

## Self Sufficiency Standard / Glenwood Springs & Carbondale

Basic Expenditures Budget 2004 - www.bls.gov	Single Person	Single Parent & 1 child	Four person household two children (ages 4 & 8)
Food	3,433	6,069	8,171
Transportation Expenses	5,022	7,676	11,148
Health care (incl. Insurance)	1,912	4,062	4,078
Clothing	1,184	1,945	1,945
Personal care products	398	592	740
Child care	0	3,432	3,432
Entertainment	1,411	2,222	2,910
Utilities, Fuels, Public services	1,863	3181	3,757
Pensions & Social Security	3,249	4,219	3,437
Miscellaneous	566	725	745
<b>Total Expenses (excluding housing)</b>	<b>\$19,038</b>	<b>\$34,123</b>	<b>\$39,618</b>

Rental Expenses	One Bedroom	Two Bedroom/One bath	Two bedroom/Two bath
Glenwood Springs Average Rents (4th qtr 2006)	\$604	\$778	\$787
Carbondale Estimated Rents	\$700	\$850	\$950

### Summary

Estimated Living Expense	Single Person	Single Parent & 1 child	Family of four
Basic Expenditures excluding rent	\$19,038.00	\$34,123.00	\$39,618.00
GWS rent expense	\$7,248.00	\$9,336.00	\$9,444.00
<b>Total Living expense - GWS</b>	<b>\$26,286.00</b>	<b>\$43,459.00</b>	<b>\$49,062.00</b>
Carbondale rent expense	\$8,400.00	\$10,200.00	\$11,400.00
<b>Total Living expense - Carbondale</b>	<b>\$27,438.00</b>	<b>\$44,323.00</b>	<b>\$51,018.00</b>

<b>Livable per hour wage (GWS)</b>	<b>\$12.64</b>	<b>\$20.89</b>	<b>\$23.59</b>
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<b>Livable per hour wage (Carbondale)</b>	<b>\$13.19</b>	<b>\$21.31</b>	<b>\$24.53</b>
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Garfield Average hourly wage - 2005	\$16.93	\$16.93	\$16.93
Average annual wage	\$35,216		
Garfield Median Household Income - 2005	\$44,200		\$63,200
Colorado Average hourly wage - 2005	\$16.80		
Average annual wage	\$34,944.00		
Colorado minimum wage	\$6.85		

## Notes

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1 Self-Sufficiency Standard or livable wage is how much income is needed for an individual or family to adequately meet their basic needs—without public or private assistance.

2 This analysis adapted from a number for self sufficiency and livable wage studies including:  
Self Sufficiency Standard for Colorado 2004  
Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute

<http://www.cclponline.org/pubs/sssfullreport5-04.pdf>

3 Glenwood rents from Colorado Division of Housing [http://dola.colorado.gov/cdh/vacancy/4Q07\\_multifam.pdf](http://dola.colorado.gov/cdh/vacancy/4Q07_multifam.pdf)  
Carbondale rents are estimates

4 State and County wage information from Colorado Department of Labor and Employment <http://www.coworkforce.com/lmi/es202/2005PDF/2005Annual.pdf>

5 Childcare costs are based on a national estimate conducted several years ago at \$280/month.

<http://www.nccic.org/poptopics/averagecost.html>

6 Average wages in Garfield County have increased 18% since 1999.  
Median Rents have increased 22% since 1999.

Median Housing Prices have increased 48% since 1999.

Garfield County Housing Assessment 2006

[http://www.garfield-county.com/docs/housing\\_final\\_housing\\_assessment.pdf](http://www.garfield-county.com/docs/housing_final_housing_assessment.pdf)

**Percentage Change in Wages and Housing Prices  
Garfield County 1999-2005**

