WHAT IT **REALLY** TAKES TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT IN
DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA

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

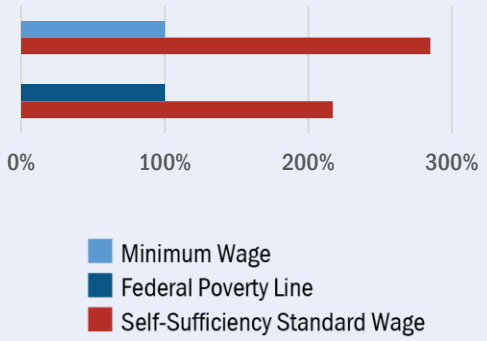
THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY STANDARD DEFINED

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

COMPARING SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGES WITH MINIMUM WAGE AND POVERTY

The Self-Sufficiency Standard Wage for this county is **285%** of Minimum Wage.

The Self-Sufficiency Standard Wage for this county is **217%** of the Federal Poverty Line.



Numbers are based on a family of three in this county.
1 ADULT
1 PRESCHOOLER
1 SCHOOL-AGE

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

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

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

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

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HOURS:MINUTES PER WEEK

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

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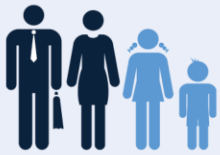
HOURS:MINUTES PER WEEK

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



BASIC BUDGET NEEDS FOR THIS COUNTY

MONTHLY COSTS	1 ADULT	1 ADULT 1 PRESCHOOLER 1 SCHOOL-AGE	2 ADULTS 1 PRESCHOOLER 1 SCHOOL-AGE
Housing	$491	$642	$642
Child Care	$0	$1,035	$1,035
Food	$247	$565	$776
Transportation	$236	$243	$462
Health Care	$173	$470	$530
Miscellaneous	$115	$296	$345
Taxes	$238	$665	$689
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	$0	($19)	($0)
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	$0	($100)	($100)
Child Tax Credit (-)	$0	($167)	($167)
SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE			
Hourly (per adult)	$8.52	$20.63	$11.97
Monthly	$1,499	$3,631	$4,212
Annual	$17,990	$43,575	$50,541

Annual child care expenses in this county
1 PRESCHOOLER + 1 SCHOOL-AGE CHILD

$12,420