

EXPENSES DATA

Source

These data come from the Living Wage Calculator (<http://livingwage.mit.edu/>), © 2016 Dr. Amy K. Glasmeier and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Information

Adults

2 (1) means 2 adults but only 1 is working. In these tables the non-working adult is assumed to be providing childcare.

Children

- For one child: assumed to be 4 years old
- For two children: assumed to be 4 and 9 years old
- For three children: assumed to be 4, 9, and 15 years old

Food

Compiled using the USDA's low-cost food plan. The low-cost plan assumes that families select lower cost foods and that all meals (including snacks) are prepared in the home.

Housing

The housing component captures the likely cost of rental housing in a given area in 2014 using U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fair Market Rents (FMR) estimates.

The FMR is the 40th percentile of *gross rents* for *typical, non-substandard rental units* occupied by recent movers in a local housing market. (This means 40% of rents would be below this and 60% would be above it.)¹

- **Gross rents:** Sum of rent paid plus any extra utility costs.
- **Typical, non-substandard rental units:** The FMR does not include public housing, rental units built in the last 2 years, rental units considered substandard in quality, seasonal rentals, and rental units on 10 or more acres.

Other

The basic needs budget includes cost estimates for items not otherwise included in the major budget components such as clothing, personal care items, and housekeeping supplies. Expenditures for other necessities are based on 2012 data by household size from the 2013 Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Expenditure Survey including: (1) Apparel and services, (2) Housekeeping supplies, (3) Personal care products and services, (4) Reading, and (5) Miscellaneous.

¹ <https://www.huduser.gov/periodicals/USHMC/winter98/summary-2.html>

MINIMAL ANNUAL COSTS

Athens County, Ohio

Adults	1	1	1	1	2	2	2 (1)	2	2 (1)	2	2 (1)
Children	0	1	2	3	0	1	1	2	2	3	3
Food	\$3,087	\$4,553	\$6,849	\$9,078	\$5,659	\$7,047	\$7,047	\$9,095	\$9,095	\$11,068	\$11,068
Child Care	\$0	\$6,239	\$10,381	\$14,523	\$0	\$6,239	\$0	\$10,381	\$0	\$14,523	\$0
Medical	\$2,060	\$5,455	\$5,244	\$5,308	\$4,185	\$5,244	\$5,244	\$5,308	\$5,308	\$5,275	\$5,275
Housing	\$6,792	\$8,412	\$8,412	\$10,584	\$7,092	\$8,412	\$8,412	\$8,412	\$8,412	\$10,584	\$10,584
Transportation	\$4,569	\$8,320	\$9,589	\$11,236	\$8,320	\$9,589	\$9,589	\$11,236	\$11,236	\$10,735	\$10,735
Other	\$2,127	\$3,699	\$4,046	\$4,891	\$3,699	\$4,046	\$4,046	\$4,891	\$4,891	\$4,569	\$4,569
Annual taxes	\$2,346	\$4,617	\$5,604	\$7,001	\$3,645	\$5,108	\$4,322	\$6,209	\$4,902	\$7,144	\$5,316

New York County, NY

Adults	1	1	1	1	2	2	2(1)	2	2(1)	2	2(1)
Children	0	1	2	3	0	1	1	2	2	3	3
Food	\$3,509	\$5,176	\$7,786	\$10,321	\$6,434	\$8,011	\$8,011	\$10,339	\$10,339	\$12,583	\$12,583
Child Care	\$0	\$10,176	\$20,250	\$30,324	\$0	\$10,176	\$0	\$20,250	\$0	\$30,324	\$0
Medical	\$2,304	\$6,070	\$5,859	\$5,922	\$4,654	\$5,859	\$5,859	\$5,922	\$5,922	\$5,889	\$5,889
Housing	\$13,956	\$17,280	\$17,280	\$22,224	\$14,580	\$17,280	\$17,280	\$17,280	\$17,280	\$22,224	\$22,224
Transportation	\$3,764	\$6,855	\$7,901	\$9,258	\$6,855	\$7,901	\$7,901	\$9,258	\$9,258	\$8,845	\$8,845
Other	\$2,096	\$3,644	\$3,987	\$4,819	\$3,644	\$3,987	\$3,987	\$4,819	\$4,819	\$4,502	\$4,502
Annual taxes	\$4,106	\$7,882	\$10,103	\$13,275	\$5,794	\$8,525	\$6,895	\$10,873	\$7,629	\$13,516	\$8,658