

Self-Sufficiency in Central Pennsylvania

The Self-Sufficiency Standard defines the amount of income necessary to meet basic needs (including taxes) without public subsidies and without private/informal assistance.

Hourly Self-Sufficiency Wages

Centre County: \$31.47

Clinton County: \$23.82

Columbia County: \$28.46

Lycoming County: \$25.78

Mifflin County: \$26.58

Montour County: \$28.40

Northumberland County: \$26.55

Snyder County: \$27.46

Union County: \$27.44

Annual Self-Sufficiency Wages

Centre County: \$66,462

Clinton County: \$50,311

Columbia County: \$60,116

Lycoming County: \$54,445

Mifflin County: \$56,141

Montour County: \$59,982

Northumberland County: \$56,069

Snyder County: \$57,987

Union County: \$57,945

Based on a family of one parent and one pre-school aged child; Annual and hourly wages are based on a 2,112-hour work year.

The **Self-Sufficiency Standard** is a budget-based measure of the real cost of living and an alternative to the official poverty measure. It determines the amount of income required for working families to meet basic needs at a minimally adequate level, taking into account family composition, ages of children, and geographic differences in costs. It assumes the full cost of each need, which are defined as Broadband and Cell Phone, Child Care, Food, Health Care, Housing, Miscellaneous and Other Necessities, Transportation, Taxes, and Tax Credits. The Self-Sufficiency Standard is available for over 700 family types at the county-level from the Center for Women's Welfare, University of Washington.

For more information visit: www.SelfSufficiencyStandard.org

Source: 2024 Pennsylvania Dataset; Self-Sufficiency Standard at the Center for Women's Welfare, University of Washington.