Alternatives Federal Credit Union Living Wage Study 2013

Category	Month (2010)	Month (2012)	Percent Change	Year (2012)	Comments	Source
Rent	\$811.00	\$836.00	3.08%	\$10,032.00	Fair Market rent for single bedroom apartment including utilities	HUD
Food	\$203.60	\$218.50	7.32%	\$2,622.20	Average of low-cost food plan for males and females ages 19- 50	USDA
Transportation	\$179.03	\$189.01	5.57%	\$2,268.12	Weighted average of amount spent on cars, car share, public transportation, and bicycle maintenance	ACS, BLS, EIA, TCAT
Communication	\$59.99	\$63.24	5.42%	\$758.88	Nationwide prepaid cell phone and internet	AT&T, Verizon, Time Warner
Health Care	\$173.08	\$188.64	8.99%	\$2,263.68	Employee's share of premium and out of pocket medical expenses	BLS, Alternatives
Recreation	\$101.62	\$107.00	5.29%	\$1,284.00	Adjusted for inflation	
Savings	\$60.78	\$64.00	5.30%	\$768.00	Adjusted for inflation	
Miscellaneous	\$110.46	\$113.75	2.98%	\$1,365.00	Apparel products, housekeeping supplies and personal care products and service	BLS
Net (Subtotal)	\$1,699.56	\$1,780.14	4.74%	\$21,361.68		
Payroll tax	\$114.28	\$167.33	46.42%	\$2,007.95		
Federal tax	\$149.23	\$165.91	11.18%	\$1,990.91		
State tax	\$59.56	\$73.47	23.36%	\$881.67		
TOTAL	\$2,022.63	\$2,186.85	8.12%	\$26,242.21		
hourly @ 40hrs./week	\$11.67	\$12.62				