

# **HOW TO CALCULATE:** Sustainable Wage Standards

**Step 1:** Go to <http://go.madison.com/mopmi> - The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Wisconsin, 2004

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This PDF booklet has self-sufficiency amounts organized into tables for individual counties, metropolitan areas, and Native American reservations & communities. A list of available geographies can be found on page 47.

**Step 2:** Scroll down to page 53 where the Standard for each Wisconsin County are listed.

**Table 1**  
**The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI MSA, 2004**  
**Calumet County**

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<i>Food</i>	182	266	358	411	473	481	515	565
<i>Transportation</i>	199	204	204	204	204	204	391	391
<i>Health Care</i>	89	183	189	200	223	207	230	241
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	88	175	244	224	174	304	282	262
<i>Taxes</i>	90	325	585	455	209	792	605	503
<i>Earned Income</i>								
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<i>Child Care Tax Credit (-)</i>	0	-75	-120	-135	-40	-100	-105	-115
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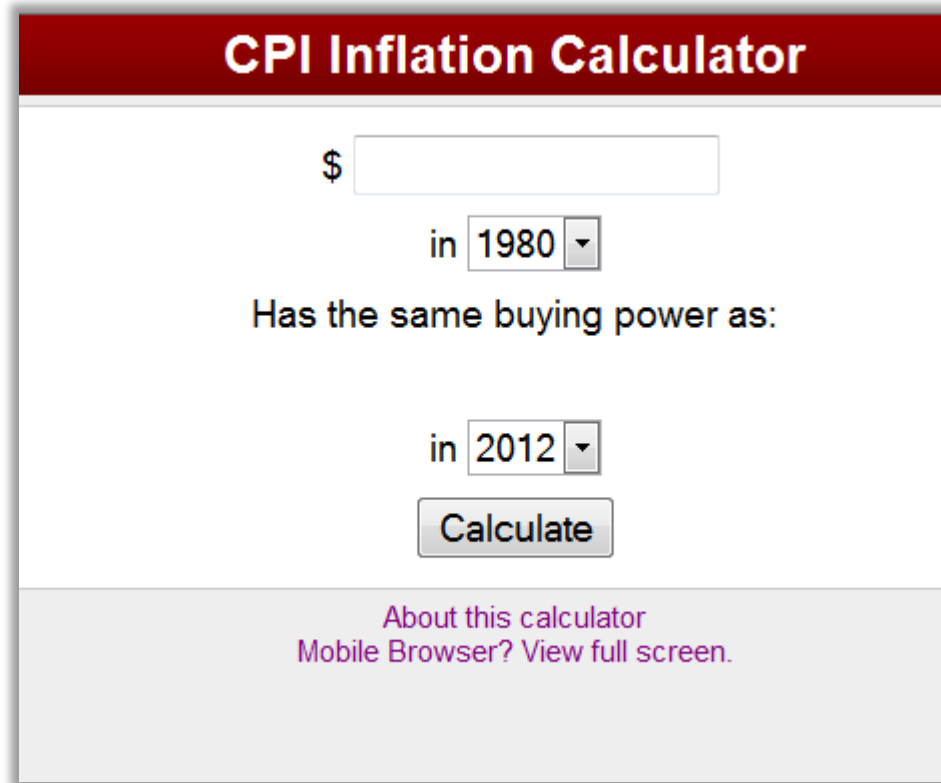
**Step 3:** Across the top of the table, the types of households are listed. At the bottom, the Self-Sufficiency Wage is listed by hourly, monthly and annual standards. However these are the 2004 dollar rates. You must adjust them to the current year equivalents.

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Self-Sufficiency Wage								
-Hourly	\$5.98	\$11.49	\$16.93	\$14.54	\$9.90	\$21.49	\$9.77 per adult	\$8.83 per adult
-Monthly	\$1,053	\$2,022	\$2,980	\$2,558	\$1,742	\$3,782	\$3,438	\$3,107
-Annual	\$12,634	\$24,260	\$35,757	\$30,699	\$20,909	\$45,381	\$41,261	\$37,284

**Step 4:** To convert the 2004 dollar amounts reported in the SWS Report to the current year, go to the Bureau of Labor Statistic CPI Inflation Calculator:

<http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/cpicalc.pl>



The image shows a screenshot of the "CPI Inflation Calculator" web interface. The title "CPI Inflation Calculator" is displayed in white text on a dark red background at the top. Below the title, there is a text input field with a dollar sign (\$) to its left. Underneath the input field is a dropdown menu currently set to "1980". The text "Has the same buying power as:" is centered below the dropdown. Below this text is another dropdown menu currently set to "2012". At the bottom of the form is a "Calculate" button. A footer section at the bottom of the page contains the text "About this calculator" and "Mobile Browser? View full screen." in purple.

**Step 5:** Enter in the amount from the desired household type and change 1980 to 2004. Here we used the hourly amount for a two adult family with a preschooler and a school age child

**CPI Inflation Calculator**

\$ 8.83

in 2004 ▾

Has the same buying power as:

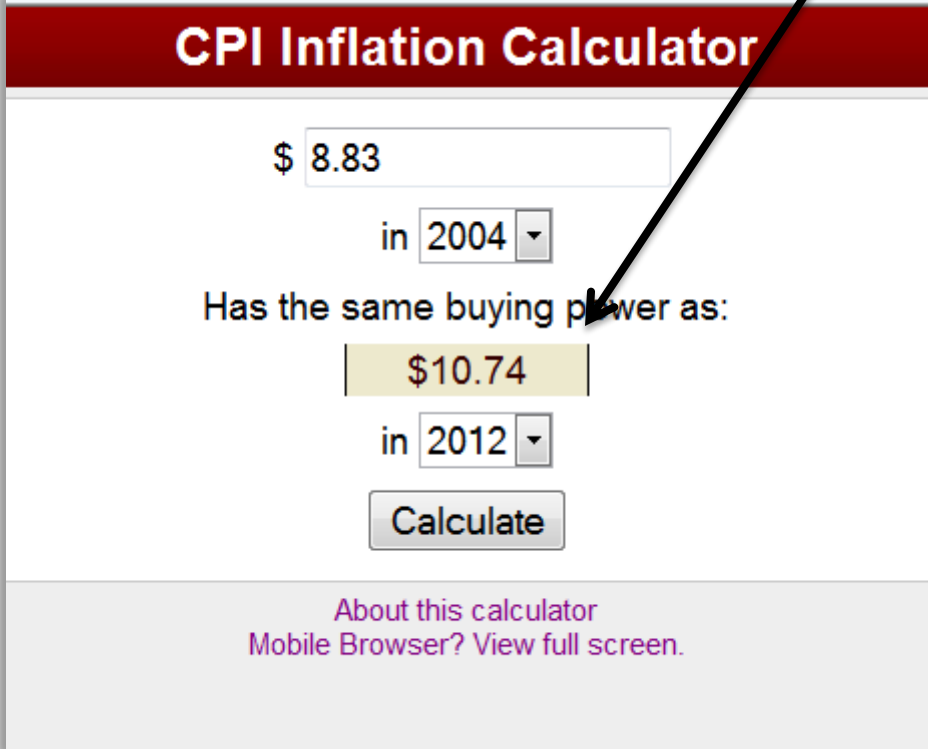
in 2012 ▾

Calculate

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Then click **Calculate**

**Step 6:** Here is the equivalent Self-Sufficient hourly wage for each adult in 2012 dollars.



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in 2004

Has the same buying power as:

\$10.74

in 2012

Calculate

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