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Here are the wage calculations for Galveston families from 1-5 members in size. You can look it up yourself at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology website mentioned in Heber Taylor's editorials. <http://livingwage.mit.edu/>

## Living Wage Calculation for Galveston County, Texas

The living wage shown is the hourly rate that an individual must earn to support their family, if they are the sole provider and are working full-time (2080 hours per year). The state minimum wage is the same for all individuals, regardless of how many dependents they may have. The poverty rate is typically quoted as gross annual income. We have converted it to an hourly wage for the sake of comparison. Wages that are less than the living wage are shown in red.

Hourly Wages	1 Adult	1 Adult, 1 Child	1 Adult, 2 Children	1 Adult, 3 Children	2 Adults	2 Adults, 1 Child	2 Adults, 2 Children	2 Adults, 3 Children
Living Wage	\$9.24	\$19.11	\$23.06	\$28.76	\$14.54	\$18.06	\$19.42	\$22.94
Poverty Wage	\$5.21	\$7.00	\$8.80	\$10.60	\$7.00	\$8.80	\$10.60	\$12.40
Minimum Wage	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25

## Typical Expenses

These figures show the individual expenses that went into the living wage estimate. Their values vary by family size, composition, and the current location.

Monthly Expenses	1 Adult	1 Adult, 1 Child	1 Adult, 2 Children	1 Adult, 3 Children	2 Adults	2 Adults, 1 Child	2 Adults, 2 Children	2 Adults, 3 Children
Food	\$242	\$357	\$536	\$749	\$444	\$553	\$713	\$904
Child Care	\$0	\$446	\$717	\$988	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Medical	\$131	\$467	\$486	\$468	\$317	\$462	\$437	\$449
Housing	\$661	\$892	\$892	\$1,189	\$735	\$892	\$892	\$1,189
Transportation	\$318	\$618	\$712	\$764	\$618	\$712	\$764	\$777
Other	\$77	\$177	\$224	\$292	\$134	\$175	\$197	\$230
Required monthly income after taxes	\$1,429	\$2,957	\$3,567	\$4,450	\$2,248	\$2,794	\$3,003	\$3,549
Required annual income after taxes	\$17,148	\$35,484	\$42,804	\$53,400	\$26,976	\$33,528	\$36,036	\$42,588
Annual taxes	\$2,065	\$4,274	\$5,156	\$6,428	\$3,259	\$4,045	\$4,350	\$5,120
Required annual income before taxes	\$19,213	\$39,758	\$47,960	\$59,828	\$30,235	\$37,573	\$40,386	\$47,708

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