

# Greater Victoria Living Wage 2022

## \$24.29

The Living Wage is the gross hourly wage that two working parents with two young children must each earn to meet their basic expenses (including rent, child-care, medical needs, food, and transportation), once government taxes, credits, deductions and subsidies have been taken into account.



## A 20% increase since last year

Annual household expenses for our family of four rose by \$10,229 compared to 2021.

## Why the increase?

- + Housing, transportation, and childcare make up the biggest portion of costs
- + Cost of food is up 25.7% and other household items are up 22%

## Government action needed



Investment in childcare has brought the Living Wage down in the past. Government action on housing and food costs is needed to address affordability. Too often, employers and low-income workers are left to come up with solutions on their own, its time for governments to step up and implement measures aimed at reducing unaffordability.

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