

To net **\$8,550 per month**, an employed person must gross \$11,828.81 per month and a self-employed person must gross \$12,580.17 per month.

# Texas Child Support 2013

## Child Support is Usually Calculated According to Guidelines

The amount calculated according to the child support guidelines is presumed to be reasonable and in the child's best interest. A court may determine the guidelines amount would be unjust or inappropriate under the circumstances and may consider a laundry list of factors in setting support at an amount other than the guidelines amount. In 90% or more of cases, child support is calculated using the guidelines.

### Calculating Support Using the Guidelines

The following steps are used to calculate child support in most cases. Additional steps are required if the monthly net income exceeds \$8,550 (see next page)

#### Step One: Calculate Monthly Gross Income.

Whenever feasible, calculate gross annual income and then divide by 12 to get average monthly gross income. Income includes all wages, salary, compensation, commissions, overtime, tips, bonuses, interest, royalty income, net rental income, retirement benefits, social security, workers' compensation, gifts and prizes and alimony. Income does not include return of principal or capital, accounts receivable or AFDC payments. One method is to take the year-to-date pay on the most recent paycheck and divide by the number of weeks so far in the year.

1. Monthly Gross Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Step Two: Calculate Monthly Net Income Using The A.G. Tax Chart.

Use the chart at right. If the monthly gross income falls in between two numbers on the chart, use the percentage for the closest number on the chart (e.g.—if monthly gross is \$2,158, use the percentage for \$2,200). The net pay calculated using the chart is used even though it is probably different than the actual net pay of the person paying support.

2. Monthly Net Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Step Three: Calculate Adjusted Monthly Net Resources.

Subtract from the Monthly Net Income calculated in Step 2 any amounts being paid for union dues and health insurance for the children by the person who owes child support

3. Adjusted Monthly Net: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(See next page for Steps 4 and 5)

Harris County Child Support Office

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The Federal minimum wage is:

\$7.25 an hour (\$1,256.67 per month)

Monthly Gross Earnings	Employed Persons		Self-Employed Persons	
	Monthly Net	Percent	Monthly Net	Percent
\$600.00	\$554.10	92.35%	\$515.22	85.87%
\$700.00	\$646.45	92.35%	\$601.09	85.87%
\$800.00	\$738.80	92.35%	\$686.96	85.87%
\$900.00	\$824.48	91.61%	\$772.53	85.84%
\$1,000.00	\$906.83	90.68%	\$849.11	84.91%
\$1,100.00	\$989.18	89.93%	\$925.67	84.15%
\$1,200.00	\$1,071.53	89.29%	\$1,002.25	83.52%
\$1,300.00	\$1,153.88	88.76%	\$1,078.83	82.99%
\$1,400.00	\$1,236.23	88.30%	\$1,155.41	82.53%
\$1,500.00	\$1,318.58	87.91%	\$1,231.99	82.13%
\$1,600.00	\$1,399.79	87.49%	\$1,308.57	81.79%
\$1,700.00	\$1,477.14	86.89%	\$1,385.00	81.47%
\$1,800.00	\$1,554.49	86.36%	\$1,456.92	80.94%
\$1,900.00	\$1,631.84	85.89%	\$1,528.86	80.47%
\$2,000.00	\$1,709.19	85.46%	\$1,600.79	80.04%
\$2,100.00	\$1,786.54	85.07%	\$1,672.72	79.65%
\$2,200.00	\$1,863.89	84.72%	\$1,744.65	79.30%
\$2,300.00	\$1,941.24	84.40%	\$1,816.58	78.98%
\$2,400.00	\$2,018.59	84.11%	\$1,888.51	78.69%
\$2,500.00	\$2,095.94	83.84%	\$1,960.44	78.42%
\$2,600.00	\$2,173.29	83.59%	\$2,032.37	78.17%
\$2,700.00	\$2,250.64	83.36%	\$2,104.30	77.94%
\$2,800.00	\$2,327.99	83.14%	\$2,176.23	77.72%
\$2,900.00	\$2,405.34	82.94%	\$2,248.16	77.52%
\$3,000.00	\$2,482.69	82.76%	\$2,320.10	77.34%
\$3,100.00	\$2,560.04	82.58%	\$2,392.03	77.16%
\$3,200.00	\$2,637.39	82.42%	\$2,463.96	77.00%
\$3,300.00	\$2,714.74	82.26%	\$2,535.88	76.84%
\$3,400.00	\$2,792.09	82.12%	\$2,607.81	76.70%
\$3,500.00	\$2,869.44	81.98%	\$2,679.74	76.56%
\$3,600.00	\$2,946.79	81.86%	\$2,751.68	76.44%

