

High-Income Payer Worksheet to Estimate Support

Important to Know

1. The worksheet only offers an **estimate** of what your support might be.
2. The use of the High-Income Payer formula is at the court's discretion. If the paying parent's income is \$7,000/month (\$84,000/year) or more, the court **may** use the high-income payer formula.
3. The court **may** use the payer's gross income, ability to earn, or the income available for support.
 - Gross income is defined as **all income and earnings** from all sources. This income may or may not be taxable. Income can be in the form of money, property, or services.
 - Ability to earn considers the parent's job and wage history, health, education, and available job openings
 - Income available for support is the gross income minus support for earlier obligations. The [serial-family parent worksheet](#) may be used to estimate a parent's income available for support.
4. The formula for high-income payers are
 - The guidelines for the first \$7,000/months of income are:
 - **17%** of income for 1 child
 - **25%** of income for 2 children
 - **29%** of income for 3 children
 - **31%** of income for 4 children
 - **34%** of income for 5 or more children
 - The guidelines for the portion of income between \$7,000/month and \$12,500/month (\$84,000 - \$150,000/year) are:
 - **14%** of income for 1 child
 - **20%** of income for 2 children
 - **23%** of income for 3 children
 - **25%** of income for 4 children
 - **27%** of income for 5 or more children
 - The guidelines for the portion of income that is more \$12,500/month (\$150,000/year):
 - **10%** of income for 1 child
 - **15%** of income for 2 children
 - **17%** of income for 3 children
 - **19%** of income for 4 children
 - **20%** of income for 5 or more children

[Please see DCF 150 for more details about High-Income Payer cases.](#)

For more information about court orders and setting child support amounts, go to childsupport.wisconsin.gov

You can fill out this worksheet online or by hand. If you fill out the information online, you can print the completed worksheet and save a copy on your computer.

High - Income Payer Cases Worksheet

First \$7,000 of Monthly Income	Line 1	The first \$7,000 of payer's <u>monthly income</u>	\$7,000
	Line 2	Enter the percent based on the number of children below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 1 child, enter 17% • For 2 children, enter 25% • For 3 children, enter 29% • For 4 children, enter 31% • For 5 or more children, enter 34% 	X %
	Line 3	Multiply Line 1 by Line 2.	\$
Monthly Income between \$7,000 and \$12,500	Line 4	Subtract \$7,000 from the payer's monthly income. If the amount is more than \$5,500, enter \$5,500	\$
	Line 5	Enter the percent based on the number of children below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 1 child, enter 14% • For 2 children, enter 20% • For 3 children, enter 23% • For 4 children, enter 25% • For 5 or more children, enter 27% 	X %
	Line 6	Multiply Line 4 by Line 5	\$
	Line 7	Add Line 3 and Line 6 This is the estimated support if the parent's monthly income is between \$7,000 and \$12,500. If the parent's monthly income is more than \$12,500, continue to Line 8	\$
Monthly Income of more than \$12,500	Line 8	Subtract \$12,500 from the payer's monthly income.	\$
	Line 9	Enter the percent based on the number of children below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 1 child, enter 10% • For 2 children, enter 15% • For 3 children, enter 17% • For 4 children, enter 19% • For 5 or more children, enter 20% 	X %
	Line 10	Multiply Line 8 by Line 9	\$
	Line 11	Add Line 7 and Line 10 This is the estimated support if the paying parent's monthly income is more than \$12,500	\$