

WHY I WORK DATA SOURCES

Housing

U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016 5-Year Estimates, Table B25088: Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs (Dollars) by Mortgage Status and Table B25031: Median Gross Rent by Bedrooms

Utilities

Cable: *Report on Cable Industry Prices*, Federal Communications Commission, October 12, 2016, https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-16-1166A1_Rcd.pdf (attachment 8). Nationwide figures only.

All other utilities: either 1) New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) (<http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us/consumer-relations/company-directory.html>) or 2) survey of local providers.

Transportation

Cars: Edmunds www.edmunds.com/tco.html. Five-year loan.

Bus: survey of local providers

Food

Consumer Price Index, West Region—May 2017, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/news-release/2017/pdf/consumerpriceindex_west_20170614.pdf

Clothing

Consumer Price Index, West Region—May 2017, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/news-release/2017/pdf/consumerpriceindex_west_20170614.pdf

Healthcare

2016 Employer Health Benefits Survey, Section Six: Worker and Employer Contributions for Premiums, The Henry I. Kaiser Family Foundation, <http://www.kff.org/report-section/ehbs-2016-section-six-worker-and-employer-contributions-for-premiums>. Employer and self-pay insurance plans are nationwide. Employer insurance plan assumes HMO. Excludes deductible or any out-of-pocket payments.

C2ER The Council for Community and Economic Research, www.coli.org. No insurance option includes the cost of one doctor's visit per month, one over-the-counter headache medicine per month, and four prescriptions per year. Dental and vision care assumes two adult teeth cleanings and oral exams per year, one annual eye exam, and one replacement set of glasses or contacts.

Education

U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>

FinAid, <http://www.finaid.org/calculators/loanpayments.phtml>

Education costs do not take into account grants, financial aid, or scholarships. Monthly loan amount is for ten years at 6.8 percent interest. Includes costs for in-state schools only.