Monthly Gross Earnings	Employed Persons		Self-Employed Persons	
	Monthly Net	Percent	Monthly Net	Percent
\$3,700.00	\$3,024.14	81.73%	\$2,823.61	76.31%
\$3,800.00	\$3,101.49	81.62%	\$2,895.54	76.20%
\$3,900.00	\$3,174.25	81.39%	\$2,967.47	76.09%
\$4,000.00	\$3,241.60	81.04%	\$3,039.39	75.98%
\$4,250.00	\$3,409.97	80.23%	\$3,209.67	75.52%
\$4,500.00	\$3,578.35	79.52%	\$3,366.25	74.81%
\$4,750.00	\$3,746.72	78.88%	\$3,522.85	74.17%
\$5,000.00	\$3,915.10	78.30%	\$3,679.43	73.59%
\$5,250.00	\$4,083.47	77.78%	\$3,836.03	73.07%
\$5,500.00	\$4,251.85	77.31%	\$3,992.62	72.59%
\$5,750.00	\$4,420.22	76.87%	\$4,149.21	72.16%
\$6,000.00	\$4,588.60	76.48%	\$4,305.81	71.76%
\$6,250.00	\$4,756.97	76.11%	\$4,462.40	71.40%
\$6,500.00	\$4,925.35	75.77%	\$4,618.99	71.06%
\$6,750.00	\$5,093.72	75.46%	\$4,775.57	70.75%
\$7,000.00	\$5,262.10	75.17%	\$4,932.17	70.46%
\$7,500.00	\$5,598.85	74.65%	\$5,245.35	69.94%
\$8,000.00	\$5,935.60	74.20%	\$5,558.54	69.48%
\$8,500.00	\$6,261.98	73.67%	\$5,891.72	69.31%
\$9,000.00	\$6,583.73	73.15%	\$6,178.60	68.65%
\$9,500.00	\$6,907.03	72.71%	\$6,477.85	68.19%
\$10,000.00	\$7,259.78	72.60%	\$6,777.08	67.77%
\$10,500.00	\$7,612.53	72.50%	\$7,099.97	67.62%
\$11,000.00	\$7,965.28	72.41%	\$7,448.46	69.53%
\$11,500.00	\$8,318.03	72.33%	\$7,796.94	67.80%
\$11,828.81	\$8,550.00	72.28%		
\$12,000.00	\$8,670.78	72.26%	\$8,145.43	67.88%
\$12,500.00	\$9,023.53	72.19%	\$8,493.91	67.95%
\$12,580.14			\$8,550.00	67.96%
\$13,000.00	\$9,376.28	72.13%	\$8,842.40	68.02%
\$13,500.00	\$9,729.03	72.07%	\$9,190.88	68.08%
\$14,000.00	\$10,081.78	72.01%	\$9,539.37	68.14%
\$14,500.00	\$10,434.53	71.96%	\$9,887.85	68.19%
\$15,000.00	\$10,787.28	71.92%	\$10,236.34	68.24%

**Step Four: Determine Guideline Percentage.** The Guideline Percentage is based on the number of children to be supported in the current case and the number of children the Obligor (the person paying support) is legally obligated to support. For example, if there are two children involved in the case in court but the father has a third child with another woman, the father would owe support based on 22.5% of his adjusted monthly net resources.

		Number of children in <u>this</u> case				
		1	2	3	4	5
No. of <u>other</u> kids Obligor Is legally obligated to support	0	20.00	25.00	30.00	35.00	40.00
	1	17.50	22.50	27.38	32.20	37.33
	2	16.00	20.63	25.20	30.33	35.43
	3	14.75	19.00	24.00	29.00	34.00
	4	13.60	18.33	23.14	28.00	32.89
	5	13.33	17.86	22.50	27.22	32.00
	6	13.14	17.50	22.00	26.60	31.27

**4. Guideline Percentage:** \_\_\_\_\_%

**Step Five: Calculate Monthly Child Support Amount.** Multiply the Adjusted Net Monthly Resources (Step 3) by the Guideline Percentage (Step 4) to find out how much is owed each month for child support.

**5. Monthly Child Support:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Calculating Child Support if Monthly Net Income Exceeds \$8,550**

If monthly net income exceeds \$8,550, the following steps are used to calculate child support per Sec. 154.126:

1. Calculate child support using the guidelines for the first \$8,550 of monthly net income
2. Determine the "child's proven needs."
3. Subtract the guidelines amount calculated in step 1 from the child's proven needs.
4. The court shall allocate the remaining amount of proven needs between the parties "according to the circumstances of the parties." The support ordered cannot exceed 100% of the amount of the child's proven needs.

**NEW MAXIMUM CHILD SUPPORT CAP**

On September 1, 2013, the cap on maximum monthly net resources used to calculate guideline child support in Texas increased from \$7,500 per month to \$8,550 per month. This means that the maximum guideline child support amount is now:

- 1 child \$1,710.00
- 2 children \$2,137.50
- 3 children \$2,565.00

(assuming the obligor has no other children he or she is obligated to support).

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