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Still Struggling to Make Ends Meet: Job Gap 2020-2021



Hello!

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What does it **cost to live?**

How do you figure out the minimum amount a family needs to get by?

Build a no-frills budget with basic necessities at market rate costs.

- No babysitting by grandma
- No deals on rent from friends
- No food stamps
- No family vacations

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Basic needs **budgets**



- Food
- Housing & Utilities
- Health Care
- Transportation
- Household, Clothing, & Personal
- Child Care
- Savings
- Taxes

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Different household **types**

Household 1

Single adult

Household 2

Single adult with one child
between the ages of 6 and 8

Household 3

Single adult with two children,
one between the ages of 6
and 8 and the other between
the ages of 1 and 2

Household 4

Two adults including one
wage earner, with two
children, one between the
ages of 6 and 8 and the other
between the ages of 1 and 2

Household 5

Two adults, both wage
earners, with two children, one
between the ages of 6 and 8
and the other between the
ages of 1 and 2

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Pandemic Effects

- Most data is collected yearly
- Rapidly changing economic situation since March 2020
 - Housing
 - Transportation
- Inflation is increasing

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Pandemic **Benefits**

- Major tax code changes for 2021 ONLY
 - Child Credit
 - Child and Dependent Care Credit
- Resulted in lower living wage for some family types in 2021

Ultimately, 2020 Job Gap wages better reflect what workers need to survive in 2022 and beyond.

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WASHINGTON 2020 Monthly Family Budgets	Household 1: Single adult	Household 2: Single adult with a school-age child (age 6-8 yrs)	Household 3: Single adult with a toddler (12-24 months) and a school-age child (6-8yrs)	Household 4: Two adults (one of whom is working) with a toddler and a school-age child	Household 5: Two adults (both of whom are working) with a toddler and a school age child
Food	\$216.35	\$417.51	\$549.33	\$798.83	\$798.83
Housing & Utilities	\$1,302.06	\$1,593.36	\$1,593.36	\$1,593.36	\$1,593.36
Transportation	\$525.67	\$487.93	\$544.53	\$1,167.27	\$1,222.46
Health Care	\$144.96	\$361.64	\$465.43	\$515.81	\$515.81
Household, Clothing, & Personal (18%)	\$547.26	\$715.11	\$788.16	\$1,018.82	\$1,032.61
Savings (10%)	\$304.03	\$397.28	\$437.87	\$566.01	\$573.67
Child Care	\$0.00	\$765.85	\$2,260.28	\$0.00	\$2,260.28
State/Federal Taxes (Annually)	\$6,155.05	\$9,239.23	\$10,189.13	\$7,223.93	\$12,602.54
Gross income needed (monthly)	\$3,553.25	\$5,508.63	\$7,488.06	\$6,262.09	\$9,047.24
Gross income needed (annually)	\$42,639.03	\$66,103.51	\$89,856.68	\$75,145.04	\$108,566.84
Living Wage per working adult (hourly)	\$20.50	\$31.78	\$43.20	\$36.13	\$26.10

Washington State Average

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King County 2020 Monthly Family Budgets	Household 1: Single adult	Household 2: Single adult with a school-age child (age 6-8 yrs)	Household 3: Single adult with a toddler (12-24 months) and a school-age child (6-8yrs)	Household 4: Two adults (one of whom is working) with a toddler and a school-age child	Household 5: Two adults (both of whom are working) with a toddler and a school age child
Food	\$216.35	\$417.51	\$549.33	\$798.83	\$798.83
Housing & Utilities	\$1,792.82	\$2,150.82	\$2,150.82	\$2,150.82	\$2,150.82
Transportation	\$525.67	\$487.93	\$544.53	\$1,167.27	\$1,222.46
Health Care	\$144.96	\$361.64	\$465.43	\$515.81	\$515.81
Household, Clothing, & Personal (18%)	\$669.95	\$854.48	\$927.53	\$1,158.18	\$1,171.98
Savings (10%)	\$372.19	\$474.71	\$515.29	\$643.43	\$651.10
Child Care	\$0.00	\$1,021.22	\$2,936.69	\$0.00	\$2,936.69
State/Federal Taxes	\$7,919.49	\$13,353.62	\$20,263.55	\$9,218.45	\$18,356.95
Gross income needed (monthly)	\$4,381.90	\$6,881.11	\$9,778.25	\$7,202.55	\$10,977.43
Gross income needed (annually)	\$52,582.80	\$82,573.33	\$117,339.01	\$86,430.56	\$131,729.17
Living Wage per working adult (hourly)	\$25.28	\$39.70	\$56.41	\$41.55	\$31.67

