

Self-Sufficiency Simulator:

Learn what it takes for Ohio families to make ends meet.

How can I use the simulator?

- Explore how self-sufficiency varies by county and family type.
- Create a monthly budget.
- Learn how much people need to work to be self-sufficient if they earn a minimum wage.

How else can this simulator be used?

Example uses for various community groups:

Service Organizations

Enhance program design: Help tailor services like job training, housing support, and financial assistance.

Improve client outcomes: Assess whether clients are on the path to self-sufficiency.

Lawmakers

Inform policy decisions: Help craft evidence-based policies on wages, benefits, housing, and childcare.

Support budget & program planning: Identify gaps where public assistance and economic policies can be improved.

Advocates

Strengthen advocacy efforts: Offer credible data to push for economic justice policies.

Engage the public: Help educate communities on financial insecurity and policy solutions.

To learn more about the Self-Sufficiency Standard visit the University of Washington's Center for Women's Welfare website selfsufficiencystandard.org



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Community Leaders

Drive local initiatives: Guide efforts to improve economic mobility and reduce poverty.

Strengthen funding proposals: Provide data to secure grants and investments for community programs.

Employers

Shape fair wage policies: Help determine competitive, livable wages for employees.

Improve workforce stability: Understand the impact of barriers employees face, including childcare and transportation costs.

Funders

Guide strategic grantmaking: Invest in programs that effectively move individuals toward self-sufficiency.

Measure impact: Provide a data-driven way to assess whether programs are helping families achieve economic stability.