

# 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/month 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 Payers cases.

For more information about court orders and setting child support amounts, go to the [Wisconsin Child Support Program](#) homepage.

## High - Income Payer Cases Worksheet

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