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2011 HHS Poverty Guidelines

<i>Persons in Family</i>	<i>48 Contiguous States and D.C.</i>	<i>Alaska</i>	<i>Hawaii</i>
1	\$ 10,890	\$ 13,600	\$ 12,540
2	14,710	18,380	16,930
3	18,530	23,160	21,320
4	22,350	27,940	25,710
5	26,170	32,720	30,100
6	29,990	37,500	34,490
7	33,810	42,280	38,880
8	37,630	47,060	43,270
For each additional person, add	3,820	4,780	4,390

SOURCE: *Federal Register*, Vol. 76, No. 13, January 20, 2011, pp. 3637-3638

Project Self-Sufficiency uses 185% of the Federal poverty level to determine program eligibility:

<i>Family Size Including Parent</i>	<i>Maximum Annual Income</i>	<i>Maximum Monthly Income</i>
Single parent with 1 child	\$ 27,214	\$ 2,268
Single parent with 2 children	34,281	2,857
Single parent with 3 children	41,348	3,446
Single parent with 4 children	48,415	4,035
Single parent with 5 children	55,482	4,624

Self-Sufficiency Standard for Larimer County, CO 2011

MONTHLY COSTS	Adult	Adult + Preschooler	Adult + Infant Preschooler	Adult + Preschooler School-age	Adult + School-age Teenager	Adult + Infant + Preschooler + School-age	2 Adults + Infant + Preschooler	2 Adults + Preschooler School-age
Housing	\$700	\$849	\$849	\$849	\$849	\$1,236	\$849	\$849
Child Care	\$0	\$961	\$1,721	\$1,410	\$449	\$2,170	\$1,721	\$1,410
Food	\$231	\$351	\$460	\$526	\$610	\$621	\$661	\$723
Transportation	\$235	\$243	\$243	\$243	\$243	\$243	\$462	\$462
Health Care	\$138	\$348	\$359	\$369	\$397	\$380	\$416	\$426
Miscellaneous	\$130	\$275	\$363	\$340	\$255	\$465	\$411	\$387
Taxes	\$299	\$676	\$903	\$815	\$480	\$1,250	\$964	\$861
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$95)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$53)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$60)	(\$100)	(\$100)	(\$100)
Child Tax Credit (-)	\$0	(\$83)	(\$167)	(\$167)	(\$167)	(\$250)	(\$167)	(\$167)
SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE								
HOURLY	\$9.85	\$20.27	\$26.32	\$24.35	\$16.82	\$34.17	\$14.82 per adult	\$13.79 per adult
MONTHLY	\$1,734	\$3,567	\$4,632	\$4,286	\$2,961	\$6,015	\$5,216	\$4,853
ANNUAL	\$20,808	\$42,803	\$55,582	\$51,435	\$35,532	\$72,174	\$62,597	\$58,232

SOURCE: Diana M Pearce PhD, October 2011, *Colorado Center on Law & Policy*, p. 75 (<http://www.selfsufficiencystandard.org/docs/Colorado2011.pdf>)

Percent Change in the Self-Sufficiency Standard Over Time, 2001-2011

Larimer County, CO: *One Adult, One Preschooler, and One School-age Child*

COSTS	2001	2011	PERCENT CHANGE 2001-2011	STATEWIDE PERCENT CHANGE 2001-2011
Housing	\$704	\$849	21%	31%
Child Care	\$913	\$1,410	54%	47%
Food	\$379	\$526	39%	38%
Transportation	\$225	\$243	8%	9%
Health Care	\$246	\$369	50%	55%
Miscellaneous	\$247	\$340	38%	37%
Taxes	\$516	\$815	58%	74%
Total Tax Credits*	(\$163)	(\$267)	63%	54%
SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE				
MONTHLY	\$3,066	\$4,286	40%	41%
ANNUAL	\$36,797	\$51,435		
LARIMER COUNTY MEDIAN EARNINGS**	\$24,034	\$25,941	8%	13%

* Total Tax Credits is the sum of the monthly federal Earned Income Tax Credit, the federal Child Care Tax Credit, and the federal Child Tax Credit.

** Larimer County Median Earnings: 2011: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS). 2007-2009. Detailed Tables. B20002. "Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months by Sex for the Population 16 Years and Over with Earnings in the Past 12 Months, Larimer County," <http://factfinder.census.gov> (accessed June 2, 2011). 2011 median earnings are based on 2009 data (the latest available) updated using the Consumer Price Index (CPI). 2001: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 3, "P85. Median Earnings in 1999 (Dollars) by Sex for the Population 16 Years and Over with Earnings," <http://factfinder.census.gov> (accessed June 2, 2011). 2001 median earnings are based on 1999 data and updated using the CPI. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Consumer Price Index." West Region All Items, 1982-1984=100-CUUR0400SA0," <http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/surveymost?cu> (accessed August 1, 2011).

Map of Counties by Level of Annual Self-Sufficiency Wage

One Adult and One Preschooler, CO 2011

