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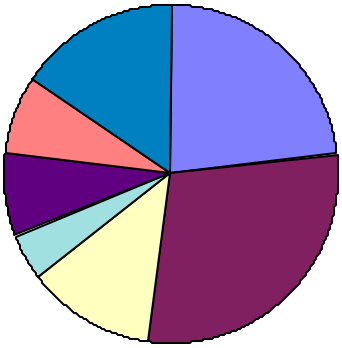

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for North Carolina

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., AFDC, food stamps or child support)? 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, foundations, charities, advocacy groups and state officials—share the critical responsibility of helping participants become self-sufficient through steady employment. How will we determine if they are successful? Except for the increasingly problematic official poverty standard, there is no measure that accurately assesses what self-sufficiency means. The Self-Sufficiency Standard will answer this question.

The Self-Sufficiency Standard was conceived and developed by Dr. Diana Pearce, Director of The Women and Poverty Project of Wider Opportunities for Women, Inc. It uses an original approach and an 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 what income would be high enough 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 or informal subsidies—such as free baby-sitting by a relative/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 and for participants regarding how to choose among occupations for work experience and educational training. The Standard also informs policymakers about the impact of subsidizing child care, housing, or medical care on the wages necessary for working families to become self-sufficient. The Standard provides useful information on how wages can be supplemented to reach self-sufficiency.

Self-sufficiency means more than staying alive. Self-sufficiency means maintaining a decent standard of living and not having to choose between basic necessities—whether to meet one's need for quality child care but not for nutrition; or housing, but not medical care. Self-sufficiency is not achieved through stopgap measures or short-term solutions. We recognize, however, that, for most families, self-sufficiency is not achieved in one step. We, therefore, advocate strategies for families that will create *ladders out of poverty* that will lead to self-sufficiency.

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The Self-Sufficiency Standard is calculated using the real costs of needs based on a family's size, composition and age of children. The costs are geographically specific, in this case, for metropolitan areas and non-metropolitan counties in North Carolina.[1] 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 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 the adult(s) in the household work(s) full-time, and therefore, includes costs associated with employment, specifically child care, transportation and taxes.
- The Standard takes into account that many costs differ by family size and age of children. For example, child care costs are greater for younger children than for older children. In addition, food and medical care costs also differ by age.
- It accounts for regional variations in cost, where appropriate. 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. Variation also occurs for child care, health care and transportation, although to a lesser extent.
- The Standard includes the "cost" of taxes, and the "benefit" of tax credits. It includes the cost of sales tax and federal, payroll and state income taxes in the amount necessary to be self-sufficient. Both the Child Care Tax Credit (CCTC) and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) are deducted from the income needed to meet basic needs on the grounds that, unlike AFDC, these are credits designed specifically for working adults.
- It 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, therefore, no longer reflect real needs.

By incorporating these factors, the Self-Sufficiency Standard moves beyond the poverty approach in two 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, and the tax credits available to these families.

[1] Metropolitan 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 North Carolina's metropolitan areas and non-metropolitan counties is provided in Appendix I.

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 one cost rises faster than all 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 North Carolina* are for 1996 or have been updated, using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) so that they are equivalent. The components of the Self-Sufficiency Standard 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. 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 and assumes that parents and children should not share the same bedroom. Therefore, one parent and one child need a two-bedroom apartment, as do two parents with two children.

Child Care: We derived the 1996 child care costs from North Carolina's market survey of child care costs (which were mandated by the Family Support Act of 1988). The child care amounts provided in the market surveys allow access to 75% of the local child care market, and are based on the age of the child and the type of setting (e.g., whether the child is in a child care home, a center, or a before- and after-school program). Child care costs at the 75th percentile reflect care that allows for quality, long-term child development. We acknowledge the unfortunate reality that not all families will choose this type of care, however.

The Standard assumes that children less than three years of age receive care in registered or licensed day care homes full-time; preschoolers receive care in day care centers full-time; and school-age children (ages six to 12) receive part-time care in before- and after-school programs. The child care costs in North Carolina metropolitan areas are the average of the costs for counties included in that metropolitan area.

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 more realistic assumptions about food preparation time and consumption patterns. The food costs in the Standard

vary based on 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: For families living in non-metropolitan counties and metropolitan areas that do not have adequate public transportation systems, transportation costs are based on the costs of owning and operating an eight-year-old car. The Standard assumes the car will be used to commute to work, to travel to and from the child care facility and the grocery store. 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. The Standard also adjusts for differences in transportation costs by region of the country. Data for transportation costs were obtained from the American Automobile Manufactures Association and the *Consumer Expenditure Survey*.

Medical Care: The Self-Sufficiency Standard assumes that a person working full-time has health insurance coverage provided by her/his employer. Health care costs included in the Standard are limited to the employee's share of insurance premiums and 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 North Carolina's 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 prior research, this percentage is a conservative estimate.

Taxes: Taxes include sales tax, federal and state income tax, and payroll tax. Sales tax and state income tax are calculated using the 1996 *Commerce Clearinghouse State Tax Handbook* and information from the North Carolina Department of Revenue. In 1996, the North Carolina tax on retail sales was 6% and 5% on food. The state income tax rates for single adults ranged from 6% of income under $12,750 to 7.75% of income over $60,000; for heads of household, rates ranged from 6% of income under $17,000 to 7.75% of income over $80,000; and for married couples, rates ranged from 6% of income under $21,250 to 7.75% on income over $100,000. Payroll tax for OASDI and Medicare is calculated as 7.65% of each dollar earned. Federal tax is the amount of money workers pay on earnings less exemptions and deductions. The estimated income produced by the Self-Sufficiency Standard is taxed at a rate of 15%.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC): The EITC, or as it is sometimes called the Earned Income Credit, 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 North Carolina?

The amount of money that a family needs to be economically self-sufficient varies by family size and age of members. The Self-Sufficiency Standard provides the minimum amount of money needed for 70 family types to be self-sufficient. (Data for selected family types in all North Carolina metropolitan areas and non-metropolitan counties are included in Appendix II and III.)

The Standard does not argue that families need to earn the specified minimum amount of money as a wage; it simply documents the costs to be covered. If a person receives subsidies, the amount of income needed would be reduced. For example, a single parent with two children would need to pay $599 per month for a two-bedroom apartment in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill metro area. However, if that parent received a housing allowance of $250 per month, her housing costs would be reduced to $349 per month, which would, in turn, reduce the total amount of income needed to meet expenses.

In general, North Carolina housing costs are lower than in other parts of the country. For example, in 1996, one-bedroom apartments cost an average of 37% more in California metropolitan areas than in North Carolina metropolitan areas ($540 per month compared to $395 per month, respectively). Similarly, one-bedroom apartments in New York metropolitan areas cost an average of 35% more than North Carolina metropolitan areas ($534 per month compared to $395 per month, respectively).

Housing costs, nevertheless, make up a large percentage of a family's expenses throughout North Carolina—about 23%. Housing costs an average of 20% more in metropolitan areas than in non-metropolitan areas. The cost for a one-bedroom apartment in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill metropolitan area, for example, was $510 per month in 1996. By contrast, the cost for a one-bedroom apartment in non-metropolitan Warren County was $322 per month.

Child care costs also comprise a large percentage of a family's total expenses. Unlike housing, however, child care costs are fairly consistent in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas, but differ by age of the child. The average cost of infant child care in North Carolina metropolitan areas was $282 per month in 1996. Similarly, the average cost of infant care in non-metropolitan counties was $262 per month. By contrast, the average costs of care for school-age children was $154 per month in metropolitan areas and $141 per month in non-metropolitan counties.

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There were, however, several areas—both metropolitan and non-metropolitan—in which child care costs were much higher than those presented above. In the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill metropolitan area, for example, infant care costs $335 per month; in the non-metropolitan Dare County, infant care cost $325 per month. Overall, child care for North Carolina families with at least one child receiving care comprised about one fifth of a family's total budget.

