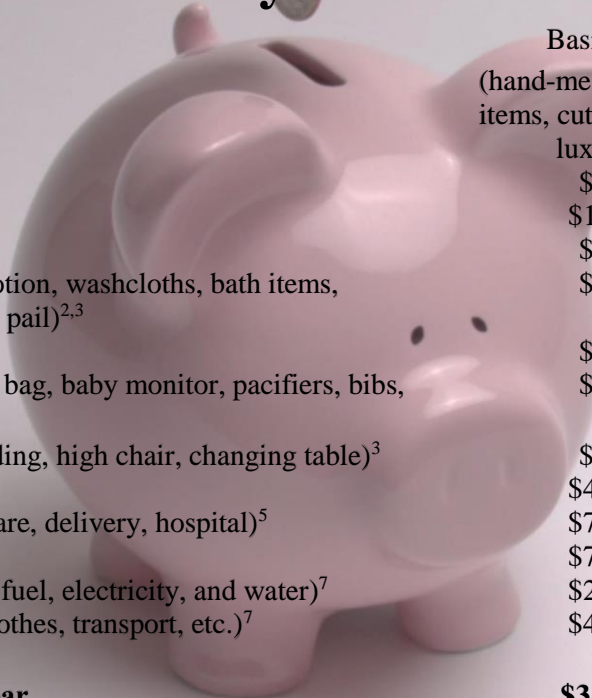


Dollars and Sense

Can you afford a baby – even for ONE YEAR?



Diapers^{1,2,3}
 Baby formula^{2,3}
 Baby food^{2,3}
 Health/Safety Items (wipes, lotion, washcloths, bath items, childproofing supplies, diaper pail)^{2,3}
 Baby clothes and shoes³
 Gear (car seat, stroller, diaper bag, baby monitor, pacifiers, bibs, bottles, sippy cups, etc.)³
 Furniture (crib, mattress, bedding, high chair, changing table)³
 Child care (full time)⁴
 Medical Expenses (prenatal care, delivery, hospital)⁵
 Your own apartment^{6,7}
 Utilities (basic is gas, heating fuel, electricity, and water)⁷
 Your other expenses (food, clothes, transport, etc.)⁷



Basic Stuff (hand-me-downs, sale items, cutting back on luxuries)	Nicer Stuff (new clothes, regular price items, luxury purchases)
\$680	\$5,146
\$1,260	\$2,400
\$342	\$420
\$423	\$893
\$500	\$708
\$296	\$430
\$384	\$699
\$4,560	\$16,549
\$7,737	\$10,958
\$7,800	\$15,900
\$2,947	\$3,684
\$4,192	\$7,890
Total cost for baby's first year	\$31,121
	\$65,677

Costs do not include any “extras” like toys, baby pictures, babysitters, movies, medications, birthday parties, or holiday gifts.

Now if you don't want to have a baby this year...



Abstinence	Free!
Box of 12 condoms ⁸	\$8
Box of 36 condoms ⁸	\$20
One year of birth control pills ⁹	\$180-600
One year of Ortho Evra (the patch) ¹⁰	\$180-960
One year of Depo-Provera (the shot) ¹¹	\$140-600

For confidential information about birth control and affordable clinic referrals, call the MN Family Planning and STD hotline.

1-800-78-FACTS

Costs may be lower than those listed; depends on your income at family planning clinics. Teens do NOT need parental consent to get birth control in Minnesota.

How much money are YOU making in a year?

(Note, these figures are about 20% less after taxes!)	Full time (40 hours/wk)	Part time (20 hours/wk)
Minimum wage job - \$7.25/hour (McDonald's, Target) ¹²	\$15,080	\$7,540
“Livable wage” job - \$18.25/hour (minimum to cover the basic needs of single person with one dependent) ¹³	\$38,000	\$19,000

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