


## Living Wage in BRANDON 2023

**\$15.69 per hour**

A Bare Bones Budget

The 2023 Living Wage in Brandon is **\$28,634** annually for each parent working full-time — for a two parent, two child household.

It covers the following basic expenditures per month:

 <b>SHELTER:</b> \$1,445	 <b>FOOD:</b> \$987	 <b>CHILD CARE:</b> \$413
 <b>TRANSPORTATION:</b> \$605	 <b>CONTINGENCY FUND:</b> \$183	 <b>PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE:</b> \$206
 <b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR:</b> \$173	 <b>PHONE, INTERNET &amp; HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES:</b> \$1,031	 <b>PARENTS' EDUCATION:</b> \$166

### The living wage does not cover:

-  Credit card, loan, or other debt/interest payments.
-  Anything beyond minimal recreation, entertainment, or holiday costs.
-  Saving for retirement.
-  Costs of caring for a disabled, seriously ill, or elderly family member.
-  Owning a home.
-  Much of a cushion for emergencies or tough times.
-  Savings for children's future education.

The living wage calculation is based on the needs of two-parent families with young children, but would also support a mix of family types throughout the life cycle so that young adults are not discouraged from having children and older workers have some extra income as they age.

More info: Living Wage for Families Manitoba Update 2022 ([www.policyalternatives.ca/manitoba](http://www.policyalternatives.ca/manitoba))