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Living Wage Calculation for Cook County, Illinois

The living wage shown is the hourly rate that an **individual** in a household must earn to support his or herself and their family. The assumption is the sole provider is working full-time (2080 hours per year). The tool provides information for individuals, and households with one or two working adults and zero to three children. In the case of households with two working adults, all values are **per working adult, single or in a family** unless otherwise noted.

The state minimum wage is the same for all individuals, regardless of how many dependents they may have. Data are updated annually, in the first quarter of the new year. State minimum wages are determined based on the posted value of the minimum wage as of January one of the coming year (National Conference of State Legislatures, 2019). The poverty rate reflects a person's gross annual income. We have converted it to an hourly wage for the sake of comparison.

For further detail, please reference the [technical documentation here](#).

	1 ADULT				2 ADULTS (1 WORKING)				2 ADULTS (BOTH WORKING)			
	0 Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	0 Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	0 Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children
Living Wage	\$16.32	\$32.32	\$40.12	\$51.48	\$25.66	\$29.95	\$33.61	\$36.19	\$12.83	\$17.56	\$21.96	\$25.83
Poverty Wage	\$6.13	\$8.29	\$10.44	\$12.60	\$8.29	\$10.44	\$12.60	\$14.75	\$4.14	\$5.22	\$6.30	\$7.38
Minimum Wage	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

Typical Expenses

These figures show the individual expenses that went into the living wage estimate. Their values vary by family size, composition, and the current location.

	1 ADULT				2 ADULTS (1 WORKING)				2 ADULTS (BOTH WORKING)			
	0 Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	0 Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	0 Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children
Food	\$3,246	\$4,771	\$7,141	\$9,494	\$5,950	\$7,394	\$9,505	\$11,589	\$5,950	\$7,394	\$9,505	\$11,589
Child Care	\$0	\$8,699	\$17,398	\$26,096	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,699	\$17,398	\$26,096
Medical	\$2,862	\$7,772	\$7,460	\$7,600	\$6,139	\$7,460	\$7,600	\$7,253	\$6,139	\$7,460	\$7,600	\$7,253
Housing	\$11,472	\$14,976	\$14,976	\$19,020	\$12,912	\$14,976	\$14,976	\$19,020	\$12,912	\$14,976	\$14,976	\$19,020
Transportation	\$5,149	\$9,443	\$11,753	\$13,993	\$9,443	\$11,753	\$13,993	\$12,698	\$9,443	\$11,753	\$13,993	\$12,698
Civic	\$1,956	\$4,200	\$3,838	\$4,457	\$4,200	\$3,838	\$4,457	\$4,300	\$4,200	\$3,838	\$4,457	\$4,300
Other	\$2,835	\$4,620	\$5,070	\$6,127	\$4,620	\$5,070	\$6,127	\$6,145	\$4,620	\$5,070	\$6,127	\$6,145
Required annual income after taxes	\$27,519	\$54,481	\$67,637	\$86,786	\$43,264	\$50,492	\$56,658	\$61,005	\$43,264	\$59,191	\$74,056	\$87,101
Annual taxes	\$6,434	\$12,738	\$15,814	\$20,291	\$10,115	\$11,805	\$13,247	\$14,263	\$10,115	\$13,839	\$17,315	\$20,365
Required annual income before taxes	\$33,953	\$67,219	\$83,451	\$107,077	\$53,379	\$62,297	\$69,905	\$75,269	\$53,379	\$73,030	\$91,370	\$107,466

Typical Annual Salaries

These are the typical annual salaries for various professions in this location.

Occupational Area	Typical Annual Salary
Management	\$105,466
Business & Financial Operations	\$71,020
Computer & Mathematical	\$89,148
Architecture & Engineering	\$82,683
Life, Physical, & Social Science	\$67,204
Community & Social Service	\$46,590
Legal	\$92,637
Education, Training, & Library	\$50,140

Occupational Area	Typical Annual Salary
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, & Media	\$48,626
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$68,514
Healthcare Support	\$29,126
Protective Service	\$48,574
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$23,377
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	\$30,006
Personal Care & Service	\$26,006
Sales & Related	\$30,456
Office & Administrative Support	\$39,060
Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	\$32,860
Construction & Extraction	\$71,368
Installation, Maintenance, & Repair	\$49,270
Production	\$36,850
Transportation & Material Moving	\$33,403

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