Wages, Job Categories and Housing Costs, Leon County

Median wage for Leon County, 2021: \$18.12/hour. A full-time, year-round worker with this wage can afford \$786 in rent. Sources: National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach; Shimberg Center tabulation of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics

How much can Tallahassee area workers afford to pay for housing each month?

\$500-599

- Waiters and Waitresses
- Fast Food Workers
- Bartenders
- Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers
- Cashiers
- Dishwashers
- Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
- Home Health and Personal Care Aides
- Childcare Workers

\$600-799

- Farmworkers
- Hotel Desk Clerks
- Nursing Assistants
- Retail Salespersons
- Preschool Teachers
- Substitute Teachers
- Hairdressers
- Receptionists
- Restaurant Cooks
- Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
- Security Guards
- Customer Service Representatives
- Bus Drivers

\$800-1,000

- Medical Assistants
- Truck Drivers
- Construction Laborers
- Pharmacy Technicians
- Tellers
- Vet Techs
- Secretaries and Administrative
- Assistants Office Clerks
- Painters
- Dental Assistants
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers
- Auto Mechanics
- Carpenters
- Roofers
- Correctional Officers
- Firefighters

Source: Shimberg Center tabulation of Florida Department of Economic Security, Occupational Employment Statistics and Wages. Based on median wage for jobs in Florida. Assumes full -time worker, 30% of income spent on housing costs.





HUD fair market rents for Tallahassee/Leon County

2024

Efficiency	\$1,062
1 bedroom	\$1,183
2 bedroom	\$1,339
3 bedroom	\$1,708
4 bedroom	\$1.903

Source: HUD https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr/fmrs/FY2024 code/2024summary.odn

Dollars Available for Rent by Wage

Hourly Wage	Monthly Wage	Available for Housing (30% minus utilities)
\$18.00	\$3,120.00	\$786.00
\$19.00	\$3,293.00	\$838.00
\$20.00	\$3,466.67	\$890.00
\$21.00	\$3,640.00	\$942.00
\$22.00	\$3,813.33	\$994.00
\$23.00	\$3,986.67	\$1,046.00
\$24.00	\$4,160.00	\$1,098.00
\$25.00	\$4,333.33	\$1,150.00
\$26.00	\$4,506.67	\$1,202.00