

# Niagara Region's 2017 Living Wage Calculation

A living wage is a voluntary commitment that can be made by public, private and not-for-profit sector employers to compensate directly-employed and contract-employed workers. Niagara region's living wage calculation uses community-specific data that is applied through the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) Living Wage calculator for Ontario and adapted from the National Living Wage Framework.



**FAMILY OF FOUR:**  
two adults, two children



**WORK:** Both adults  
work 37.5 hours/week each



No Savings, No RRSP's,  
No Debt Repayment

## Annual Cost of Living Expenses



**FOOD**

\$9,188



**RENT AND  
RELATED  
COSTS**

\$15,415



**CLOTHING  
AND  
FOOTWEAR**

\$2,580



**TRANSPORTATION**

\$11,384



**CHILD CARE**

Before subsidy

\$14,117



**STAYING  
CONNECTED**

Phone, internet

\$1,383



**SOCIAL  
INCLUSION**

Laundry, recreation,  
vacation, reading, school  
supplies, personal care,  
restaurant meals

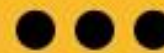
\$7,404



**NON-OHIP  
MEDICAL  
INSURANCE**

Prescriptions,  
dental, vision

\$3,420



**OTHER**

Critical illness and life  
insurance, adult  
education, contingency  
and residual expenses

\$6,403

**Niagara Region's 2017 Living Wage Calculation is \$17.57/hour**

View the full report and methodology at [www.wipeoutpoverty.ca](http://www.wipeoutpoverty.ca)

Interested in becoming a certified Living Wage employer? Visit the Ontario Living Wage Network at [www.ontariolivingwage.ca](http://www.ontariolivingwage.ca) for more information.

