooler<br/>preschooler</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>preschooler<br/>preschooler<br/>schoolage</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>preschooler<br/>preschooler<br/>teenager</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>preschooler<br/>schoolage<br/>schoolage</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>preschooler<br/>schoolage<br/>teenager</i> |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| <b>Monthly Costs</b>                    |   |  |   |  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| <i>Housing</i>                          | 1589  | 1589   | 1589  | 1589   | 1589                                   | 1589   | 1589   | 1589  | 1589   | 1589  |
| <i>Child Care</i>                       | 2207  | 1710   | 1907  | 1410   | 914                                    | 2388   | 2089   | 1592  | 1790   | 1293  |
| <i>Food</i>                             | 628   | 651  | 683   | 706  | 729                                    | 584  | 639  | 662   | 693  | 716   |
| <i>Transportation</i>                   | 260   | 260  | 260   | 260  | 260                                    | 260  | 260  | 260   | 260  | 260   |
| <i>Health Care</i>                      | 281   | 300  | 290   | 309  | 328                                    | 270  | 279  | 298   | 289  | 308   |
| <i>Miscellaneous</i>                    | 496   | 451  | 473   | 427  | 382                                    | 509  | 486  | 440   | 462  | 417   |
| <i>Taxes</i>                            | 1552  | 1271   | 1404  | 1130   | 893                                    | 1632   | 1484   | 1206  | 1339   | 1064  |
| <i>Earned Income<br/>Tax Credit (-)</i> | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0                                      | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| <i>Child Care<br/>Tax Credit (-)</i>    | -100  | -100   | -100  | -100   | -50                                    | -100   | -100   | -100  | -100   | -100  |
| <i>Child Tax Credit (-)</i>             | -250  | -250   | -250  | -250   | -250                                   | -250   | -250   | -250  | -250   | -250  |
| <b>Self-Sufficiency Wage</b>            |   |  |   |  |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| <i>-Hourly</i>                          | <b>\$37.86</b>  | <b>\$33.42</b>   | <b>\$35.55</b>  | <b>\$31.15</b>                                       | <b>\$27.25</b>                         | <b>\$39.11</b>   | <b>\$36.79</b>   | <b>\$32.37</b>  | <b>\$34.50</b>   | <b>\$30.10</b>  |
| <i>-Monthly</i>                         | <b>\$6,663</b>  | <b>\$5,882</b>   | <b>\$6,257</b>  | <b>\$5,482</b>                                       | <b>\$4,795</b>                         | <b>\$6,883</b>   | <b>\$6,476</b>   | <b>\$5,697</b>  | <b>\$6,072</b>   | <b>\$5,297</b>  |
| <i>-Annual</i>                          | <b>\$79,961</b>   | <b>\$70,585</b>  | <b>\$75,084</b>                                       | <b>\$65,781</b>                                      | <b>\$57,542</b>                        | <b>\$82,592</b>  | <b>\$77,709</b>  | <b>\$68,370</b>   | <b>\$72,869</b>  | <b>\$63,565</b>   |

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| <i>Monthly Costs</i>                     | <i>Adult +<br/>preschooler<br/>teenager</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>schoolage<br/>schoolage</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>schoolage<br/>schoolage<br/>teenager</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>schoolage<br/>teenager</i> | <i>Adult +<br/>teenager<br/>teenager</i> | <i>2 Adults<br/>2 Adults</i> | <i>2 Adults +<br/>infant</i> | <i>2 Adults +<br/>preschooler</i> | <i>2 Adults +<br/>schoolage</i> | <i>2 Adults +<br/>teenager</i> |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Housing</i>                           | 1589  | 1589                                       | 1589  | 1589                                      | 1589                                     | 1077                         | 1266                         | 1266                              | 1266                            | 1266                           |
| <i>Child Care</i>                        | 796   | 1491                                       | 994   | 497                                       | 0  | 0                            | 914                          | 796                               | 497                             | 0                              |
| <i>Food</i>                              | 739   | 748  | 771   | 794                                       | 817                                      | 442                          | 515                          | 525                               | 577                             | 599                            |
| <i>Transportation</i>                    | 260   | 260  | 260   | 260                                       | 255                                      | 495                          | 501                          | 501                               | 501                             | 495                            |
| <i>Health Care</i>                       | 327   | 299  | 318   | 337                                       | 356                                      | 292                          | 301                          | 299                               | 309                             | 328                            |
| <i>Miscellaneous</i>                     | 371   | 439  | 393   | 348                                       | 302                                      | 231                          | 350                          | 339                               | 315                             | 269                            |
| <i>Taxes</i>                             | 853   | 1197                                       | 919   | 767                                       | 616                                      | 478                          | 819                          | 773                               | 687                             | 536                            |