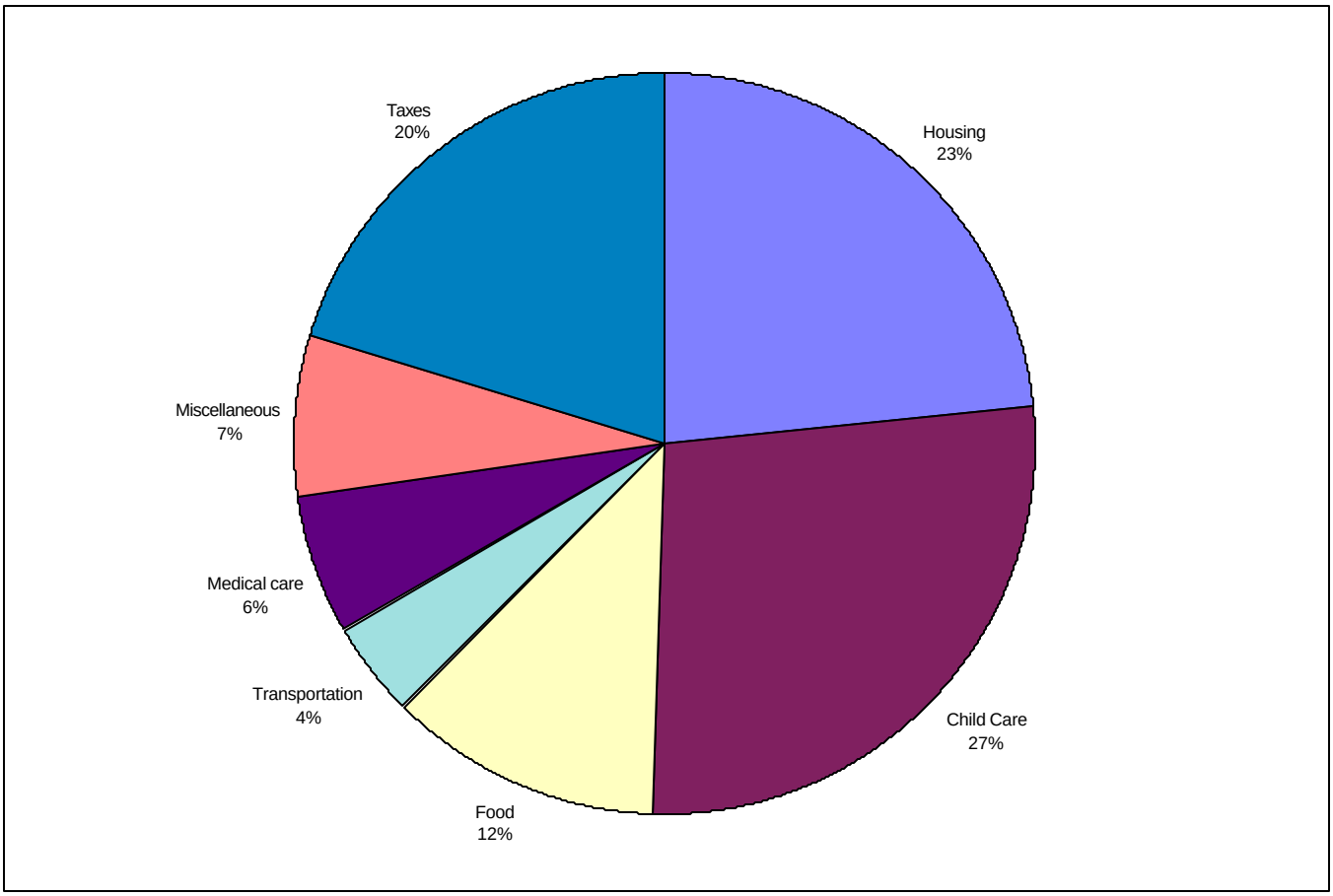
According to the Self-Sufficiency Standard for the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill metropolitan area, a single person with no children would need to earn about $7 per hour to be able to meet her/his basic needs ($1,180 per month). Forty-three percent of this person's monthly earnings would go toward housing.

A family with one parent, one infant and one preschool-age child spends more than two-thirds of its monthly budget on taxes, housing and child care.

Figure 1

Percentage of Income Needed to Meet Basic Needs, 1996

Family with One Parent, One Infant and One Preschool-Age Child in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC MSA



Note: The percentage of income needed for taxes, 20%, is net of the EITC and CCTC.

An adult with one infant and one preschool-age child, by contrast, needs to earn about $15 per hour ($2,576 per month) to meet the basic needs of the family. Housing accounts for about 23% of monthly income. Half of this family's monthly income is needed for housing and child care (see Figure 1, above). Although the amount of money needed to be self-sufficient varies by size of family and age of children, in most cases, housing and child care costs for families with at least one child receiving care make up about 42% of the total budget. For single-parent families with at least one child receiving care, housing and child care costs comprise an average of 46% of the family's total budget. However, for some family types—in both metropolitan areas and non-metropolitan counties—housing and child care costs comprise half of the family's total budget (see Table 1 on page 7 and Table 2 on page 8, for examples).

Table 1

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC MSA,* 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***
Housing	*$510.00*	*43.2*	*$599.00*	*31.7*	*$599.00*	*23.3*
Child Care	*NA*	*NA*	*$335.00*	*17.7*	*$703.17*	*27.3*
Food	*$153.48*	*13.0*	*$225.28*	*11.9*	*$303.24*	*11.8*
Transportation	*$105.71*	*9.0*	*$109.60*	*5.8*	*$109.60*	*4.3*
Medical Care	*$70.57*	*6.0*	*$143.87*	*7.6*	*$161.10*	*6.2*
Miscellaneous	*$83.98*	*7.1*	*$141.28*	*7.5*	*$187.61*	*7.3*
Total Taxes (Taxes minus EITC and CCTC)	*$256.46*	*21.7*	*$335.95*	*17.8*	*$511.99*	*19.9*
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	*$0.00*		*($31.92)*		*$0.00*	
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	*$0.00*		*($46.00)*		*($80.00)*	
Self-Sufficency Wage— Monthly	***$1,180.19***	*100.0*	***$1,889.97***	*100.0*	***$2,575.72***	*100.0*
Hourly**	***$6.71***		***$10.74***		***$14.63***	

* *Metropolitan Statistical Area*

† *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.

In reading the wages the Standard produces, it is important to recognize the role that employer-provided health insurance plays in the calculation. The Standard assumes that employers will pay two-thirds of a family's health insurance costs. While this assumption may be appropriate for jobs that pay $10 or more per hour—the amount necessary to meet expenses for most North Carolina families with more than one child, it may be misleading to assume that employers will provide this benefit for lower-wage jobs—jobs that meet the wage requirements for adult-only families or families with no child care costs. Research shows that firms that employ significant proportions of low-wage workers, those that have a large proportion of part-time workers, those that have high employee turnover or those that provide services rather than goods are less likely to provide health insurance coverage than firms that pay higher wages, employ workers full-time and have low employee turnover. We stress that one cannot be truly self-sufficient without health care coverage.

According to the Standard, the amount of income needed to be self-sufficient (including paying taxes) is considerably higher than the amount necessary to get out of poverty as defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census' official poverty thresholds. The official poverty thresholds are derived basically by multiplying the amount of money allotted for food using the Thrifty Food Plan times three. In 1996, a family consisting of one adult and two children would be considered not

Table 2

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Warren County, NC, 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***
Housing	*$322.00*	*36.2*	*$391.00*	*30.4*	*$391.00*	*22.0*
Child Care	*NA*	*NA*	*$250.00*	*19.4*	*$531.00*	*29.9*
Food	*$153.48*	*17.3*	*$225.28*	*17.5*	*$303.24*	*17.1*
Transportation	*$105.71*	*11.9*	*$109.60*	*8.5*	*$109.60*	*6.2*
Medical Care	*$70.57*	*7.9*	*$143.87*	*11.2*	*$161.10*	*9.1*
Miscellaneous	*$65.18*	*7.3*	*$111.98*	*8.7*	*$149.59*	*8.4*
Total Taxes (Taxes minus EITC and CCTC)	*$171.84*	*19.3*	*$53.75*	*4.2*	*$130.61*	*7.3*
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	*$0.00*		*($128.52)*		*($126.03)*	
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	*$0.00*		*($54.00)*		*($96.00)*	
Self-Sufficency Wage— Monthly	***$888.77***	*100.0*	***$1,285.48***	*100.0*	***$1,776.14***	*100.0*
Hourly†	***$5.05***		***$7.30***		***$10.09***	

* *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.

poor if this family had a monthly income of $1,043 ($12,517 annually).[2] This amount is just 40% of the amount needed for a family with one adult, one infant and one preschool-age child to be self-sufficient in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill metropolian area and 59% of the amount needed in Warren County, according to the Standard. Research shows that families at the poverty level cannot meet their needs without assistance. With income at the poverty level, families cannot cover the cost of housing, child care and taxes, let alone the other costs included in the Standard. The Standard, therefore, is a more accurate level of real need.

The wage levels presented in Table 1 and Table 2 (above) show what former welfare recipients in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill metropolitan area and non-metropolitan Warren County need in order to become self-sufficient. These income levels can be achieved through training and education in the long-term, or immediately, through combinations of wages and subsidies.

[2] U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Preliminary Estimates of Poverty*, Washington, D.C., January 14, 1997. Note: Published summaries of official poverty thresholds are based on weighted averages for children of all ages.

How The Self-Sufficiency Standard Can Be Used

With the passage of the 1996 welfare legislation, policy makers, program providers—both for-profit and non-profit, foundations, charities, advocacy groups and state officials—share the critical responsibility of helping participants become self-sufficient through steady employment. 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 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. Self-sufficiency is more than just staying alive. 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—as those who do not have sufficient incomes must do everyday.

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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 3, next page). 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.

North Carolina legislators, policymakers in the Governor's office, the Department of Human Resources and other state agencies can use the Standard as an evaluation tool in state welfare and workforce development policy, including waivers or state-initiated plans and programs. Because the Standard is based on metropolitan area and non-metropolitan county-level costs, it can be used to compare and rank state efforts, local modifications and especially, county pilot programs. It may also be used to target jobs in sectors of the economy that pay Self-Sufficiency Standard wages.

County commissioners, Social Service Departments and Welfare Advisory Committees can use the Standard in developing a pilot program or modifying the state program to meet county-specific needs. For example, these groups can use the Standard to assess the amount of subsidies that families will need if they earn wages which fall below the Self-Sufficiency Standard. These subsidies can include transitional child care, medical or housing assistance. In addition, policymakers can use the Standard to design exemptions from participation for participants whose costs would be too high in the short term (such as exempting mothers with infants from participation in the TANF program for one year or developing generous income disregards for mothers with several children whose child care and housing costs become unaffordable).

