## 2025 Living Wage in Whitehorse, Yukon

The LIVING WAGE is equal to the hourly rate of pay that a household must earn while working full-time to ensure that its basic needs including housing, food, and clothing are met. Living wage calculations are an effective way to measure the cost of living in a community in a way that directly integrates the role of public policy, including the provision of social services and the tax-and-transfer system. They show the challenges facing low- and modest-income households as well as opportunities for policy changes to improve affordability and to reduce poverty.

To better reflect the diversity of households, in 2025 we did the calculations for three household types.

2 adults
working full-time
with 2 children





Two adults\two children household

\$25.91/hr

Single person household

\$31.22/hr

Single parent household

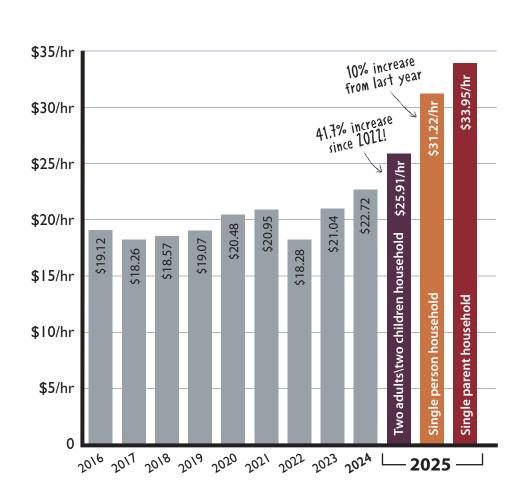
\$33.95/hr

- Higher costs due to inflation
- Removal of income supports such as the Yukon Carbon Price Rebate
  - Inaction on affordable housing

## Living Wage

- Affordable, non-market housing
- Better supports for single person households
- Low-fee childcare & dental benefits

When effective public policy is in place, the gap between the minimum wage – currently \$17.94 in Yukon – and the living wage gets smaller, making it easier for more people to meet their basic needs in our community.



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