| <i>Earned Income<br/>Tax Credit (-)</i>  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0                            | 0                            | 0                                 | 0                               | 0                              |
| <i>Child Care<br/>Tax Credit (-)</i>     | -50   | -100                                       | -100  | -50                                       | 0  | 0                            | -50                          | -50                               | -50                             | 0                              |
| <i>Child Tax Credit (-)</i>              | -250  | -250                                       | -250  | -250                                      | -250                                     | 0                            | -83                          | -83                               | -83                             | -83                            |
| <i>Self-Sufficiency Wage<br/>-Hourly</i> | <b>\$26.34</b>                              | <b>\$32.23</b>                             | <b>\$27.80</b>  | <b>\$24.38</b>                            | <b>\$20.93</b>                           | <b>\$8.56</b>                | <b>\$12.87</b>               | <b>\$12.40</b>                    | <b>\$11.42</b>                  | <b>\$9.69</b>                  |
| <i>-Monthly</i>                          | <b>\$4,635</b>                              | <b>\$5,672</b>                             | <b>\$4,893</b>  | <b>\$4,291</b>                            | <b>\$3,684</b>                           | <b>\$3,014</b>               | <b>\$4,532</b>               | <b>\$4,366</b>                    | <b>\$4,019</b>                  | <b>\$3,410</b>                 |
| <i>-Annual</i>                           | <b>\$55,621</b>                             | <b>\$68,064</b>                            | <b>\$58,719</b>   | <b>\$51,497</b>                           | <b>\$44,207</b>                          | <b>\$36,169</b>              | <b>\$54,379</b>              | <b>\$52,394</b>                   | <b>\$48,224</b>                 | <b>\$40,915</b>                |





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| <i>Monthly Costs</i>                     | <i>2 Adults +<br/>preschooler<br/>preschooler<br/>preschooler</i> | <i>2 Adults +<br/>preschooler<br/>preschooler<br/>schoolage</i> | <i>2 Adults +<br/>preschooler<br/>preschooler<br/>teenager</i> | <i>2 Adults<br/>preschooler<br/>schoolage<br/>schoolage</i> | <i>2 Adults<br/>preschooler<br/>schoolage<br/>teenager</i> | <i>2 Adults +<br/>preschooler<br/>teenager<br/>teenager</i> | <i>2 Adults +<br/>schoolage<br/>schoolage<br/>schoolage</i> | <i>2 Adults +<br/>schoolage<br/>schoolage<br/>teenager</i> | <i>2 Adults +<br/>schoolage<br/>teenager<br/>teenager</i> | <i>2 Adults +<br/>teenager<br/>teenager<br/>teenager</i> |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| <i>Housing</i>                           | 1589  | 1589  | 1589   | 1589  | 1589   | 1589  | 1589  | 1589   | 1589  | 1589   |
| <i>Child Care</i>                        | 2388  | 2089  | 1592   | 1790  | 1293   | 796   | 1491  | 994  | 497   | 0  |
| <i>Food</i>                              | 733   | 782   | 803  | 831   | 852  | 873   | 880   | 901  | 922   | 943  |
| <i>Transportation</i>                    | 501   | 501   | 501  | 501   | 501  | 501   | 501   | 501  | 501   | 495  |
| <i>Health Care</i>                       | 315   | 324   | 343  | 334   | 353  | 372   | 344   | 363  | 382   | 401  |
| <i>Miscellaneous</i>                     | 553   | 528   | 483  | 504   | 459  | 413   | 480   | 435  | 389   | 343  |
| <i>Taxes</i>                             | 1440  | 1314  | 1136   | 1219  | 1046   | 891   | 1128  | 956  | 800   | 648  |
| <i>Earned Income<br/>Tax Credit (-)</i>  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| <i>Child Care<br/>Tax Credit (-)</i>     | -100  | -100  | -100   | -100  | -100   | -50   | -100  | -100   | -50   | 0  |
| <i>Child Tax Credit (-)</i>              | -250  | -250  | -250   | -250  | -250   | -250  | -250  | -250   | -250  | -250   |
| <i>Self-Sufficiency Wage<br/>-Hourly</i> | <b>\$20.36</b><br><i>per adult</i>                                | <b>\$19.25</b><br><i>per adult</i>                              | <b>\$17.32</b><br><i>per adult</i>                             | <b>\$18.23</b><br><i>per adult</i>                          | <b>\$16.31</b><br><i>per adult</i>                         | <b>\$14.59</b><br><i>per adult</i>                          | <b>\$17.22</b><br><i>per adult</i>                          | <b>\$15.31</b><br><i>per adult</i>                         | <b>\$13.58</b><br><i>per adult</i>                        | <b>\$11.84</b><br><i>per adult</i>                       |
| <i>-Monthly</i>                          | <b>\$7,168</b><br><i>combined</i>                                 | <b>\$6,778</b><br><i>combined</i>                               | <b>\$6,097</b><br><i>combined</i>                              | <b>\$6,418</b><br><i>combined</i>                           | <b>\$5,742</b><br><i>combined</i>                          | <b>\$5,134</b><br><i>combined</i>                           | <b>\$6,063</b><br><i>combined</i>                           | <b>\$5,388</b><br><i>combined</i>                          | <b>\$4,780</b><br><i>combined</i>                         | <b>\$4,168</b><br><i>combined</i>                        |
| <i>-Annual</i>                           | <b>\$86,016</b><br><i>combined</i>                                | <b>\$81,332</b><br><i>combined</i>                              | <b>\$73,165</b><br><i>combined</i>                             | <b>\$77,017</b><br><i>combined</i>                          | <b>\$68,910</b><br><i>combined</i>                         | <b>\$61,611</b><br><i>combined</i>                          | <b>\$72,755</b><br><i>combined</i>                          | <b>\$64,655</b><br><i>combined</i>                         | <b>\$57,356</b><br><i>combined</i>                        | <b>\$50,019</b><br><i>combined</i>                       |