In addition, the Standard can be used as a tool for WorkFirst counselors; non-profit program providers, such as Women Work!; advocates; and participants. WorkFirst staff 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 create packages of earnings and subsidies for the short- and long-run. Advocates can use it 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.

Table 3
How the Self-Sufficiency Standard Can Be Used

Policymakers Can Use the Standard...	***Program Providers, Counselors and Advocates Can Use the Standard...***
■ ***as an evaluation tool*** in state welfare and workforce development policy, including waivers or state-initiated plans and programs.	■ ***to counsel participants as to the amount of money they will need to become independent and leave welfare permanently***.
■ ***to compare and rank state and local efforts***, local modifications and especially, county pilot programs.	■ ***to help participants create packages of earnings and subsidies for the short- and long-run***.
■ ***to target high-wage jobs*** in sectors of the economy that pay Self-Sufficiency Standard wages.	■ ***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."
■ ***to develop a pilot program or modify the state program to meet county-specific needs***.	■ ***to help employers understand the importance of providing benefits for entry-level workers*** who are moving from welfare to work.
■ ***to design exemptions from participation for participants whose costs would be too high in the short term***.	

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Appendix I: North Carolina Metropolitan Areas and Non-Metropolitan Counties

Metropolitan Areas

Asheville MSA
Includes Buncombe and Madison Counties

Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC MSA
Includes Cabarrus, Gaston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan and Union Counties

Fayetteville MSA
Includes Cumberland County

Goldsboro MSA
Includes Wayne County

Greensboro—Winston-Salem—High Point MSA
Includes Alamance, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Randolph, Stokes and Yadkin Counties

Greenville MSA
Includes Pitt County

Hickory-Morganton MSA
Includes Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba Counties

Jacksonville MSA
Includes Onslow County

Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC MSA
Includes Currituck County

Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill MSA
Includes Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Johnston, Orange and Wake Counties

Rocky Mount MSA
Includes Edgecomb and Nash Counties

Wilmington MSA
Includes Brunswick and New Hanover Counties

Non-Metropolitan Counties

Alleghany County
Anson County
Ashe County
Avery County
Beaufort County
Bertie County
Bladen County
Camden County
Carteret County
Caswell County
Cherokee County
Chowan County
Clay County
Cleveland County
Columbus County
Craven County
Dare County
Duplin County
Gates County
Graham County
Granville County
Greene County
Halifax County
Harnett County
Haywood County
Henderson County
Hertford County
Hoke County
Hyde County
Iredell County
Jackson County
Jones County
Lee County
Lenoir County
Macon County
Martin County
Mcdowell County
Mitchell County
Montgomery County
Moore County
Northampton County
Pamlico County
Pasquotank County
Pender County
Perquimans County
Person County
Polk County
Richmond County
Robeson County
Rockingham County
Rutherford County
Sampson County
Scotland County
Stanly County
Surry County
Swain County
Transylvania County
Tyrrell County
Vance County
Warren County
Washington County
Watauga County
Wilkes County
Wilson County
Yancey County

Appendix II: The Self-Sufficiency Standard, Selected Family Types, Metropolitan Areas

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Asheville, NC MSA, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$344.00	$448.00	$448.00	$448.00	$448.00	$583.00	$448.00
Child Care	$0.00	$270.50	$286.00	$556.50	$141.75	$698.25	$556.50
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$67.38	$119.73	$120.29	$157.84	$126.49	$197.71	$185.75
Taxes	$181.75	$282.12	$285.99	$410.43	$241.45	$601.80	$507.28
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($103.20)	($101.29)	($85.34)	($207.72)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($36.86)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$922.88**	**$1,443.90**	**$1,455.90**	**$1,969.38**	**$1,388.24**	**$2,696.59**	**$2,470.55**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.24**	**$8.20**	**$8.27**	**$11.19**	**$7.89**	**$15.32**	**$7.02** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC MSA, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$454.00	$511.00	$511.00	$511.00	$511.00	$674.00	$511.00
Child Care	$0.00	$301.08	$324.00	$625.08	$159.58	$784.66	$625.08
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$78.38	$129.08	$130.39	$171.00	$134.57	$215.45	$198.91
Taxes	$231.26	$337.42	$345.99	$503.57	$263.67	$685.56	$569.41
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($72.73)	($68.36)	($19.74)	($178.89)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($50.00)	($50.00)	($84.00)	($39.90)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$1,093.39**	**$1,634.61**	**$1,661.92**	**$2,280.86**	**$1,525.17**	**$2,975.50**	**$2,677.42**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$6.21**	**$9.29**	**$9.44**	**$12.96**	**$8.67**	**$16.91**	**$7.61** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Fayetteville, NC MSA, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$394.00	$442.00	$442.00	$442.00	$442.00	$611.00	$442.00
Child Care	$0.00	$273.00	$294.00	$567.00	$143.00	$710.00	$567.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$72.38	$119.38	$120.49	$158.29	$126.01	$201.68	$186.20
Taxes	$204.25	$280.10	$287.14	$413.45	$240.65	$620.56	$509.41
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($104.32)	($100.65)	($83.21)	($209.42)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($37.18)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$1,000.38**	**$1,436.91**	**$1,459.89**	**$1,979.48**	**$1,380.20**	**$2,759.08**	**$2,477.63**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.68**	**$8.16**	**$8.29**	**$11.25**	**$7.84**	**$15.68**	**$7.04** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Goldsboro, NC MSA, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$327.00	$398.00	$398.00	$398.00	$398.00	$512.00	$398.00
Child Care	$0.00	$259.00	$281.00	$540.00	$132.00	$672.00	$540.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.68	$113.58	$114.79	$151.19	$120.51	$187.98	$179.10
Taxes	$174.09	$245.53	$254.18	$363.38	$214.10	$555.88	$474.80
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($123.41)	($118.84)	($118.47)	($229.04)	$0.00	($2.58)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($52.00)	($96.00)	($23.68)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$896.52**	**$1,317.44**	**$1,346.04**	**$1,812.05**	**$1,287.03**	**$2,543.70**	**$2,362.34**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.09**	**$7.49**	**$7.65**	**$10.30**	**$7.31**	**$14.45**	**$6.71** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Greensboro—Winston-Salem—High Point, NC MSA, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$407.00	$485.00	$485.00	$485.00	$485.00	$669.00	$485.00
Child Care	$0.00	$276.25	$298.88	$575.13	$148.81	$723.94	$575.13
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$73.68	$124.00	$125.28	$163.41	$130.89	$208.88	$191.31
Taxes	$210.10	$304.85	$312.83	$450.18	$253.74	$654.53	$533.55
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($89.56)	($85.37)	($57.34)	($192.01)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($50.00)	($50.00)	($88.00)	($38.69)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$1,020.53**	**$1,529.29**	**$1,555.53**	**$2,102.32**	**$1,462.88**	**$2,872.18**	**$2,558.01**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.80**	**$8.69**	**$8.84**	**$11.94**	**$8.31**	**$16.32**	**$7.27** *per adult*

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Greenville, NC MSA, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$347.00	$451.00	$451.00	$451.00	$451.00	$606.00	$451.00
Child Care	$0.00	$295.00	$312.00	$607.00	$159.00	$766.00	$607.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$67.68	$122.48	$123.19	$163.19	$128.51	$206.78	$191.10
Taxes	$183.10	$298.03	$300.76	$448.75	$250.74	$644.64	$532.54
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($94.43)	($92.03)	($58.35)	($200.50)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($50.00)	($88.00)	($41.34)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$927.53**	**$1,498.83**	**$1,513.83**	**$2,097.54**	**$1,422.55**	**$2,839.26**	**$2,554.66**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.27**	**$8.52**	**$8.60**	**$11.92**	**$8.08**	**$16.13**	**$7.26** *per adult*

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Hickory-Morganton, NC MSA, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$390.00	$453.00	$453.00	$453.00	$453.00	$570.00	$453.00
Child Care	$0.00	$233.00	$297.75	$530.75	$141.25	$672.00	$530.75
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$71.98	$116.48	$121.97	$155.77	$126.94	$193.78	$183.68
Taxes	$202.45	$263.33	$292.64	$396.50	$242.39	$583.26	$497.49
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($113.58)	($96.52)	($95.14)	($206.12)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($36.73)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$994.18**	**$1,378.98**	**$1,485.74**	**$1,922.82**	**$1,395.87**	**$2,634.88**	**$2,437.93**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.65**	**$7.84**	**$8.44**	**$10.93**	**$7.93**	**$14.97**	**$6.93** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Jacksonville, NC MSA, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$378.00	$426.00	$426.00	$426.00	$426.00	$592.00	$426.00
Child Care	$0.00	$250.00	$259.00	$509.00	$132.00	$641.00	$509.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$70.78	$115.48	$115.39	$150.89	$123.31	$192.88	$178.80
Taxes	$197.05	$257.55	$257.65	$361.37	$227.86	$579.01	$472.79
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($116.77)	($116.93)	($119.89)	($219.05)	$0.00	($4.00)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($96.00)	($30.79)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$975.58**	**$1,359.01**	**$1,358.02**	**$1,805.31**	**$1,334.46**	**$2,620.73**	**$2,355.61**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.54**	**$7.72**	**$7.72**	**$10.26**	**$7.58**	**$14.89**	**$6.69** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC MSA, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$457.00	$542.00	$542.00	$542.00	$542.00	$756.00	$542.00
Child Care	$0.00	$281.00	$305.00	$586.00	$151.50	$737.50	$586.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$78.68	$130.18	$131.59	$170.19	$136.86	$218.93	$198.10
Taxes	$232.61	$344.07	$354.39	$498.15	$307.64	$702.01	$565.59
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($69.18)	($63.88)	($23.56)	($159.89)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($50.00)	($48.00)	($84.00)	($37.88)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$1,098.04**	**$1,656.82**	**$1,690.01**	**$2,262.73**	**$1,615.36**	**$3,030.27**	**$2,664.71**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$6.24**	**$9.41**	**$9.60**	**$12.86**	**$9.18**	**$17.22**	**$7.57** *per adult*

