

Living Wage Calculation for Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX

The living wage shown is the hourly rate that an **individual** in a household must earn to support themselves and/or their family, working full-time, or 2080 hours per year. The tables below provide living wage estimates for individuals and households with one or two working adults and zero to three children. In households with two working adults, all hourly values reflect what one working adult requires to earn to meet their families’ basic needs, assuming the other adult also earns the same.

The poverty wage and state minimum wage are for reference purposes. Poverty wage estimates come from the Department of Health and Human Services’ Poverty Guidelines (<https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>) for 2025 and have been converted from an annual value to an hourly wage for ease of comparison. The state minimum wage data is sourced from the Labor Law Center (<https://www.laborlawcenter.com/state-minimum-wage-rates>) and includes the minimum wage in a given state as of January of that year.

For further detail, please reference the Methodology (</pages/methodology>) page. The data on this page was last updated on February 10, 2025.

	1 ADULT				2 ADULTS (1 WORKING)				2 ADULTS (BOTH WORKI		
	0 Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	0 Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	0 Children	1 Child	2 Children
Living Wage	\$23.86	\$38.98	\$48.04	\$60.57	\$32.16	\$38.16	\$41.58	\$47.82	\$16.08	\$21.89	\$26.33
Poverty Wage	\$7.52	\$10.17	\$12.81	\$15.46	\$10.17	\$12.81	\$15.46	\$18.10	\$5.08	\$6.41	\$7.73

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Minimum Wage	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25

Typical Expenses

The table below shows the costs of each basic need that go into estimating the living wage. Like with the living wage, their values vary by location and family size.

	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
Food	\$4,021	\$5,913	\$8,857	\$11,783	\$7,371	\$9,162	\$11,786	\$14,377	\$7,371	\$9,162	\$11,786
Child Care	\$0	\$10,249	\$20,190	\$27,475	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,249	\$20,190
Medical	\$3,094	\$8,892	\$8,965	\$9,041	\$7,099	\$9,854	\$10,125	\$10,427	\$7,099	\$9,854	\$10,125
Housing	\$17,775	\$21,941	\$21,941	\$27,972	\$18,731	\$21,941	\$21,941	\$27,972	\$18,731	\$21,941	\$21,941
Transportation	\$10,208	\$11,814	\$14,881	\$17,123	\$11,814	\$14,881	\$17,123	\$18,995	\$11,814	\$14,881	\$17,123
Civic	\$2,589	\$4,557	\$5,031	\$6,450	\$4,557	\$5,031	\$6,450	\$7,156	\$4,557	\$5,031	\$6,450

	1 ADULT				2 ADULTS (1 WORKING)				2 ADULTS (BOTH WORKING)		
Internet & Mobile	\$1,395	\$1,395	\$1,395	\$1,395	\$1,977	\$1,977	\$1,977	\$1,977	\$1,977	\$1,977	
Other	\$3,770	\$7,242	\$7,587	\$9,120	\$7,242	\$8,033	\$9,120	\$10,117	\$7,242	\$8,033	
Required annual income after taxes	\$42,852	\$72,003	\$88,847	\$110,360	\$58,791	\$70,879	\$78,523	\$91,021	\$58,791	\$81,128	
Annual taxes	\$6,787	\$9,076	\$11,067	\$15,632	\$8,097	\$8,486	\$7,970	\$8,442	\$8,097	\$9,950	
Required annual income before taxes	\$49,639	\$81,079	\$99,914	\$125,992	\$66,888	\$79,365	\$86,493	\$99,463	\$66,888	\$91,079	\$

Typical Annual Salaries

The average annual salaries for various occupations in the table below comes from the latest state-level data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' [Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates \(https://www.bls.gov/oes/tables.htm\)](https://www.bls.gov/oes/tables.htm). When available, this data is specific to a given metro area.

Occupational Area	Typical Annual Salary
Management	\$137,110
Business & Financial Operations	\$87,310

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Computer & Mathematical	\$111,010
Architecture & Engineering	\$96,740
Life, Physical, & Social Science	\$77,700
Community & Social Service	\$58,710
Legal	\$136,310
Education, Training, & Library	\$62,740
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, & Media	\$70,710
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$98,210
Healthcare Support	\$35,240
Protective Service	\$55,260
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$31,590
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	\$34,820
Personal Care & Service	\$35,400

Occupational Area	Typical Annual Salary
Sales & Related	\$54,080
Office & Administrative Support	\$47,910
Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	\$39,720
Construction & Extraction	\$53,330
Installation, Maintenance, & Repair	\$57,540
Production	\$45,410
Transportation & Material Moving	\$48,250



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