

COWICHAN VALLEY 2017 LIVING WAGE COMPARISON



The living wage for a family of 4
(2 parents, 2 children) is
\$19.05/hr



This has increased 24¢ in the past year

Since we began calculations in 2014...

The living wage has increased by

12%

The minimum wage in BC has increased by

6%

The living wage is 76% higher than the current minimum wage

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR?

To better represent the Cowichan Valley, we have added new models to the living wage calculation...

Single parent with child under 5

**\$24.35/
hour**



Single parent with child 5 and older

**\$22.06/
hour**



Individual (50+)

**\$20.03/
hour**



What is a living wage?

A living wage is the hourly amount an individual would need to receive in order to cover basic expenses such as food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, utilities, education, and a small contingency amount.