

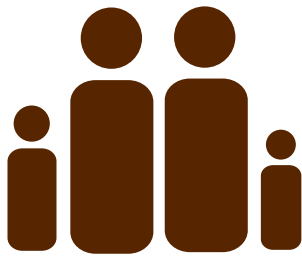
# Living Wage in Whitehorse, Yukon: 2020-2022

A **LIVING WAGE** equals the hourly wage that a family requires to obtain adequate food, shelter, clothing, transportation, health care, and other basic necessities.

A **LIVING WAGE** in 2022  
Whitehorse is

**\$18.28/hr**

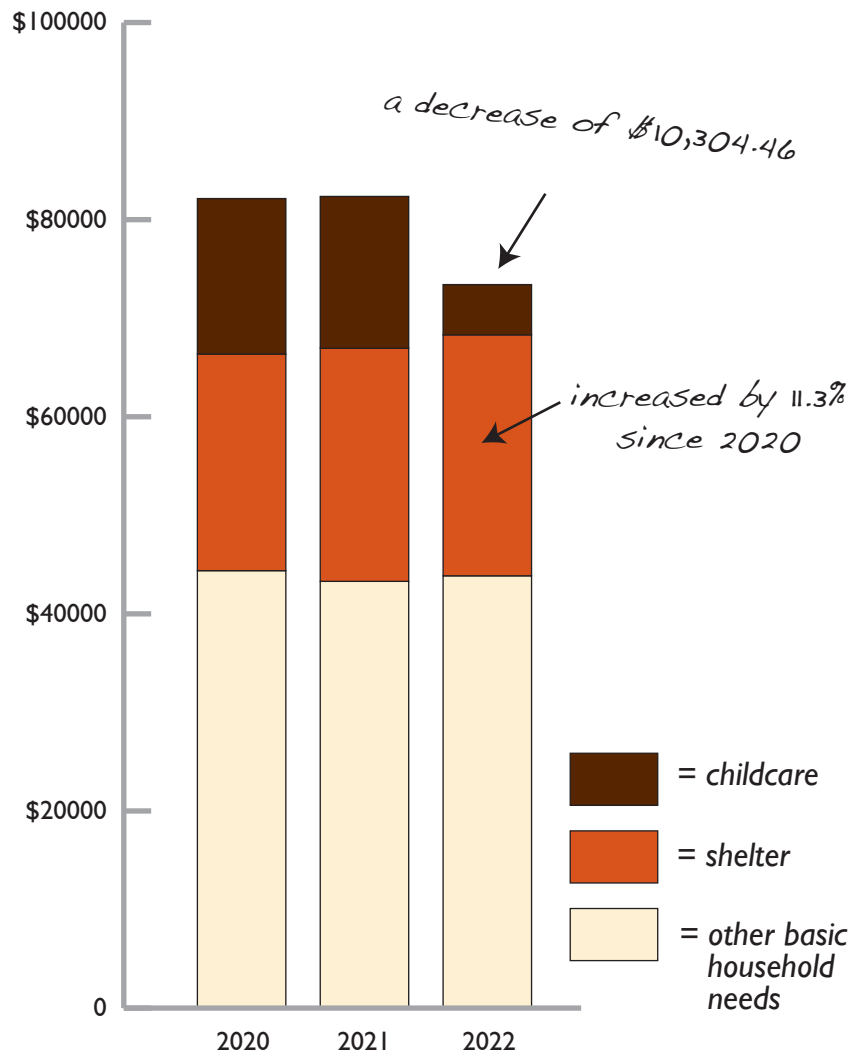
(based on a 35 hr work week  
for each parent)



**2 WORKING PARENTS**  
with 2 children  
(ages 4 and 7)

This is a decrease from previous years due to the introduction of universal low-fee child care in the Yukon and the enhancement of the Canada Child Benefit to support families with children.

Annual Expenses for the reference family:



## We are in inflationary times right now.

According to Statistics Canada (for Whitehorse specifically), between December 2021 and May 2022 the cost of:

- Food increased by 5.1%
- Shelter increased by 4.4%
- Transportation increased by 5.3%

**The living wage of 2023 will be significantly higher. The time to act is now.**

Many households without children have not received the same kind of recent support from government. Individuals who live alone and lone-parent households with children are much more likely to experience poverty and face severe affordability challenges relative to households with a composition similar to the living wage reference family.

More targeted supports are required to help alleviate affordability challenges faced by these peoples. These households are among the hardest hit by recent inflationary pressures.