

SLEEP OUT



COULD YOU MAKE IT?

Before You Begin

Put yourself in the seat of a young person trying to survive in your state, working a full time job making minimum wage. Follow the steps below and fill out the worksheet to see if you could make it under those circumstances.

STEP 01

Select your state and county from [this website](#). Then find your zip code and take note of the rental cost in your area. Write them down in the space provided.

Cost of a 1 bedroom apartment in your zip code?
\$ _____/month

Minimum wage for your county?
\$ _____/hour

Multiply the hourly rate by 160 and note the total gross pay for someone making minimum wage, working full time for the month.

\$ _____/month

STEP 02

Select your state from [this website](#), then write down the minimum wage and calculate the gross monthly income for your area using your phone or calculator.

STEP 03

Reflect. If a young person was making minimum wage in your neighborhood, would they be able to support themselves each month?



COULD YOU SURVIVE ON MINIMUM WAGE IN YOUR STATE?

Reflecting on the information you've just collected, answer the questions that follow.

Working for minimum wage, would you be able to afford rent in your area?

If yes, would you have any money left over for food, utilities, transportation?

If you did not have any money left at the end of the month, how would you go about finding the funds for those needs?

So, could you survive on minimum wage in your area?