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC MSA, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$510.00	$599.00	$599.00	$599.00	$599.00	$803.00	$599.00
Child Care	$0.00	$335.00	$368.17	$703.17	$180.42	$883.59	$703.17
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$83.98	$141.28	$143.61	$187.61	$145.46	$238.24	$215.52
Taxes	$256.46	$413.87	$428.68	$591.99	$364.32	$793.17	$647.83
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($31.92)	($24.22)	$0.00	($121.00)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($46.00)	($46.00)	($80.00)	($43.30)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$1,180.19**	**$1,889.97**	**$1,938.14**	**$2,575.72**	**$1,800.03**	**$3,333.84**	**$2,938.53**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$6.71**	**$10.74**	**$11.01**	**$14.63**	**$10.23**	**$18.94**	**$8.35** *per adult*

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Rocky Mount, NC MSA, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$327.00	$398.00	$398.00	$398.00	$398.00	$527.00	$398.00
Child Care	$0.00	$244.00	$265.50	$509.50	$137.50	$647.00	$509.50
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.68	$112.08	$113.24	$148.14	$121.06	$186.98	$176.05
Taxes	$174.09	$236.85	$244.18	$344.67	$216.80	$551.16	$451.92
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($128.20)	($124.37)	($131.63)	($227.08)	$0.00	($18.70)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($54.00)	($93.06)	($25.08)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$896.52**	**$1,287.48**	**$1,311.47**	**$1,749.57**	**$1,296.34**	**$2,527.98**	**$2,285.79**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.09**	**$7.32**	**$7.45**	**$9.94**	**$7.37**	**$14.36**	**$6.49** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Wilmington, NC MSA, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$406.00	$497.00	$497.00	$497.00	$497.00	$680.00	$497.00
Child Care	$0.00	$279.50	$324.50	$604.00	$168.75	$772.75	$604.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$73.58	$125.53	$129.04	$167.49	$134.09	$214.86	$195.40
Taxes	$209.65	$313.66	$337.76	$480.02	$264.81	$682.77	$552.85
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($84.69)	($72.75)	($36.32)	($180.61)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($50.00)	($50.00)	($84.00)	($42.19)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$1,018.98**	**$1,559.75**	**$1,634.46**	**$2,202.14**	**$1,516.99**	**$2,966.21**	**$2,622.27**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.79**	**$8.86**	**$9.29**	**$12.51**	**$8.62**	**$16.85**	**$7.45** ***per adult***

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

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Alleghany County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$327.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$257.00	$260.00	$517.00	$128.50	$645.50	$517.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.68	$112.68	$111.99	$148.19	$119.46	$184.43	$176.10
Taxes	$174.09	$240.32	$236.96	$344.93	$208.94	$539.12	$452.25
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($126.29)	($128.36)	($131.45)	($232.79)	$0.00	($18.47)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($54.00)	($93.19)	($21.01)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$896.52**	**$1,299.46**	**$1,286.50**	**$1,750.43**	**$1,269.24**	**$2,487.89**	**$2,286.91**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.09**	**$7.38**	**$7.31**	**$9.95**	**$7.21**	**$14.14**	**$6.50** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Anson County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$227.00	$236.00	$463.00	$120.00	$583.00	$463.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$109.68	$109.59	$142.79	$118.61	$178.18	$170.70
Taxes	$171.84	$225.24	$225.40	$317.06	$204.77	$509.61	$384.47
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($134.60)	($134.72)	($151.01)	($235.82)	$0.00	($53.47)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($49.62)	($49.50)	($79.26)	($18.85)	($80.00)	($88.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,247.45**	**$1,246.68**	**$1,657.53**	**$1,254.84**	**$2,389.63**	**$2,120.72**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.09**	**$7.08**	**$9.42**	**$7.13**	**$13.58**	**$6.02** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Ashe County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$257.00	$257.00	$514.00	$128.50	$642.50	$514.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$112.68	$111.69	$147.89	$119.46	$184.13	$175.80
Taxes	$171.84	$240.32	$235.22	$343.38	$208.94	$537.70	$450.24
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($126.29)	($129.32)	($132.53)	($232.79)	$0.00	($19.88)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($54.00)	($92.42)	($21.01)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,299.46**	**$1,280.50**	**$1,745.27**	**$1,269.24**	**$2,483.17**	**$2,280.18**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.38**	**$7.28**	**$9.92**	**$7.21**	**$14.11**	**$6.48** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Avery County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$350.00	$427.00	$427.00	$427.00	$427.00	$535.00	$427.00
Child Care	$0.00	$257.00	$273.00	$530.00	$132.00	$662.00	$530.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$67.98	$116.28	$116.89	$153.09	$123.41	$189.28	$181.00
Taxes	$184.45	$262.17	$266.33	$378.54	$228.35	$562.02	$484.86
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($114.22)	($112.14)	($107.78)	($218.70)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($31.05)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$932.18**	**$1,374.99**	**$1,387.98**	**$1,862.79**	**$1,336.15**	**$2,564.13**	**$2,395.88**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.30**	**$7.81**	**$7.89**	**$10.58**	**$7.59**	**$14.57**	**$6.81** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Beaufort County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$270.00	$305.00	$575.00	$143.00	$718.00	$575.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$113.98	$116.49	$153.99	$120.91	$191.68	$181.90
Taxes	$171.84	$247.84	$264.01	$384.58	$216.07	$573.35	$489.11
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($122.14)	($113.42)	($103.53)	($227.61)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($24.70)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,325.43**	**$1,379.99**	**$1,882.99**	**$1,293.80**	**$2,601.87**	**$2,410.03**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.53**	**$7.84**	**$10.70**	**$7.35**	**$14.78**	**$6.85** *per adult*

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Bertie County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$273.00	$305.00	$578.00	$151.50	$729.50	$578.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$114.28	$116.49	$154.29	$121.76	$192.83	$182.20
Taxes	$171.84	$250.61	$264.01	$386.60	$220.24	$578.78	$490.52
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($120.60)	($113.42)	($102.11)	($224.58)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($26.86)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,335.04**	**$1,379.99**	**$1,889.72**	**$1,308.20**	**$2,619.95**	**$2,414.74**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.59**	**$7.84**	**$10.74**	**$7.43**	**$14.89**	**$6.86** *per adult*

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Bladen County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$281.00	$281.00	$562.00	$140.50	$702.50	$562.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$115.08	$114.09	$152.69	$120.66	$190.13	$180.60
Taxes	$171.84	$255.23	$249.10	$375.86	$214.84	$566.03	$482.97
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($118.05)	($121.65)	($109.67)	($228.51)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($54.00)	($92.00)	($24.06)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,351.02**	**$1,328.44**	**$1,853.82**	**$1,289.57**	**$2,577.50**	**$2,389.59**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.68**	**$7.55**	**$10.53**	**$7.33**	**$14.64**	**$6.79** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Camden County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$356.00	$475.00	$475.00	$475.00	$475.00	$594.00	$475.00
Child Care	$0.00	$281.00	$305.00	$586.00	$151.50	$737.50	$586.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$68.58	$123.48	$124.89	$163.49	$130.16	$202.73	$191.40
Taxes	$187.15	$301.81	$310.59	$450.76	$252.71	$625.52	$533.96
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($91.24)	($86.60)	($56.93)	($194.61)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($50.00)	($50.00)	($88.00)	($39.39)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$941.48**	**$1,518.80**	**$1,547.78**	**$2,104.27**	**$1,450.50**	**$2,775.59**	**$2,559.38**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.35**	**$8.63**	**$8.79**	**$11.96**	**$8.24**	**$15.77**	**$7.27** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Carteret County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$346.00	$422.00	$422.00	$422.00	$422.00	$586.00	$422.00
Child Care	$0.00	$250.00	$268.00	$518.00	$136.00	$654.00	$518.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$67.58	$115.08	$115.89	$151.39	$123.31	$193.58	$179.30
Taxes	$182.65	$255.23	$260.54	$364.72	$227.86	$582.32	$476.14
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($118.05)	($115.33)	($117.53)	($219.05)	$0.00	($1.64)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($96.00)	($30.79)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$925.98**	**$1,351.02**	**$1,368.01**	**$1,816.53**	**$1,334.46**	**$2,631.74**	**$2,366.83**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.26**	**$7.68**	**$7.77**	**$10.32**	**$7.58**	**$14.95**	**$6.72** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Caswell County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$281.00	$281.00	$562.00	$143.00	$705.00	$562.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$115.08	$114.09	$152.69	$120.91	$190.38	$180.60
Taxes	$171.84	$255.23	$249.10	$375.86	$216.07	$567.21	$482.97
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($118.05)	($121.65)	($109.67)	($227.61)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($54.00)	($92.00)	($24.70)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,351.02**	**$1,328.44**	**$1,853.82**	**$1,293.80**	**$2,581.43**	**$2,389.59**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.68**	**$7.55**	**$10.53**	**$7.35**	**$14.67**	**$6.79** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Cherokee County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$250.00	$273.00	$523.00	$125.00	$648.00	$523.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$111.98	$113.29	$148.79	$119.11	$184.68	$176.70
Taxes	$171.84	$236.27	$244.47	$348.03	$207.22	$540.30	$456.28
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($128.52)	($124.21)	($129.27)	($234.04)	$0.00	($15.63)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($54.00)	($94.74)	($20.12)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,285.48**	**$1,312.46**	**$1,760.75**	**$1,263.31**	**$2,491.82**	**$2,300.37**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.30**	**$7.46**	**$10.00**	**$7.18**	**$14.16**	**$6.54** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Chowan County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$273.00	$305.00	$578.00	$151.50	$729.50	$578.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$114.28	$116.49	$154.29	$121.76	$192.83	$182.20
Taxes	$171.84	$250.61	$264.01	$386.60	$220.24	$578.78	$490.52
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($120.60)	($113.42)	($102.11)	($224.58)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($26.86)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,335.04**	**$1,379.99**	**$1,889.72**	**$1,308.20**	**$2,619.95**	**$2,414.74**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.59**	**$7.84**	**$10.74**	**$7.43**	**$14.89**	**$6.86** ***per adult***

