

What does it cost to live?

Monthly Expenses

Apartment	\$700
Car payment	300
Car insurance/maintenance	400
Phone/Gas & Elec.	200
Food	400
Entertainment	200
Total	\$2,200

Or you could cut out a few things
(like a car, entertainment, half the food)

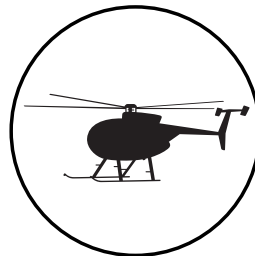
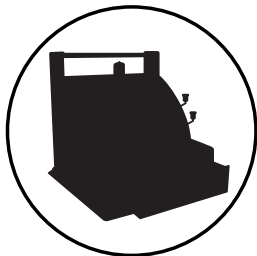
Monthly Expenses

Apartment	\$600
Bus Fare	60
Phone/Gas & Elec.	200
Food	200
Total	\$1,060

WILL YOU BE ABLE TO AFFORD IT?

Sample Salaries (based on 40 hours per week) — minimum wage is \$5.15/hr.

\$6.50 hourly	= \$1,144 monthly - taxes =	\$800 take home pay monthly
\$8.50 hourly	= \$1,496 monthly - taxes =	\$1,050 take home pay monthly
\$10.00 hourly	= \$1,760 monthly - taxes =	\$1,232 take home pay monthly
\$20.00 hourly	= \$3,520 monthly - taxes =	\$2,464 take home pay monthly



Here are what some jobs pay

Occupation	Education/Training	Beg. Salary	Exp. Salary	Openings in 2010
Pediatrician	College/Medical School	\$39.00	\$82.25	240
General Manager	College/Experience	19.75	54.00	24,650
Lawyer	College/Law School	21.25	53.00	3,170
Air Traffic Controller	Specialized Training	26.50	48.75	80
Aerospace Engineer	College/Post Grad	28.00	45.00	240
Computer Programmer	College or Experience & Skills	19.00	36.75	3,040
Registered Nurse	Associate Degree	21.25	34.75	14,840
Physical Therapist	College/Post Grad	22.75	34.50	1,050
Architect	College/Post Grad	18.00	33.75	140
Accountant	College/Post Grad	18.00	32.00	4,250
Elementary School Teacher	College	18.50	31.46	6,520
Plumber	Specialized Training	14.50	26.25	2,400
Police Officer	Academy Training	15.75	25.25	3,020
Graphic Designer	College or Experience & Skills	13.25	23.25	1,870
Auto Mechanic	Specialized Training	10.50	21.50	4,040
Carpenter	Specialized Training	13.25	19.00	6,080
Office Clerk	On-job Training	8.50	14.75	17,220
Cashier	On-job Training	6.50	10.00	24,880
Waiter/Waitress	On-job Training	6.00	8.25	19,660

How are you doing to prepare yourself to earn a good salary?

For more information on wages for other occupations, visit www.dllr.state.md.us/lmi/wages (click on labor & industry).