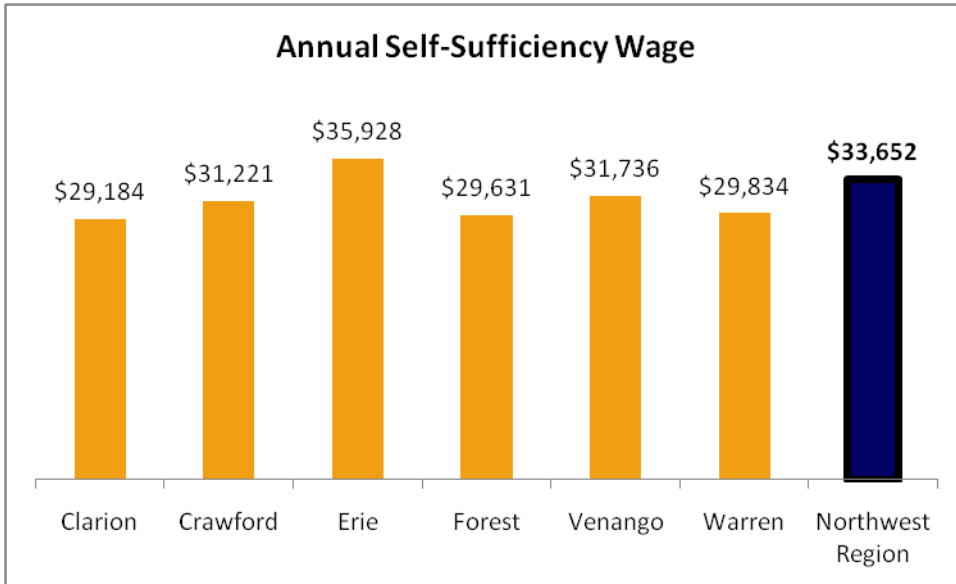




Self Sufficiency Wages

Analysis of the Northwest Region



The hourly self-sufficiency wage is calculated by dividing the published annual rate by 2,080, the number of hours per year in a full-time position.

*The hourly self-sufficiency wage for one parent and one pre-school aged child in the Northwest Region is **\$16.18**.*

The self-sufficiency wages for each county are based on the self-sufficiency standard for a family comprised of **one parent and one pre-school aged child** as reported in the **Self-Sufficiency Standard for Pennsylvania 2010-2011** by PathWays PA.

Self sufficiency is defined as the actual cost of meeting a family's basic needs without public or private assistance, based on family composition and county of residence.

The self-sufficiency wage for the Northwest Region is a weighted average (based on 2010 employment estimates provided by **Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc.**) of the self sufficiency wages for all counties.



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