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

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$257.00	$273.00	$530.00	$132.00	$662.00	$530.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$112.68	$113.29	$149.49	$119.81	$186.08	$177.40
Taxes	$171.84	$240.32	$244.47	$351.97	$210.66	$546.91	$460.98
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($126.29)	($124.21)	($126.51)	($231.54)	$0.00	($12.32)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($54.00)	($96.00)	($21.90)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,299.46**	**$1,312.46**	**$1,773.90**	**$1,275.17**	**$2,513.83**	**$2,316.08**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.38**	**$7.46**	**$10.08**	**$7.25**	**$14.28**	**$6.58** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Cleveland County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$328.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$518.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$250.00	$259.00	$509.00	$132.00	$641.00	$509.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.78	$111.98	$111.89	$147.39	$119.81	$185.48	$175.30
Taxes	$174.54	$236.27	$236.38	$340.80	$210.66	$544.08	$446.88
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($128.52)	($128.68)	($134.35)	($231.54)	$0.00	($22.25)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($54.00)	($91.13)	($21.90)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$898.07**	**$1,285.48**	**$1,284.50**	**$1,736.67**	**$1,275.17**	**$2,504.39**	**$2,268.96**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.10**	**$7.30**	**$7.30**	**$9.87**	**$7.25**	**$14.23**	**$6.45** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Columbus County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$238.00	$238.00	$476.00	$132.00	$608.00	$476.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$110.78	$109.79	$144.09	$119.81	$180.68	$172.00
Taxes	$171.84	$230.26	$226.32	$323.77	$210.66	$521.41	$424.73
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($131.83)	($134.22)	($146.30)	($231.54)	$0.00	($37.84)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.21)	($49.97)	($82.61)	($21.90)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,264.74**	**$1,249.82**	**$1,679.90**	**$1,275.17**	**$2,428.93**	**$2,194.91**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.19**	**$7.10**	**$9.54**	**$7.25**	**$13.80**	**$6.24** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Craven County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$348.00	$420.00	$420.00	$420.00	$420.00	$550.00	$420.00
Child Care	$0.00	$250.00	$281.00	$531.00	$143.00	$674.00	$531.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$67.78	$114.88	$116.99	$152.49	$123.81	$191.98	$180.40
Taxes	$183.55	$254.08	$266.90	$374.51	$230.32	$574.77	$482.02
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($118.69)	($111.82)	($110.62)	($217.27)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($32.06)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$929.08**	**$1,347.02**	**$1,389.98**	**$1,849.33**	**$1,342.93**	**$2,606.58**	**$2,386.44**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.28**	**$7.65**	**$7.90**	**$10.51**	**$7.63**	**$14.81**	**$6.78** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Dare County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$459.00	$529.00	$529.00	$529.00	$529.00	$724.00	$529.00
Child Care	$0.00	$325.00	$327.00	$652.00	$165.50	$817.50	$652.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$78.88	$133.28	$132.49	$175.49	$136.96	$223.73	$203.40
Taxes	$233.51	$364.05	$359.87	$534.79	$306.06	$724.67	$590.62
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($58.52)	($60.95)	$0.00	($160.95)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($48.00)	($48.00)	($80.00)	($41.38)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$1,101.14**	**$1,723.56**	**$1,708.32**	**$2,385.22**	**$1,610.32**	**$3,105.74**	**$2,748.04**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$6.26**	**$9.79**	**$9.71**	**$13.55**	**$9.15**	**$17.65**	**$7.81** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Duplin County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$227.00	$305.00	$532.00	$149.50	$681.50	$532.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$109.68	$116.49	$149.69	$121.56	$188.03	$177.60
Taxes	$171.84	$225.24	$264.01	$353.31	$219.26	$556.12	$462.32
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($134.60)	($113.42)	($125.56)	($225.30)	$0.00	($11.38)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($49.62)	($52.00)	($96.00)	($26.35)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,247.45**	**$1,379.99**	**$1,778.39**	**$1,304.81**	**$2,544.48**	**$2,320.57**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.09**	**$7.84**	**$10.10**	**$7.41**	**$14.46**	**$6.59** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Gates County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$261.00	$305.00	$566.00	$151.50	$717.50	$566.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$113.08	$116.49	$153.09	$121.76	$191.63	$181.00
Taxes	$171.84	$242.63	$264.01	$378.54	$220.24	$573.11	$484.86
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($125.01)	($113.42)	($107.78)	($224.58)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($26.86)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,307.45**	**$1,379.99**	**$1,862.79**	**$1,308.20**	**$2,601.08**	**$2,395.88**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.43**	**$7.84**	**$10.58**	**$7.43**	**$14.78**	**$6.81** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Graham County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$257.00	$273.00	$530.00	$132.00	$662.00	$530.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$112.68	$113.29	$149.49	$119.81	$186.08	$177.40
Taxes	$171.84	$240.32	$244.47	$351.97	$210.66	$546.91	$460.98
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($126.29)	($124.21)	($126.51)	($231.54)	$0.00	($12.32)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($54.00)	($96.00)	($21.90)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,299.46**	**$1,312.46**	**$1,773.90**	**$1,275.17**	**$2,513.83**	**$2,316.08**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.38**	**$7.46**	**$10.08**	**$7.25**	**$14.28**	**$6.58** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Granville County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$518.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$285.00	$350.00	$635.00	$165.50	$800.50	$635.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$115.48	$120.99	$159.99	$123.16	$201.43	$187.90
Taxes	$171.84	$257.55	$290.03	$427.27	$227.12	$619.38	$517.44
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($116.77)	($99.05)	($73.47)	($219.59)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($88.00)	($30.41)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,359.01**	**$1,469.88**	**$2,025.74**	**$1,331.92**	**$2,755.15**	**$2,504.36**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.72**	**$8.35**	**$11.51**	**$7.57**	**$15.65**	**$7.11** ***per adult***

