

wage shown is the hourly rate in 2011 that a full-time employed person (2,080 hours per year) in New York City (Queens County) must earn to support families of different sizes. In New York City, the *minimum wage* of \$7.25 per hour is the same for all persons, regardless of the number of dependents. Although the poverty rate is typically quoted as gross annual income, for purposes of comparison it has been converted into an hourly wage.

Municipalities such as San Francisco, Detroit, and Chicago set the minimum wage higher than the federally mandated 2011 minimum wage of \$7.25.

The minimum living wage for an adult with one child and larger families also differs. In Pittsburgh, the living wage for an adult with one child is \$34,244 per year, while in Los Angeles it is \$45,235.

#### Typical Expenses

These figures were used to calculate the 2011 living wage in New York City. Numbers vary by family size. For typical expenses, living wages, and salaries for different occupations across the United States see [www.livingwage.geog.psu.edu](http://www.livingwage.geog.psu.edu). ■

**TABLE C7.2.2**

#### Monthly Expenses

Monthly Expenses	One Adult	One Adult, One Child	Two Adults	Two Adults, One Child	Two Adults, Two Children
Food	\$232	\$378	\$448	\$594	\$740
Child Care	0	572	0	572	1,012
Medical	76	151	152	227	302
Housing	1,185	1,318	1,185	1,318	1,318
Transportation	232	397	464	629	794
Other	188	369	376	557	738
Monthly After-Tax Income That's Required	1,913	3,185	2,625	3,897	4,904
Annual After-Tax Income That's Required	22,956	38,220	31,500	46,764	58,853
Annual Taxes	1,706	2,678	2,387	3,373	4,161
Annual Before Tax Income That's Required	\$24,662	\$40,898	\$33,887	\$50,137	\$63,014

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