

Living Wage Project- Draft V. 1 (Page 1)

Mission: Improving wages worldwide by creating global living wage standards.

Goal 1: Using one common methodology, we will harness the power of the internet to collect living wage information from around the world. As the data is collected, the tool will calculate in real-time the aggregate data to show localized living wage indicators for countries around the world. The survey will be publicly available and we will focus on recruiting fair trade community members, in-country local workers and communities, international development agency workers, academics in the field. The project will first focus on India, Kenya and Guatemala, but we plan to reach out to all countries with a significant number of craft artisans.

Goal 2: As data is collected into the tool, we aim to share this wage information to benefit workers around the world. We will share the information with buyers to encourage their support in paying living wages and with workers to empower them with living wage information to negotiate for higher wages. For example, a corporation could come to our site and search for the living wage in rural Guatemala and find the most up-to-date living wage indicator according to the current user survey data.

A visitor to the site can choose to either take the living wage quiz, or to just search the database for data entered by other users.

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Search the Living Wage Database

Take the Living Wage Survey - 10 Easy Questions

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1 Please select the description that best describes you. Academic

2 For what country will you be entering living wage data? Albania
For what city/town will you be entering living wage data? Tirane

moving along to living costs [what is this?](#)

4 How much does it cost per month to rent a two bedroom apartment or home with access to electricity and water? (or equivalent) Local Currency

5 a. What is the cost of electricity per month? Local Currency
b. What is the cost of cooking fuel per month? Local Currency

A user will designate whether they are a professional working in the field, academic, local worker or tourist. We will then be able to view the data by each category to access the most accurate information.

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Methodology:
We chose three basic items to include in the local diet. We plan to extrapolate a final amount based on the percentage and price of these three items.

Assumptions:
Transportation to and from work – 25 days per month
Transportation to and from the market – 1 day a week

Assumptions:
Monthly per child/9 months a year

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Step 1 Step 2 Finished

calculating nutrition what is this?

6 a. How much does a kilogram of rice cost? Local Currency ▼
 b. How much does a kilogram of beans cost? Local Currency ▼
 c. How much does a kilogram of meat/fish cost? Local Currency ▼

getting around town what is this?

7 a. How much does your transportation cost to and from work? Local Currency ▼
 b. How much does your transportation cost to and from the market? Local Currency ▼

health and dental care what is this?

8 a. How much does it cost to visit the doctor? Local Currency ▼
 b. How much does it cost to visit the dentist? Local Currency ▼

education what is this?

9 Is public education provided free of charge? YES ▼
 If not, how much are the school fees (include books, uniforms ect)? Local Currency ▼ Monthly ▼

clothing what is this?

10 How much does it cost to purchase one set of clothes? (Shoes, Shirt, Pants/Shirt, Undergarmets) Local Currency ▼

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Assumptions:
3 doctors visits per year per person
1 dentist visit per year per person
* 3 ppl total = 9 doctor visits and 3 dentist visits

Assumption:
3 sets of clothing per year per person (12 sets of clothing total per year per family of four.)

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Results Step 1 Step 2 Finished

Yearly ▼

Based on your inputs, the living wage in San Francisco, California is: **\$45,300**

In comparison, the average living wage for your area in 2008 is: **\$35,000** ([View others results](#))

If this number does not seem right, what is your best guess of a yearly living wage for San Francisco as the sole earner supporting a family of four?

Comments, Questions, Concerns? Please write them below.

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Thank you for participating in the living wage survey. Please select the submit button to save your results into our anonymous database!

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If the number seems way off, the user can enter their best estimate of how much they think the living wage is in the recorded country.

The user can see all of their expenses and the equation used to calculate their living wage in the detailed report.

The user will be able to see other user's results in the aggregate form. The data will be date stamped. The user will be able to see the highest recorded and lowest recorded living wage as well as a breakdown of average expense amounts.