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

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$281.00	$305.00	$586.00	$149.50	$735.50	$586.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$115.08	$116.49	$155.09	$121.56	$193.43	$183.00
Taxes	$171.84	$255.23	$264.01	$391.97	$219.26	$581.61	$494.30
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($118.05)	($113.42)	($98.33)	($225.30)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($26.35)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,351.02**	**$1,379.99**	**$1,907.67**	**$1,304.81**	**$2,629.38**	**$2,427.32**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.68**	**$7.84**	**$10.84**	**$7.41**	**$14.94**	**$6.90** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Halifax County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$250.00	$273.00	$523.00	$138.00	$661.00	$523.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$111.98	$113.29	$148.79	$120.41	$185.98	$176.70
Taxes	$171.84	$236.27	$244.47	$348.03	$213.61	$546.44	$456.28
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($128.52)	($124.21)	($129.27)	($229.40)	$0.00	($15.63)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($54.00)	($94.74)	($23.42)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,285.48**	**$1,312.46**	**$1,760.75**	**$1,285.33**	**$2,512.25**	**$2,300.37**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.30**	**$7.46**	**$10.00**	**$7.30**	**$14.27**	**$6.54** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Harnett County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$505.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$273.00	$273.00	$546.00	$136.50	$682.50	$546.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$114.28	$113.29	$151.09	$120.26	$188.33	$179.00
Taxes	$171.84	$250.61	$244.47	$362.71	$212.87	$557.53	$474.13
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($120.60)	($124.21)	($118.94)	($229.93)	$0.00	($3.05)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($54.00)	($96.00)	($23.04)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,335.04**	**$1,312.46**	**$1,809.80**	**$1,282.79**	**$2,549.20**	**$2,360.10**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.59**	**$7.46**	**$10.28**	**$7.29**	**$14.48**	**$6.70** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Haywood County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$525.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$257.00	$260.00	$517.00	$128.50	$645.50	$517.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$112.68	$111.99	$148.19	$119.46	$186.63	$176.10
Taxes	$171.84	$240.32	$236.96	$344.93	$208.94	$549.51	$452.25
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($126.29)	($128.36)	($131.45)	($232.79)	$0.00	($18.47)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($54.00)	($93.19)	($21.01)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,299.46**	**$1,286.50**	**$1,750.43**	**$1,269.24**	**$2,522.47**	**$2,286.91**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.38**	**$7.31**	**$9.95**	**$7.21**	**$14.33**	**$6.50** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Henderson County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$334.00	$413.00	$413.00	$413.00	$413.00	$550.00	$413.00
Child Care	$0.00	$273.00	$305.00	$578.00	$147.50	$725.50	$578.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$66.38	$116.48	$118.69	$156.49	$123.56	$197.13	$184.40
Taxes	$177.24	$263.33	$276.73	$401.37	$229.09	$599.08	$500.91
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($113.58)	($106.39)	($91.72)	($218.16)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($31.43)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$907.38**	**$1,378.98**	**$1,423.94**	**$1,939.09**	**$1,338.69**	**$2,687.55**	**$2,449.33**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.16**	**$7.84**	**$8.09**	**$11.02**	**$7.61**	**$15.27**	**$6.96** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Hertford County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$273.00	$290.00	$563.00	$151.50	$714.50	$563.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$114.28	$114.99	$152.79	$121.76	$191.33	$180.70
Taxes	$171.84	$250.61	$255.34	$376.53	$220.24	$571.70	$483.44
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($120.60)	($118.20)	($109.20)	($224.58)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($26.86)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,335.04**	**$1,350.03**	**$1,856.06**	**$1,308.20**	**$2,596.36**	**$2,391.16**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.59**	**$7.67**	**$10.55**	**$7.43**	**$14.75**	**$6.79** *per adult*

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Hoke County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$273.00	$273.00	$546.00	$136.50	$682.50	$546.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$114.28	$113.29	$151.09	$120.26	$188.13	$179.00
Taxes	$171.84	$250.61	$244.47	$362.71	$212.87	$556.59	$474.13
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($120.60)	($124.21)	($118.94)	($229.93)	$0.00	($3.05)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($54.00)	($96.00)	($23.04)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,335.04**	**$1,312.46**	**$1,809.80**	**$1,282.79**	**$2,546.06**	**$2,360.10**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.59**	**$7.46**	**$10.28**	**$7.29**	**$14.47**	**$6.70** *per adult*

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Hyde County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$281.00	$305.00	$586.00	$151.50	$737.50	$586.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$115.08	$116.49	$155.09	$121.76	$193.63	$183.00
Taxes	$171.84	$255.23	$264.01	$391.97	$220.24	$582.56	$494.30
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($118.05)	($113.42)	($98.33)	($224.58)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($26.86)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,351.02**	**$1,379.99**	**$1,907.67**	**$1,308.20**	**$2,632.52**	**$2,427.32**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.68**	**$7.84**	**$10.84**	**$7.43**	**$14.96**	**$6.90** *per adult*

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Iredell County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$345.00	$455.00	$455.00	$455.00	$455.00	$568.00	$455.00
Child Care	$0.00	$264.00	$299.00	$563.00	$149.50	$712.50	$563.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$67.48	$119.78	$122.29	$159.19	$127.96	$197.63	$187.10
Taxes	$182.20	$282.41	$297.55	$421.90	$246.97	$601.44	$513.66
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($103.05)	($94.90)	($77.25)	($202.46)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($88.00)	($38.87)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$924.43**	**$1,444.90**	**$1,495.85**	**$2,007.79**	**$1,413.23**	**$2,695.41**	**$2,491.78**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.25**	**$8.21**	**$8.50**	**$11.41**	**$8.03**	**$15.31**	**$7.08** *per adult*

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Jackson County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$547.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$250.00	$281.00	$531.00	$143.00	$674.00	$531.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$111.98	$114.09	$149.59	$120.91	$191.68	$177.50
Taxes	$171.84	$236.27	$249.10	$352.64	$216.07	$573.35	$461.65
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($128.52)	($121.65)	($126.03)	($227.61)	$0.00	($11.85)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($54.00)	($96.00)	($24.70)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,285.48**	**$1,328.44**	**$1,776.14**	**$1,293.80**	**$2,601.87**	**$2,318.32**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.30**	**$7.55**	**$10.09**	**$7.35**	**$14.78**	**$6.59** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Jones County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$281.00	$305.00	$586.00	$151.50	$737.50	$586.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$115.08	$116.49	$155.09	$121.76	$193.63	$183.00
Taxes	$171.84	$255.23	$264.01	$391.97	$220.24	$582.56	$494.30
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($118.05)	($113.42)	($98.33)	($224.58)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($26.86)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,351.02**	**$1,379.99**	**$1,907.67**	**$1,308.20**	**$2,632.52**	**$2,427.32**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.68**	**$7.84**	**$10.84**	**$7.43**	**$14.96**	**$6.90** ***per adult***

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

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$356.00	$422.00	$422.00	$422.00	$422.00	$547.00	$422.00
Child Care	$0.00	$273.00	$281.00	$554.00	$143.00	$697.00	$554.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$68.58	$117.38	$117.19	$154.99	$124.01	$193.98	$182.90
Taxes	$187.15	$268.53	$268.06	$391.30	$231.30	$584.21	$493.83
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($110.71)	($111.18)	($98.81)	($216.55)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($32.57)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$941.48**	**$1,396.96**	**$1,393.98**	**$1,905.43**	**$1,346.32**	**$2,638.03**	**$2,425.75**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.35**	**$7.94**	**$7.92**	**$10.83**	**$7.65**	**$14.99**	**$6.89** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Lenoir County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$244.00	$250.00	$494.00	$127.00	$621.00	$494.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$111.38	$110.99	$145.89	$119.31	$181.98	$173.80
Taxes	$171.84	$233.00	$231.79	$333.06	$208.21	$527.55	$436.81
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($130.33)	($131.20)	($139.78)	($233.32)	$0.00	($29.33)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($53.63)	($52.80)	($87.25)	($20.63)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,274.17**	**$1,268.68**	**$1,710.86**	**$1,266.70**	**$2,449.37**	**$2,235.30**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.24**	**$7.21**	**$9.72**	**$7.20**	**$13.92**	**$6.35** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Macon County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$334.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$284.00	$284.00	$568.00	$142.00	$710.00	$568.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$66.38	$115.38	$114.39	$153.29	$120.81	$190.88	$181.20
Taxes	$177.24	$256.97	$251.87	$379.88	$215.58	$569.57	$485.80
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($117.09)	($120.12)	($106.84)	($227.97)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($24.44)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$907.38**	**$1,357.01**	**$1,338.05**	**$1,867.28**	**$1,292.11**	**$2,589.29**	**$2,399.02**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.16**	**$7.71**	**$7.60**	**$10.61**	**$7.34**	**$14.71**	**$6.82** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Martin County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$227.00	$290.00	$517.00	$151.50	$668.50	$517.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$109.68	$114.99	$148.19	$121.76	$186.73	$176.10
Taxes	$171.84	$225.24	$255.34	$344.93	$220.24	$549.98	$452.25
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($134.60)	($118.20)	($131.45)	($224.58)	$0.00	($18.47)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($49.62)	($52.00)	($93.19)	($26.86)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,247.45**	**$1,350.03**	**$1,750.43**	**$1,308.20**	**$2,524.05**	**$2,286.91**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.09**	**$7.67**	**$9.95**	**$7.43**	**$14.34**	**$6.50** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Mcdowell County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$340.00	$408.00	$408.00	$408.00	$408.00	$558.00	$408.00
Child Care	$0.00	$261.00	$261.00	$522.00	$130.50	$652.50	$522.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$66.98	$114.78	$113.79	$150.39	$121.36	$190.63	$178.30
Taxes	$179.95	$253.50	$247.36	$358.01	$218.28	$568.39	$469.43
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($119.01)	($122.61)	($122.25)	($226.01)	$0.00	($6.36)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($54.00)	($96.00)	($25.84)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$916.68**	**$1,345.02**	**$1,322.45**	**$1,794.10**	**$1,301.43**	**$2,585.36**	**$2,344.39**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.21**	**$7.64**	**$7.51**	**$10.19**	**$7.39**	**$14.69**	**$6.66** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Mitchell County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$365.00	$419.00	$419.00	$419.00	$419.00	$572.00	$419.00
Child Care	$0.00	$257.00	$273.00	$530.00	$132.00	$662.00	$530.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$69.48	$115.48	$116.09	$152.29	$122.61	$192.98	$180.20
Taxes	$191.20	$257.55	$261.70	$373.17	$224.42	$579.49	$481.08
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($116.77)	($114.69)	($111.56)	($221.55)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($29.02)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$955.43**	**$1,359.01**	**$1,372.01**	**$1,844.84**	**$1,322.60**	**$2,622.30**	**$2,383.30**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.43**	**$7.72**	**$7.80**	**$10.48**	**$7.51**	**$14.90**	**$6.77** ***per adult***

