

# Living Wage Calculation for Allegany County, Maryland

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](#) for 2024 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](#) and includes the minimum wage in a given state as of January of that year.

For further detail, please reference the [Methodology](#) page. The data on this page was last updated on February 14, 2024.

	1 ADULT				2 ADULTS (1 WORKING)				2 ADULTS (BOTH WORK)		
	0 Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	0 Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	0 Children	1 Child	2 Children
Living Wage	\$17.71	\$31.00	\$38.28	\$49.58	\$25.51	\$31.09	\$35.26	\$37.00	\$12.74	\$17.56	\$21.69
Poverty Wage	\$7.24	\$9.83	\$12.41	\$15.00	\$9.83	\$12.41	\$15.00	\$17.59	\$4.91	\$6.21	\$7.50
Minimum Wage	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00

## 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	\$4,033	\$5,945	\$8,917	\$11,853	\$7,394	\$9,204	\$11,854	\$14,453	\$7,394	\$9,204	\$11,853
Child Care	\$0	\$7,548	\$15,095	\$22,262	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,548	\$15,095
Medical	\$3,043	\$9,342	\$9,228	\$9,699	\$6,333	\$9,228	\$9,699	\$9,287	\$6,333	\$9,228	\$9,699
Housing	\$7,614	\$11,226	\$11,226	\$14,472	\$8,981	\$11,226	\$11,226	\$14,472	\$8,981	\$11,226	\$11,226
Transportation	\$9,105	\$10,537	\$13,273	\$15,273	\$10,537	\$13,273	\$15,273	\$15,255	\$10,537	\$13,273	\$15,273
Civic	\$2,165	\$3,810	\$4,795	\$5,553	\$3,810	\$4,795	\$5,553	\$5,191	\$3,810	\$4,795	\$5,553
Internet & Mobile	\$1,530	\$1,530	\$1,530	\$1,530	\$2,110	\$2,110	\$2,110	\$2,110	\$2,110	\$2,110	\$2,110
Other	\$3,903	\$6,966	\$7,407	\$10,238	\$6,966	\$7,407	\$10,238	\$9,841	\$6,966	\$7,407	\$10,238
Required annual income after taxes	\$31,393	\$56,905	\$71,473	\$90,880	\$46,131	\$57,243	\$65,953	\$70,609	\$46,131	\$57,243	\$65,953
Annual taxes	\$5,443	\$7,571	\$8,152	\$12,243	\$6,923	\$7,424	\$7,382	\$6,350	\$6,860	\$8,271	\$12,243
Required annual income before taxes	\$36,837	\$64,476	\$79,625	\$103,124	\$53,054	\$64,667	\$73,335	\$76,959	\$52,991	\$65,514	\$78,196

Source: Living Wage Calculator MIT.edu <https://livingwage.mit.edu/counties/24001>