

# What it Takes to Live in Nevada

The living wage shown is the hourly rate that an individual must earn to support their family, if they are the sole provider and are working full-time (2080 hours per year). The state minimum wage is the same for all individuals, regardless of how many dependents they may have. The Federal Poverty Line is typically quoted as gross annual income. We show the monthly income\* and have converted it to an hourly wage for the sake of comparison. Wages that are less than the living wage are shown in red.

Wages	1 Adult	1 Adult, 1 Child	1 Adult, 2 Children	1 Adult, 3 Children	2 Adults	2 Adults, 1 Child	2 Adults, 2 Children	2 Adults, 3 Children
Monthly * Poverty Wage	\$903	\$1,214	\$1,526	\$1,838	\$1,214	\$1,526	\$1,838	\$2,149
Hourly Poverty Wage	\$5.21	\$7.00	\$8.80	\$10.60	\$7.00	\$8.80	\$10.60	\$12.40
Minimum Wage	\$7.55	\$7.55	\$7.55	\$7.55	\$7.55	\$7.55	\$7.55	\$7.55
Living Wage	\$9.39	\$20.45	\$24.61	\$31.33	\$14.54	\$17.98	\$19.31	\$23.65

A living wage in Nevada requires approximately 229% of poverty wages.

## Typical Expenses

These figures show the individual expenses that went into the living wage estimate. Their values vary by family size, composition, and by location (in this case, Nevada).

Monthly Expenses	1 Adult	1 Adult + 1 Child
Food	\$242	\$357
Child Care	\$0	\$638
Medical	\$111	\$384
Housing	\$731	\$1,029
Transportation	\$285	\$555
Other	\$84	\$201
Required monthly income after taxes	\$1,453	\$3,164
Required <u>annual</u> income after taxes	\$17,436	\$37,968
Annual taxes	\$2,100	\$4,573
Required annual income before taxes	\$19,536	\$42,541

## Typical Hourly Wages in Nevada

### Occupational Area

Occupational Area	Typical Hourly Wage
Management	\$39.11
Business and Financial Operations	\$27.88
Computer and Mathematical	\$30.21
Architecture and Engineering	\$33.58
Life, Physical and social Science	\$27.47
Community and Social Services	\$22.90
Legal	\$39.53
Education, Training and Library	\$20.61
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports and Media	\$20.66
Healthcare Practitioner and Technical	\$34.25
Healthcare Support	\$13.95
Protective Service	\$16.47
Food Preparation and Serving Related	\$10.80
Building and Grounds Cleaning and maintenance	\$13.01
Personal care and Services	\$9.30
Sales and Related	\$11.75
Office and Administrative Support	\$15.06
Farming, Fishing and Forestry	\$14.75
Construction and Extraction	\$24.28
Installation, Maintenance and Repair	\$22.15
Production	\$14.38
Transportation and Material Moving	\$14.26

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## Living Expense Data Sources:

### **Food**

Data are from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2010 low-cost food plan. Regional adjustment factors are from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service.

### **Child Care**

Data are from the report Parents and the High Cost of Child Care – 2011 Update published by the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies.

### **Healthcare**

Data are from the 2010 Consumer Expenditure Survey and the 2010 wave of the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey.

### **Housing**

Data are from 2010 Fair Market Rents produced by U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### **Transportation**

Data and regional adjustment factors are from the 2010 Consumer Expenditure Survey.

### **Other Necessities**

Data and regional adjustment factors are from the 2010 Consumer Expenditure Survey.

### **Taxes**

These figures include estimated Federal payroll taxes as well as Federal and State income taxes for the 2011 tax year.

### **Wages by Occupational Group**

These figures reflect May 2010 State-Level Area Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates produced by the U.S. Department of Labor.

### **Minimum Wage**

These figures reflect official Federal and State minimum wage rates as of June 1, 2010, published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

### **Poverty Level**

These figures reflect official 2010 poverty thresholds produced by the U.S. Census Bureau.

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