2026 Living Wage in Whitehorse, Yukon

Living wage calculations are an effective way to measure the cost of living in a community in a way that incudes the role of public policy like 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.

The **LIVING WAGE** is equal to the hourly rate of pay that each adult of a household must earn to meet its basic needs.



Two adults\two children household

$29.60/hr



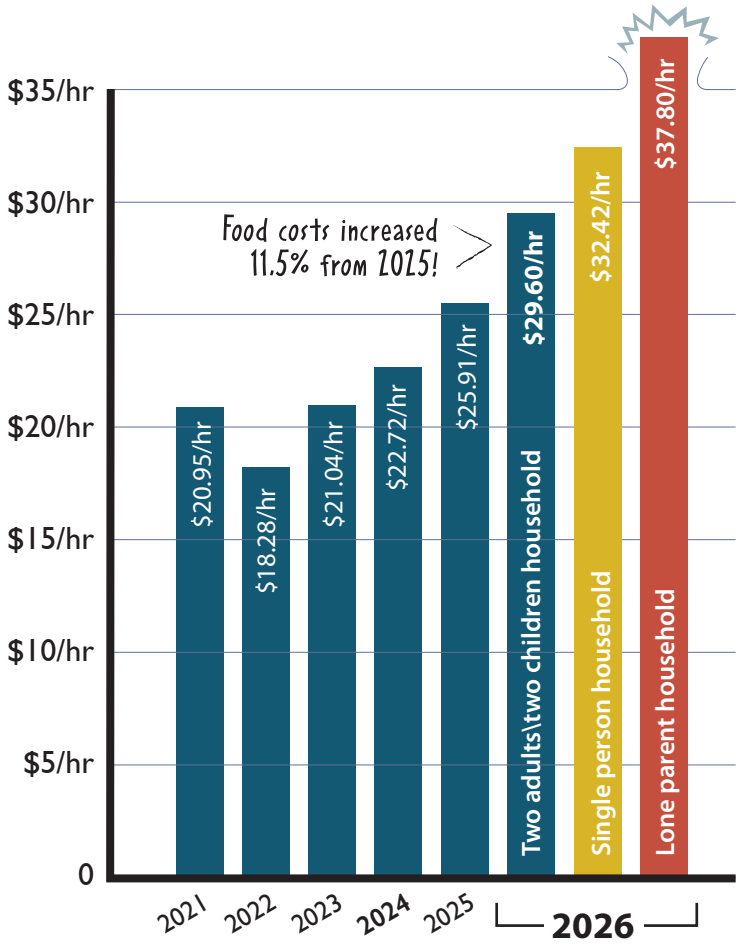
Single person household

$32.43/hr



Lone parent household

$37.80/hr



Single parent households and people living alone spend a far greater share of their income on shelter.

Living Wage

The living wage increased among all household types in 2026. Why?

- Higher costs of shelter, food, electricity and home heating
- Insufficient income supports to offset increases in the cost of living

Public policy could lower the living wage, making it easier for more people to meet their basic needs in our community. How?

- Increase the affordable and non-market housing supply
- Better supports for single person households
- Low-fee childcare & dental benefits
- Free and accessible public transit

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