

LIVING WAGE CALCULATION FOR GALVESTON COUNTY

Hourly Wages	1 adult	1 adult	1 adult	1 adult	2 adults	2 adults	2 adults	2 adults
		1 child	2 children	3 children		1 child	2 children	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 adult	1 adult	2 adults	2 adults	2 adults	2 adults
		1 child	2 children	3 children		1 child	2 children	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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