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

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

## THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY STANDARD DEFINED

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

### COMPARING SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGES WITH MINIMUM WAGE AND POVERTY

The Self-Sufficiency Standard Wage for this county is 300% of Minimum Wage.

The Self-Sufficiency Standard Wage for this county is 231% of the Federal Poverty Line.



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

1 ADULT 1 PRESCHOOLER 1 SCHOOL-AGE



# IT IS **IMPOSSIBLE** TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENCT WHEN AN ADULT EARNS ONLY MINIMUM WAGE

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

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

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#### HOURS:MINUTES PER WEEK

How much time one minimum-wage employee must work in order to earn enough for **the entire family** to be self-sufficient if the family consists of 1 ADULT 1 PRESCHOOLER 1 SCHOOL-AGE CHILD



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#### **HOURS: MINUTES PER WEEK**

How much time two
minimum-wage employees
each must work in order to
earn enough for **the two**adults to be self-sufficient if
the family consists of
2 ADULTS
1 PRESCHOOLER
1 SCHOOL-AGE CHILD



### BASIC BUDGET NEEDS FOR THIS COUNTY

MONTHLY





1 ADULT 1 PRESCHOOLER



1 PRESCHOOLER

\$12.69

\$4,467

\$53,608

MONTHLY COSTS	1 ADULT	1 SCHOOL-AGE	1 SCHOOL-AGE
Housing	\$616	\$797	\$797
Child Care	\$0	\$993	\$993
Food	\$258	\$590	\$809
Transportation	\$243	\$251	\$477
Health Care	\$180	\$493	\$553
Miscellaneous	\$130	\$312	\$363
Taxes	\$282	\$695	\$741
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$0)	(\$0)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$100)	(\$100)
Child Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$167)	(\$167)
SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE			

\$9.70

\$1,708

\$20,496



Monthly

Annual

Hourly (per adult)

\$21.96

\$3,865

\$46,378