King County

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Snohomish County 2020 Monthly Family Budgets	Household 1: Single adult	Household 2: Single adult with a school-age child (age 6-8 yrs)	Household 3: Single adult with a toddler (12-24 months) and a school-age child (6-8yrs)	Household 4: Two adults (one of whom is working) with a toddler and a school-age child	Household 5: Two adults (both of whom are working) with a toddler and a school age child
Food	\$216.35	\$417.51	\$549.33	\$798.83	\$798.83
Housing & Utilities	\$1,792.82	\$2,150.82	\$2,150.82	\$2,150.82	\$2,150.82
Transportation	\$525.67	\$487.93	\$544.53	\$1,167.27	\$1,222.46
Health Care	\$144.96	\$361.64	\$465.43	\$515.81	\$515.81
Household, Clothing, & Personal (18%)	\$669.95	\$854.48	\$927.53	\$1,158.18	\$1,171.98
Savings (10%)	\$372.19	\$474.71	\$515.29	\$643.43	\$651.10
Child Care	\$0.00	\$777.47	\$2,290.12	\$0.00	\$2,290.12
State/Federal Taxes (Annually)	\$7,919.49	\$12,373.09	\$17,497.44	\$9,218.45	\$15,793.85
Gross income needed (monthly)	\$4,381.90	\$6,555.65	\$8,901.17	\$7,202.55	\$10,117.27
Gross income needed (annually)	\$52,582.80	\$78,667.81	\$106,814.07	\$86,430.56	\$121,407.23
Living Wage per working adult (hourly)	\$25.28	\$37.82	\$51.35	\$41.55	\$29.18

Snohomish County

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Spokane County 2020 Monthly Family Budgets	Household 1: Single adult	Household 2: Single adult with a school-age child (age 6-8 yrs)	Household 3: Single adult with a toddler (12-24 months) and a school-age child (6-8yrs)	Household 4: Two adults (one of whom is working) with a toddler and a school-age child	Household 5: Two adults (both of whom are working) with a toddler and a school age child
Food	\$216.35	\$417.51	\$549.33	\$798.83	\$798.83
Housing & Utilities	\$747.82	\$961.82	\$961.82	\$961.82	\$961.82
Transportation	\$525.67	\$487.93	\$544.53	\$1,167.27	\$1,222.46
Health Care	\$144.96	\$361.64	\$465.43	\$515.81	\$515.81
Household, Clothing, & Personal (18%)	\$408.70	\$557.23	\$630.28	\$860.93	\$874.73
Savings (10%)	\$227.06	\$309.57	\$350.15	\$478.30	\$485.96
Child Care	\$0.00	\$637.26	\$1,771.75	\$0.00	\$1,771.75
State/Federal Taxes (Annually)	\$4,170.74	\$5,336.72	\$8,757.77	\$4,960.50	\$8,529.17
Gross income needed (monthly)	\$2,618.12	\$4,177.69	\$6,003.11	\$5,196.33	\$7,342.12
Gross income needed (annually)	\$31,417.38	\$50,132.24	\$72,037.29	\$62,355.95	\$88,105.45
Living Wage per working adult (hourly)	\$15.10	\$24.10	\$34.63	\$29.98	\$21.18

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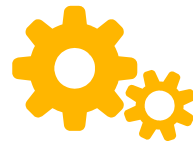


Yakima County 2020 Monthly Family Budgets	Household 1: Single adult	Household 2: Single adult with a school-age child (age 6-8 yrs)	Household 3: Single adult with a toddler (12-24 months) and a school-age child (6-8yrs)	Household 4: Two adults (one of whom is working) with a toddler and a school-age child	Household 5: Two adults (both of whom are working) with a toddler and a school age child
Food	\$216.35	\$417.51	\$549.33	\$798.83	\$798.83
Housing & Utilities	\$820.82	\$1,064.82	\$1,064.82	\$1,064.82	\$1,064.82
Transportation	\$525.67	\$487.93	\$544.53	\$1,167.27	\$1,222.46
Health Care	\$144.96	\$361.64	\$465.43	\$515.81	\$515.81
Household, Clothing, & Personal (18%)	\$426.95	\$582.98	\$656.03	\$886.68	\$900.48
Savings (10%)	\$237.19	\$323.88	\$364.46	\$492.60	\$500.27
Child Care	\$0.00	\$493.04	\$1,666.49	\$0.00	\$1,666.49
State/Federal Taxes (Annually)	\$4,431.89	\$5,335.58	\$8,902.16	\$5,332.15	\$8,624.56
Gross income needed (monthly)	\$2,741.27	\$4,176.43	\$6,052.94	\$5,370.36	\$7,387.87
Gross income needed (annually)	\$32,895.20	\$50,117.13	\$72,635.22	\$64,444.26	\$88,654.39
Living Wage per working adult (hourly)	\$15.81	\$24.09	\$34.92	\$30.98	\$21.31

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How many hours?



Average IP worker wage 2022: \$20.49 per hour	Single Adult		Single Adult with Two Children	
	2020 Living Wage	Hours/Week at average wage to meet budget needs	2020 Living Wage	Hours/Week at average wage to meet budget needs
Statewide	\$20.50	40.0	\$43.20	84.3
King County	\$25.28	49.4	\$56.41	110.1
Snohomish County	\$25.28	49.4	\$51.35	100.2
Spokane County	\$15.10	29.5	\$34.63	67.6
Yakima County	\$15.81	30.9	\$34.92	68.2

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2022 and beyond



- Inflation now at its highest rate since early 1980s
- Conflict abroad affecting cost of basic needs
 - Transportation
 - Food
- \$20.50 was the living wage for a single adult in 2020 - on track to be at least \$23.17 by 2025 using Economic and Revenue Council projections

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Thanks!

Any questions?

Please type them in the chat! You can also find me at
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