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

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$281.00	$281.00	$562.00	$140.50	$702.50	$562.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$115.08	$114.09	$152.69	$120.66	$190.13	$180.60
Taxes	$171.84	$255.23	$249.10	$375.86	$214.84	$566.03	$482.97
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($118.05)	($121.65)	($109.67)	($228.51)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($54.00)	($92.00)	($24.06)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,351.02**	**$1,328.44**	**$1,853.82**	**$1,289.57**	**$2,577.50**	**$2,389.59**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.68**	**$7.55**	**$10.53**	**$7.33**	**$14.64**	**$6.79** *per adult*

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Moore County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$337.00	$401.00	$401.00	$401.00	$401.00	$549.00	$401.00
Child Care	$0.00	$273.00	$312.00	$585.00	$147.50	$732.50	$585.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$66.68	$115.28	$118.19	$155.99	$122.36	$197.73	$183.90
Taxes	$178.59	$256.39	$273.84	$398.01	$223.19	$601.91	$498.55
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($117.41)	($107.99)	($94.08)	($222.44)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($28.38)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$912.03**	**$1,355.01**	**$1,413.95**	**$1,927.87**	**$1,318.37**	**$2,696.98**	**$2,441.47**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.18**	**$7.70**	**$8.03**	**$10.95**	**$7.49**	**$15.32**	**$6.94** *per adult*

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Northampton County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$281.00	$305.00	$586.00	$151.50	$737.50	$586.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$115.08	$116.49	$155.09	$121.76	$193.63	$183.00
Taxes	$171.84	$255.23	$264.01	$391.97	$220.24	$582.56	$494.30
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($118.05)	($113.42)	($98.33)	($224.58)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($26.86)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,351.02**	**$1,379.99**	**$1,907.67**	**$1,308.20**	**$2,632.52**	**$2,427.32**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.68**	**$7.84**	**$10.84**	**$7.43**	**$14.96**	**$6.90** *per adult*

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Pamlico County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$281.00	$305.00	$586.00	$151.50	$737.50	$586.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$115.08	$116.49	$155.09	$121.76	$193.63	$183.00
Taxes	$171.84	$255.23	$264.01	$391.97	$220.24	$582.56	$494.30
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($118.05)	($113.42)	($98.33)	($224.58)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($26.86)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,351.02**	**$1,379.99**	**$1,907.67**	**$1,308.20**	**$2,632.52**	**$2,427.32**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.68**	**$7.84**	**$10.84**	**$7.43**	**$14.96**	**$6.90** *per adult*

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Pasquotank County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$344.00	$429.00	$429.00	$429.00	$429.00	$596.00	$429.00
Child Care	$0.00	$281.00	$290.00	$571.00	$151.50	$722.50	$571.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$67.38	$118.88	$118.79	$157.39	$125.56	$201.43	$185.30
Taxes	$181.75	$277.21	$277.31	$407.41	$238.91	$619.38	$505.16
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($105.92)	($106.08)	($87.46)	($211.02)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($36.51)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$922.88**	**$1,426.92**	**$1,425.94**	**$1,959.28**	**$1,372.57**	**$2,755.15**	**$2,463.48**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.24**	**$8.11**	**$8.10**	**$11.13**	**$7.80**	**$15.65**	**$7.00** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Pender County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$338.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$260.00	$305.00	$565.00	$151.50	$716.50	$565.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$66.78	$112.98	$116.49	$152.99	$121.76	$191.53	$180.90
Taxes	$179.04	$242.06	$264.01	$377.87	$220.24	$572.64	$484.39
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($125.33)	($113.42)	($108.26)	($224.58)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($26.86)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$913.58**	**$1,305.46**	**$1,379.99**	**$1,860.55**	**$1,308.20**	**$2,599.51**	**$2,394.31**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.19**	**$7.42**	**$7.84**	**$10.57**	**$7.43**	**$14.77**	**$6.80** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Perquimans County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$281.00	$290.00	$571.00	$151.50	$722.50	$571.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$115.08	$114.99	$153.59	$121.76	$192.13	$181.50
Taxes	$171.84	$255.23	$255.34	$381.90	$220.24	$575.47	$487.22
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($118.05)	($118.20)	($105.42)	($224.58)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($26.86)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,351.02**	**$1,350.03**	**$1,874.01**	**$1,308.20**	**$2,608.94**	**$2,403.74**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.68**	**$7.67**	**$10.65**	**$7.43**	**$14.82**	**$6.83** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Person County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$419.00	$419.00	$419.00	$419.00	$547.00	$419.00
Child Care	$0.00	$273.00	$273.00	$546.00	$136.50	$682.50	$546.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$117.08	$116.09	$153.89	$123.06	$192.53	$181.80
Taxes	$171.84	$266.80	$261.70	$383.91	$226.63	$577.36	$488.63
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($111.66)	($114.69)	($104.00)	($219.94)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($30.16)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,390.97**	**$1,372.01**	**$1,880.75**	**$1,330.22**	**$2,615.23**	**$2,408.45**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.90**	**$7.80**	**$10.69**	**$7.56**	**$14.86**	**$6.84** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Polk County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$353.00	$396.00	$396.00	$396.00	$396.00	$503.00	$396.00
Child Care	$0.00	$257.00	$273.00	$530.00	$137.00	$667.00	$530.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$68.28	$113.18	$113.79	$149.99	$120.81	$186.58	$177.90
Taxes	$185.80	$243.21	$247.36	$355.32	$215.58	$549.27	$466.74
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($124.69)	($122.61)	($124.14)	($227.97)	$0.00	($8.25)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($54.00)	($96.00)	($24.44)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$936.83**	**$1,309.45**	**$1,322.45**	**$1,785.12**	**$1,292.11**	**$2,521.69**	**$2,335.41**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.32**	**$7.44**	**$7.51**	**$10.14**	**$7.34**	**$14.33**	**$6.63** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Richmond County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$273.00	$273.00	$546.00	$136.50	$682.50	$546.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$114.28	$113.29	$151.09	$120.26	$188.13	$179.00
Taxes	$171.84	$250.61	$244.47	$362.71	$212.87	$556.59	$474.13
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($120.60)	($124.21)	($118.94)	($229.93)	$0.00	($3.05)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($54.00)	($96.00)	($23.04)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,335.04**	**$1,312.46**	**$1,809.80**	**$1,282.79**	**$2,546.06**	**$2,360.10**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.59**	**$7.46**	**$10.28**	**$7.29**	**$14.47**	**$6.70** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Robeson County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$329.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$228.00	$228.00	$456.00	$115.50	$571.50	$456.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.88	$109.78	$108.79	$142.09	$118.16	$177.03	$170.00
Taxes	$174.99	$225.70	$221.75	$313.45	$202.56	$503.80	$382.80
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($134.35)	($136.73)	($153.55)	($237.42)	($0.91)	($55.96)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($49.85)	($47.62)	($77.45)	($17.71)	($80.00)	($88.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$899.62**	**$1,249.03**	**$1,234.11**	**$1,645.49**	**$1,247.22**	**$2,370.25**	**$2,108.86**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.11**	**$7.10**	**$7.01**	**$9.35**	**$7.09**	**$13.47**	**$5.99** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Rockingham County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$259.00	$259.00	$518.00	$132.00	$650.00	$518.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$112.88	$111.89	$148.29	$119.81	$184.88	$176.20
Taxes	$171.84	$241.48	$236.38	$345.45	$210.66	$541.24	$452.93
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($125.65)	($128.68)	($131.09)	($231.54)	$0.00	($17.99)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($54.00)	($93.45)	($21.90)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,303.46**	**$1,284.50**	**$1,752.15**	**$1,275.17**	**$2,494.96**	**$2,289.15**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.41**	**$7.30**	**$9.96**	**$7.25**	**$14.18**	**$6.50** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Rutherford County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$250.00	$281.00	$531.00	$143.00	$674.00	$531.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$111.98	$114.09	$149.59	$120.91	$187.28	$177.50
Taxes	$171.84	$236.27	$249.10	$352.64	$216.07	$552.58	$461.65
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($128.52)	($121.65)	($126.03)	($227.61)	$0.00	($11.85)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($54.00)	($96.00)	($24.70)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,285.48**	**$1,328.44**	**$1,776.14**	**$1,293.80**	**$2,532.69**	**$2,318.32**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.30**	**$7.55**	**$10.09**	**$7.35**	**$14.39**	**$6.59** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Sampson County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$228.00	$236.00	$464.00	$120.00	$584.00	$464.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$109.78	$109.59	$142.89	$118.61	$178.28	$170.80
Taxes	$171.84	$225.70	$225.40	$317.58	$204.77	$510.08	$384.70
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($134.35)	($134.72)	($150.65)	($235.82)	$0.00	($53.11)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($49.85)	($49.50)	($79.51)	($18.85)	($80.00)	($88.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,249.03**	**$1,246.68**	**$1,659.25**	**$1,254.84**	**$2,391.20**	**$2,122.41**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.10**	**$7.08**	**$9.43**	**$7.13**	**$13.59**	**$6.03** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Scotland County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$281.00	$281.00	$562.00	$140.50	$702.50	$562.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$115.08	$114.09	$152.69	$120.66	$190.13	$180.60
Taxes	$171.84	$255.23	$249.10	$375.86	$214.84	$566.03	$482.97
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($118.05)	($121.65)	($109.67)	($228.51)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($54.00)	($92.00)	($24.06)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,351.02**	**$1,328.44**	**$1,853.82**	**$1,289.57**	**$2,577.50**	**$2,389.59**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.68**	**$7.55**	**$10.53**	**$7.33**	**$14.64**	**$6.79** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Stanly County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$396.00	$396.00	$396.00	$396.00	$535.00	$396.00
Child Care	$0.00	$250.00	$286.00	$536.00	$147.50	$683.50	$536.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$112.48	$115.09	$150.59	$121.86	$191.43	$178.50
Taxes	$171.84	$239.16	$255.92	$359.35	$220.73	$572.17	$470.77
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($126.92)	($117.89)	($121.31)	($224.22)	$0.00	($5.42)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($52.00)	($96.00)	($27.11)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,295.47**	**$1,352.03**	**$1,798.58**	**$1,309.90**	**$2,597.94**	**$2,348.88**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.36**	**$7.68**	**$10.22**	**$7.44**	**$14.76**	**$6.67** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Surry County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$228.00	$249.00	$477.00	$120.00	$597.00	$477.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$109.78	$110.89	$144.19	$118.61	$179.58	$172.10
Taxes	$171.84	$225.70	$231.34	$324.29	$204.77	$516.22	$425.40
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($134.35)	($131.46)	($145.94)	($235.82)	$0.00	($37.37)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($49.85)	($52.57)	($82.87)	($18.85)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,249.03**	**$1,267.11**	**$1,681.62**	**$1,254.84**	**$2,411.64**	**$2,197.15**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.10**	**$7.20**	**$9.55**	**$7.13**	**$13.70**	**$6.24** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Swain County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$257.00	$273.00	$530.00	$132.00	$662.00	$530.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$112.68	$113.29	$149.49	$119.81	$186.08	$177.40
Taxes	$171.84	$240.32	$244.47	$351.97	$210.66	$546.91	$460.98
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($126.29)	($124.21)	($126.51)	($231.54)	$0.00	($12.32)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($54.00)	($96.00)	($21.90)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,299.46**	**$1,312.46**	**$1,773.90**	**$1,275.17**	**$2,513.83**	**$2,316.08**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.38**	**$7.46**	**$10.08**	**$7.25**	**$14.28**	**$6.58** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Transylvania County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$330.00	$418.00	$418.00	$418.00	$418.00	$555.00	$418.00
Child Care	$0.00	$257.00	$273.00	$530.00	$132.00	$662.00	$530.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.98	$115.38	$115.99	$152.19	$122.51	$191.28	$180.10
Taxes	$175.44	$256.97	$261.12	$372.50	$223.93	$571.46	$480.61
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($117.09)	($115.01)	($112.04)	($221.91)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($28.76)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$901.17**	**$1,357.01**	**$1,370.01**	**$1,842.60**	**$1,320.91**	**$2,595.58**	**$2,381.73**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.12**	**$7.71**	**$7.78**	**$10.47**	**$7.51**	**$14.75**	**$6.77** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Tyrrell County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$281.00	$305.00	$586.00	$151.50	$737.50	$586.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$115.08	$116.49	$155.09	$121.76	$193.63	$183.00
Taxes	$171.84	$255.23	$264.01	$391.97	$220.24	$582.56	$494.30
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($118.05)	($113.42)	($98.33)	($224.58)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($26.86)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,351.02**	**$1,379.99**	**$1,907.67**	**$1,308.20**	**$2,632.52**	**$2,427.32**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.68**	**$7.84**	**$10.84**	**$7.43**	**$14.96**	**$6.90** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Vance County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$335.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$238.00	$286.00	$524.00	$136.00	$660.00	$524.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$66.48	$110.78	$114.59	$148.89	$120.21	$185.88	$176.80
Taxes	$177.69	$230.26	$253.03	$348.54	$212.63	$545.97	$456.95
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($131.83)	($119.48)	($128.91)	($230.11)	$0.00	($15.16)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.21)	($52.00)	($95.00)	($22.92)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$908.93**	**$1,264.74**	**$1,342.04**	**$1,762.47**	**$1,281.95**	**$2,510.68**	**$2,302.62**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.16**	**$7.19**	**$7.63**	**$10.01**	**$7.28**	**$14.27**	**$6.54** ***per adult***

