

You are trying to raise a family.

Here are your monthly expenses. And here's your monthly income for your household of two children and two working adults in DeKalb County.

Both of you are working full-time *and* over-time at the new federal minimum wage of \$7.25/hour...which doesn't go into effect until July 2009.

You're more than \$1,000 short...every month.

How are you going to make ends meet? Will you miss your rent payment? Cancel health care coverage for the family *and* cut out childcare? Cut back on food *and* healthcare? Or food *and* transportation?

Monthly Expenses		Monthly Income	
Housing	\$966	176 hours X \$7.25	\$1,276
Child Care	776	(Full-time pay:	
Food	544	40 hrs/week = 176 hrs/month)	
Transportation	505	22 hours X \$10.88	\$239
Healthcare	280	(Over-time @ time & 1/2	
Miscellaneous	307	5 hrs/week = 22 hrs/month)	
Taxes	866	Subtotal (1 adult income)	\$1,515
Earned Income Tax Credit (deduct)	0		
Child Care Tax Credit (deduct)	-80		
Child Tax Credit (deduct)	-100		
TOTAL EXPENSES*	\$4,064	TOTAL INCOME*	\$3030
Annual family expenses*	\$48,768	(2 adults X 1,515.36/month)	\$36,360
		Annual family income	\$36,360

How much is a fair wage?

It's enough to live on without public assistance.*

Fair wages for selected Georgia Counties

Family Size	DeKalb (Decatur)	Fulton (Atlanta)	Chatham (Savannah)	Lowndes (Valdosta)	Floyd (Rome)	Hancock (Sparta)
One adult (hourly)	\$10.93	\$9.12	\$7.82	\$7.19	\$6.75	\$6.65
(annual)	23,084.00	19,256.00	16,518.00	15,188.00	14,254.00	14,036.00
One adult and One preschooler	\$17.21	\$15.36	\$11.82	\$10.37	\$10.52	\$9.61
	36,342.00	32,437.00	24,972.00	21,909.00	22,215.00	20,292.00
One adult and One preschooler	\$19.82	\$17.98	\$13.87	\$11.83	\$12.43	\$10.93
One school-age child	41,865.00	37,982.00	29,293.00	24,991.00	26,249.00	23,087.00
Two adults (hourly, per adult)	\$11.55	\$9.81	\$8.62	\$7.99	\$8.18	\$7.63
One preschooler and One school-age child	48,774.00	41,422.00	36,419.00	33,758.00	34,550.00	32,242.00

Source: The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Georgia, June 2002, prepared for the Women's Policy Group, by Diana Pearce, Ph.D., with Jennifer Brooks (www.sixstrategies.org/files/GA-FINAL-fullreport.pdf) * Totals may vary slightly due to rounding of numbers.



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