

Student Task Cards

RED Family

1 adult

You are a Filipino American male who just graduated from high school and need to move out on your own. You found a job making minimum wage for nontipped employees in Chicago, \$10.50 per hour, as a line cook at a nearby restaurant. You work forty hours per week.

GREEN Family

1 adult; 1 child

You are a young, single white mom with one child working as a server at a nearby restaurant. Minimum wage is different if you receive tips, \$5.95 per hour. You make minimum wage, and you average about \$360 per week in tips. You work forty hours per week.

BLUE Family

2 adults; 2 children

You are a Latinx family with two children under the age of five. Mom stays home to take care of the children. Dad works forty hours per week at a construction company that pays two times minimum wage for nontipped employees.

YELLOW Family

1 adult

You are a young, single Black woman who is going to school part time and working full time (forty hours per week). You work at the same construction company as the dad of the BLUE family, but most Black women (including you) make 64 percent of what men at the company make.

ORANGE Family

1 adult

You are a Palestinian American female who is a full-time student working about twenty hours per week. You have a minimum wage job working in the library (no tips). However, you also have a scholarship that provides \$1,000 at the beginning of every month.

PURPLE Family

2 adults; 2 children

You are a two-mom Black family with two children. Both of your children are in school, so both moms work full time (forty hours per week). Both found jobs working for Amazon in Romeoville, Illinois. Amazon pays employees \$13.00 per hour.