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

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$250.00	$281.00	$531.00	$143.00	$674.00	$531.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$111.98	$114.09	$149.59	$120.91	$187.28	$177.50
Taxes	$171.84	$236.27	$249.10	$352.64	$216.07	$552.58	$461.65
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($128.52)	($121.65)	($126.03)	($227.61)	$0.00	($11.85)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($54.00)	($96.00)	($24.70)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,285.48**	**$1,328.44**	**$1,776.14**	**$1,293.80**	**$2,532.69**	**$2,318.32**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.30**	**$7.55**	**$10.09**	**$7.35**	**$14.39**	**$6.59** ***per adult***

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

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$273.00	$305.00	$578.00	$151.50	$729.50	$578.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$114.28	$116.49	$154.29	$121.76	$192.83	$182.20
Taxes	$171.84	$250.61	$264.01	$386.60	$220.24	$578.78	$490.52
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($120.60)	($113.42)	($102.11)	($224.58)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.00)	($52.00)	($92.00)	($26.86)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,335.04**	**$1,379.99**	**$1,889.72**	**$1,308.20**	**$2,619.95**	**$2,414.74**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.59**	**$7.84**	**$10.74**	**$7.43**	**$14.89**	**$6.86** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Watauga County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$437.00	$553.00	$553.00	$553.00	$553.00	$752.00	$553.00
Child Care	$0.00	$273.00	$290.00	$563.00	$175.50	$738.50	$563.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$76.68	$130.48	$131.19	$168.99	$140.36	$218.63	$196.90
Taxes	$223.61	$345.90	$351.95	$490.09	$330.85	$700.59	$559.93
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($68.20)	($65.18)	($29.23)	($144.56)	$0.00	$0.00
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($50.00)	($48.00)	($84.00)	($42.12)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$1,067.04**	**$1,662.92**	**$1,681.87**	**$2,235.80**	**$1,688.16**	**$3,025.56**	**$2,645.85**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$6.06**	**$9.45**	**$9.56**	**$12.70**	**$9.59**	**$17.19**	**$7.52** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Wilkes County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$357.00	$402.00	$402.00	$402.00	$402.00	$557.00	$402.00
Child Care	$0.00	$228.00	$266.00	$494.00	$132.00	$626.00	$494.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$68.68	$110.88	$113.69	$146.99	$120.91	$187.88	$174.90
Taxes	$187.60	$230.72	$246.79	$338.74	$216.07	$555.41	$444.20
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($131.58)	($122.93)	($135.80)	($227.61)	$0.00	($24.14)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($52.45)	($54.00)	($90.09)	($24.70)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$943.03**	**$1,266.31**	**$1,320.45**	**$1,729.79**	**$1,293.80**	**$2,542.12**	**$2,259.98**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.36**	**$7.19**	**$7.50**	**$9.83**	**$7.35**	**$14.44**	**$6.42** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Wilson County, NC, 1996
Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$322.00	$395.00	$395.00	$395.00	$395.00	$503.00	$395.00
Child Care	$0.00	$250.00	$281.00	$531.00	$143.00	$674.00	$531.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.18	$112.38	$114.49	$149.99	$121.31	$187.28	$177.90
Taxes	$171.84	$238.59	$252.45	$355.32	$218.03	$552.58	$466.74
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($127.24)	($119.80)	($124.14)	($226.19)	$0.00	($8.25)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($52.00)	($96.00)	($25.71)	($80.00)	($80.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$888.77**	**$1,293.47**	**$1,340.05**	**$1,785.12**	**$1,300.58**	**$2,532.69**	**$2,335.41**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.05**	**$7.35**	**$7.61**	**$10.14**	**$7.39**	**$14.39**	**$6.63** ***per adult***

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Yancey County, NC, 1996

Selected Family Types

Monthly Costs	*Single Adult*	*Adult + infant*	*Adult + preschooler*	*Adult + infant preschooler*	*Adult + schoolage teenager*	*Adult + infant preschooler schoolage*	*2 Adults + infant preschooler*
Housing	$328.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$391.00	$503.00	$391.00
Child Care	$0.00	$257.00	$273.00	$530.00	$132.00	$662.00	$530.00
Food	$153.48	$225.28	$233.09	$303.24	$400.26	$407.90	$434.90
Transportation	$105.71	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$109.60	$212.06
Medical Care	$70.57	$143.87	$126.22	$161.10	$165.27	$178.33	$206.06
Miscellaneous	$65.78	$112.68	$113.29	$149.49	$119.81	$186.08	$177.40
Taxes	$174.54	$240.32	$244.47	$351.97	$210.66	$546.91	$460.98
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($126.29)	($124.21)	($126.51)	($231.54)	$0.00	($12.32)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0.00	($54.00)	($54.00)	($96.00)	($21.90)	($80.00)	($84.00)
Monthly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$898.07**	**$1,299.46**	**$1,312.46**	**$1,773.90**	**$1,275.17**	**$2,513.83**	**$2,316.08**
Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wage	**$5.10**	**$7.38**	**$7.46**	**$10.08**	**$7.25**	**$14.28**	**$6.58** ***per adult***

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