



The hourly self-sufficiency wage is calculated by dividing the published annual rate by 2,080, the number of hours per year in a full-time position.

The hourly self-sufficiency wage for one parent and one pre-school aged child in the Central Region is **\$15.86**.

The self-sufficiency wages for each county are based on the self-sufficiency standard for a family comprised of **one parent and one pre-school aged child** as reported in the **Self-Sufficiency Standard for Pennsylvania 2010-2011 by PathWays PA**.

Self sufficiency is defined as the actual cost of meeting a family's basic needs without public or private assistance, based on family composition and county of residence.

The self-sufficiency wage for the Central Region is a weighted average (based on 2010 employment estimates provided by **Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc.**) of the self-sufficiency wages for all counties.