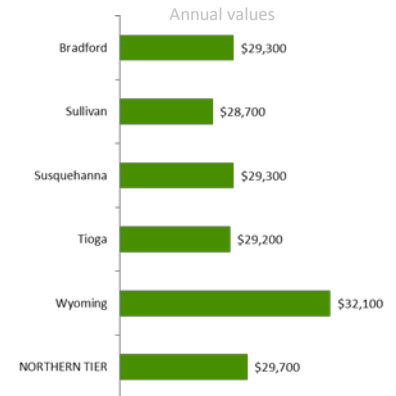
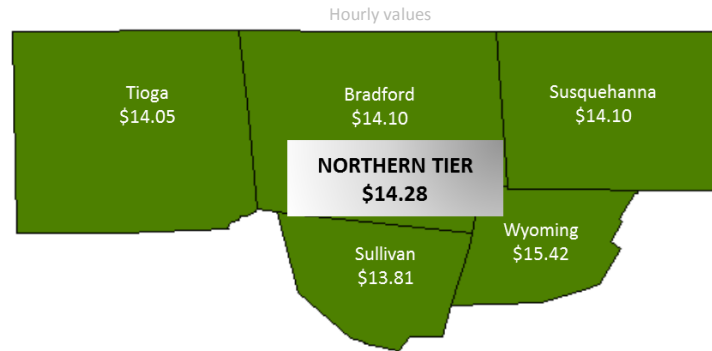


# Self-Sufficiency in the Northern Tier

The Self-Sufficiency Standard measures how much income a family of a certain composition in a given place needs to adequately meet their basic needs—without public or private assistance. – *PathwaysPA*

## What's included?

- Housing
- Child Care
- Food
- Transportation
- Health Care
- Taxes
- Miscellaneous (Clothing, diapers, telephone, etc.)



Based on a family of one parent and one pre-school aged child  
Annual value = \$29,700

## Household Income

- Total Households: 74,700
- Median Household Income: \$39,300 (+32.4%)
- 28,000 households have income of less than \$30,000
  - 37.4% of all households

--DecisionData, based on 2011 estimates

## Occupations

- Total Jobs: 87,800
- Median Occupational Wage: \$16.05/hour (+12.4%)
- 43,400 jobs pay less than \$14.28
  - 49.4% of all employment

--Economic Modeling Specialists, Incorporated, Complete Employment 2012.3; occupational wages do not include benefits

## Other Comparisons

- 2006 Self-Sufficiency: \$11.38
- 2008 Self-Sufficiency: \$13.03
- 2010 Self-Sufficiency: \$14.11
  - Increases of +14.5%, +8.3%, and +1.2%, and +25.5% overall
  - Consumer Price Index increased by 11.6% (2006-2011)
- PA minimum hourly wage: \$7.25/hour (-49.2%)
- 2011 Federal Poverty Threshold: \$15,500 (-47.8%)
- Maximum Welfare benefits: \$8,200 (-72.5%)

--Self-sufficiency wages provided by PathwaysPA and Center for Women's Welfare, University of Washington

-Consumer Price Index data provided by Bureau of Labor Statistics

-Poverty threshold provided by U.S. Census Bureau

-Welfare data provided by Department of Public Welfare

Annual and hourly data are comparable under the assumption that a full-time work schedule entails 2,080 hours per year.

PathwaysPA and Center for Women's Welfare, University of Washington publishes county-level, information from which CPWDC calculates a weighted regional value based on employment figures.

CPWDC incorporates the regional self-sufficiency value into training policies. For Individual Training Accounts (ITA) to be considered, the occupational wage has to exceed \$15.86 per hour (this is the previous self-sufficiency value based on outdated employment information).

For more information:

<http://www.pathwayspa.org/self-sufficiency.html>

<http://www.selfsufficiencystandard.org/index.html>