

Cost of Living Calculations

Think of your group as a family that lives in a household together. (The size of your group will be the size of your household.) Make a list of what your basic needs are. Calculate the monthly costs of basic needs for your group's family. Write them on the sheet where you have listed the items. Add up the monthly costs, and then multiply by 12 to find out the amount of money a family would need in order to survive in your community.

BASIC NEEDS PER MONTH	COST IN YOUR AREA
Food	
Housing	

Size of Family: _____

Total Cost of Basic Needs per month in your area: _____

Total Cost of Basic Needs per year in your area: _____

Federal Poverty Level: _____

Federal Minimum Wage: _____

per hour: _____

annual income: _____

Minimum wage required for worker in your area to meet basic needs: _____