

Houston Metropolitan Statistical Area

Texas Family Security Index

Expenses	One Adult No Children	Two Adults No Children	Single Parent One Child	Single Parent Two Children	Single Parent Three Children	Two Parents One Child	Two Parents Two Children	Two Parents Three Children
Housing ¹	\$470	\$529	\$684	\$684	\$954	\$684	\$684	\$954
Food ²	\$147	\$270	\$206	\$295	\$361	\$327	\$418	\$484
Child care ³			\$368	\$606	\$1,024	\$368	\$606	\$1,024
Medical ⁴	\$255	\$492	\$414	\$414	\$414	\$652	\$652	\$652
Transportation ⁵	\$268	\$376	\$268	\$268	\$268	\$376	\$376	\$376
Other necessities ⁶	\$177	\$276	\$294	\$294	\$351	\$285	\$321	\$383
Monthly expenses	\$1,317	\$1,944	\$2,234	\$2,561	\$3,371	\$2,691	\$3,057	\$3,873
Federal taxes								
Payroll tax	\$101	\$149	\$171	\$196	\$258	\$206	\$234	\$296
Income tax	\$123	\$152	\$210	\$228	\$323	\$238	\$262	\$358
Earned income tax credit								
Child tax credit			(\$42)	(\$83)	(\$125)	(\$42)	(\$83)	(\$125)
Child & dependent care credit			(\$40)	(\$80)	(\$80)	(\$40)	(\$80)	(\$80)
Tax payments and credits	\$224	\$301	\$300	\$260	\$376	\$362	\$332	\$450
Necessary monthly income	\$1,541	\$2,245	\$2,533	\$2,822	\$3,747	\$3,054	\$3,389	\$4,323
Household hourly wage ⁷	\$9	\$13	\$15	\$17	\$22	\$18	\$20	\$26
Necessary annual income	\$18,487	\$26,936	\$30,399	\$33,859	\$44,968	\$36,642	\$40,669	\$51,873
Poverty threshold ⁸	\$8,959	\$11,531	\$11,869	\$13,874	\$17,524	\$13,861	\$17,463	\$20,550
Percent poverty threshold	206%	234%	256%	244%	257%	264%	233%	252%

¹ Source: 2001 Fair Market Rents, US Department of Housing and Urban Development

² Source: July 2001 Thrifty Food Plan, US Department of Agriculture

³ Source: 1999 Texas Child Care Portfolio, Texas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

⁴ Source: 2001-2002 Full-Time Employees Premium Rates, Texas Employee Retirement System and 1998-1999 Consumer Expenditure Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor

⁵ Source: 1995 National Personal Transportation Survey, Federal Highway Administration, US Department of Transportation

⁶ Source: 1998-1999 Consumer Expenditure Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor

⁷ Represents the combined hourly wages of all workers in household

⁸ Source: 2000 Poverty Thresholds, US Bureau of the Census