Cost of Living Calculations
Think of your group as a family that lives in a household together. (The size of your group will be the size of your household.) Make a list of what your basic needs are. Calculate the monthly costs of basic needs for your group's family. Write them on the sheet where you have listed the items. Add up the monthly costs, and then multiply by 12 to find out the amount of money a family would need in order to survive in your community.

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Size of Family: ________________________________

Total Cost of Basic Needs per month in your area: ________________________________

Total Cost of Basic Needs per year in your area: ________________________________

Federal Poverty Level: ________________________________

Federal Minimum Wage: ________________________________

    per hour: ________________________________
    annual income: ________________________________

Minimum wage required for worker in your area to meet basic needs: ________________________________