The Self-Sufficiency Standard Compared to Other Benchmarks

Based on the Self-Sufficiency Standard for a Family with One Parent, One Preschooler and One School-Age Child in Kings County (Brooklyn), NY, 2004

*Welfare: TANF and Food Stamps $12,100
**Full-Time Minimum Wage $14,867
Federal Poverty Level $15,670
Average Starting Salary of HOPE Graduates $21,705
Self-Sufficiency Wage $49,488
Median Family Income $56,500

*The TANF benefit is $8,292 annually and the Food Stamp benefit is $3,807 annually.
**NYS Minimum Wage at $7.15/hour

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