

# COUNT THE MONEY

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**STATE CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES** If you're a noncustodial parent, you pay:

One child	20% of net income
Two children	25%
Three children	30%
Four children	35%
Five or more children	40%

These percentages apply to children with the same custodial parent; the judge may deviate from the guidelines in special circumstances. If you have children with more than one partner, a different calculation is used, so NCPs pay more than they would if their children lived in one household.

## CALCULATING CHILD SUPPORT AMOUNTS

**Example:** \$7.25 hourly wage, one child

GROSS WEEKLY INCOME	<i>Multiply</i> the hourly wage by 40
GROSS ANNUAL INCOME	<i>Multiply</i> gross weekly income by 52
GROSS MONTHLY INCOME	<i>Divide</i> gross annual income by 12

**To calculate DEDUCTIONS** *Add the following:*

\$ 77.91	(Social Security) 6.2% of gross monthly
\$ 18.22	(Medicare) 1.45% of gross monthly
+ \$ 42.33	(Federal Income Tax-FICA)
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	Total Monthly Taxes

**To calculate NET MONTHLY INCOME** *Subtract* Total Monthly Taxes from Income

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Gross Monthly Income *minus* \_\_\_\_\_ Total Monthly Taxes = \_\_\_\_\_ Net Monthly Income

**For CHILD SUPPORT AMOUNT** *Multiply* Net Monthly Income by the child support percentages at the top of this page.

In addition to child support, NCPs must pay medical support, which is separate from child support and the law assumes that the person paying child support will also pay for the child's health insurance. Monthly medical support is up to 9 percent of the NCP's annual resources. A parent working a full-time minimum wage job could be ordered to pay up to \$120 a month for medical support, or \$675 for someone making \$7,500 a month.