



# THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY STANDARD FOR COLORADO 2011

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The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Larimer County, CO 2011

MONTHLY COSTS	Adult	Adult + Preschooler	Adult + Infant Preschooler	Adult + Preschooler School-age	Adult + School-age Teenager	Adult + Infant + Preschooler + School-age	2 Adults + Infant + Preschooler	2 Adults + Preschooler School-age
Housing	\$700	\$849	\$849	\$849	\$849	\$1,236	\$849	\$849
Child Care	\$0	\$961	\$1,721	\$1,410	\$449	\$2,170	\$1,721	\$1,410
Food	\$231	\$351	\$460	\$526	\$610	\$621	\$661	\$723
Transportation	\$235	\$243	\$243	\$243	\$243	\$243	\$462	\$462
Health Care	\$138	\$348	\$359	\$369	\$397	\$380	\$416	\$426
Miscellaneous	\$130	\$275	\$363	\$340	\$255	\$465	\$411	\$387
Taxes	\$299	\$676	\$903	\$815	\$480	\$1,250	\$964	\$861
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$95)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$53)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$60)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)
Child Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$83)	(\$167)	(\$167)	(\$167)	(\$250)	(\$167)	(\$167)
SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE								
HOURLY	\$9.85	\$20.27	\$26.32	\$24.35	\$16.82	\$34.17	\$14.82 per adult	\$13.79 per adult
MONTHLY	\$1,734	\$3,567	\$4,632	\$4,286	\$2,961	\$6,015	\$5,216	\$4,853
ANNUAL	\$20,808	\$42,803	\$55,582	\$51,435	\$35,532	\$72,174	\$62,597	\$58,232

## COLORADO CENTER ON LAW AND POLICY

The Colorado Center on Law and Policy (CCLP) is a leader in the advocacy community. Through its work on health care, welfare reform, fiscal policy and other critical issues, CCLP has gained a strong reputation in providing research, education, advocacy and litigation on behalf of lower-income Coloradans, policymakers, opinion leaders, nonprofit organizations and the general public. The scope of work for CCLP includes research and advocacy on health care and fiscal policy issues, a range of activities promoting family economic security, and strategic litigation to ensure people receive the public benefits to which they are entitled. The Family Economic Security Program of CCLP has three focus areas:

- Monitoring policies and programs that improve access to resources that give every Coloradan the opportunity to work toward economic stability and security.
- Educating state leaders and communities on the importance of helping Coloradans on the road to economic self-sufficiency through the use of critical tools and resources.
- Providing research to inform Colorado businesses, governments and communities on the progress Colorado is making in its poverty reduction efforts.

For further information on CCLP go to [www.cclponline.org](http://www.cclponline.org) or contact:

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## THE CENTER FOR WOMEN'S WELFARE

The Center for Women's Welfare at the University of Washington School of Social Work is devoted to furthering the goal of economic justice for women and their families. The main work of the Center focuses on the development of the Self-Sufficiency Standard. Under the direction of Dr. Diana Pearce, the Center partners with a range of government, non-profit, women's, children's, and community-based groups to:

- research and evaluate public policy related to income adequacy;
- create tools to assess and establish income adequacy; and
- develop programs and policies that strengthen public investment in low-income women, children, and families.

For more information about the Center's programs, or work related to the Self-Sufficiency Standard, call (206) 685-5264. This report and more can be viewed at [www.selfsufficiencystandard.org](http://www.selfsufficiencystandard.org).