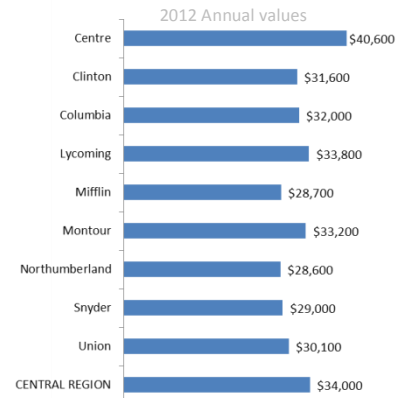
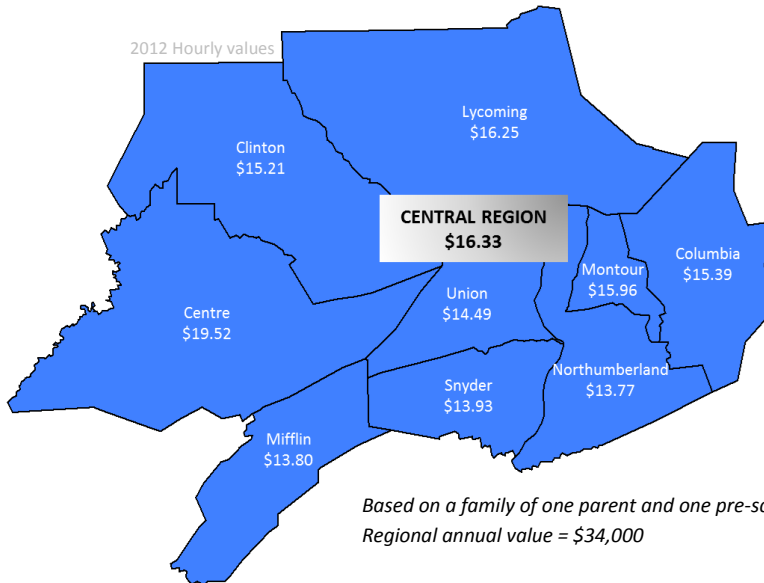


Self-Sufficiency in the Central Region

The Self-Sufficiency Standard measures how much income a family of a certain composition in a given place needs to adequately meet their basic needs—without public or private assistance. — *PathwaysPA*

What's included?

- Housing
- Child Care
- Food
- Transportation
- Health Care
- Taxes
- Miscellaneous (Clothing, diapers, telephone, etc.)



Based on a family of one parent and one pre-school aged child
Regional annual value = \$34,000

Household Income

- Total Households: 248,300
- Median Household Income: \$40,200 (+18.3%)
- 109,300 households have income of less than \$35,000
 - 44.0% of all households

--DecisionData, based on 2011 estimates

Occupations

- Total Jobs: 342,200
- Median Occupational Wage: \$16.73/hour (+2.5%)
- 215,200 jobs pay less than \$16.33
 - 62.9% of all employment

--Economic Modeling Specialists, Incorporated, Complete Employment 2012.3; occupational wages do not include benefits

Other Comparisons

- 2006 Self-Sufficiency: \$12.70
- 2008 Self-Sufficiency: \$14.52
- 2010 Self-Sufficiency: \$15.74
 - Increases of +14.3%, +8.4%, and +3.7%, and +28.5% overall
 - Consumer Price Index increased by 11.6% (2006-2011)
- PA minimum hourly wage: \$7.25/hour (-55.6%)
- 2011 Federal Poverty Threshold: \$15,500 (-54.3%)
- Maximum Welfare benefits: \$8,100 (-76.1%)

--Self-sufficiency wages provided by PathwaysPA and Center for Women's Welfare, University of Washington

--Consumer Price Index data provided by Bureau of Labor Statistics

--Poverty threshold provided by U.S. Census Bureau

--Welfare data provided by Department of Public Welfare

Annual and hourly data are comparable under the assumption that a full-time work schedule entails 2,080 hours per year.

PathwaysPA and Center for Women's Welfare, University of Washington publishes county-level, information from which CPWDC calculates a weighted regional value based on employment figures.

CPWDC incorporates the regional self-sufficiency value into training policies. For Individual Training Accounts (ITA) to be considered, the occupational wage has to exceed \$15.86 per hour (this is the previous self-sufficiency value based on outdated employment information).

For more information:

- www.cpwdc.org/workforce-trends/labor-market-reports/
- www.selfsufficiencystandard.org (Center for Women's Welfare)
- www.pathwayspa.org