

WEEK THREE: UC GRAD STUDENTS AND POSTDOCS STILL ON STRIKE!

More questions or want to
work together?

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It's the final week of instruction at Berkeley and the strike is still on. As we head towards the end of the semester and a possible period of grade withholding, undergrad support will be especially important.

We did some budget calculations to show why this fight is so crucial for our GSIs and GSRs. Solidarity with striking UC workers!

CURRENT GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR UNION CONTRACT

WHAT GRAD STUDENTS ARE FIGHTING FOR NOW

What Can You Get for 24k/Year?*

A BREAKDOWN OF WHAT WE MEAN WHEN WE SAY
"POVERTY WAGES"

RENT

Average rent for all bedroom types in Oakland, CA (Zillow)	\$2,500/Mo
Average rent for all bedroom types in Berkeley, CA (Zillow)	\$2,875/Mo
Average rent in Oakland if you have one other roommate per year	\$15,000
Average rent in Berkeley if you have one other roommate per year	\$17,250

HOW WOULD YOU CUT COSTS IF YOU SPENT \$15-17K ON RENT ALONE?

BUT DONT FORGET! YOU ALSO HAVE TO BUY:

Food	\$481.80/Mo	\$5,781.60 PER YEAR (Numbeo.com)
Utilities	\$112/Mo	\$1,344 PER YEAR (Numbeo.com)
Internet	\$74.50/Mo.	\$894 PER YEAR (Livingcost.org)
31 day local pass (Bus)	\$84.60.	\$1015.20 PER YEAR (Actransit.org)

THIS DOESNT INCLUDE PHONE, INSURANCE, CLOTHING,
CHILDCARE, TEXTBOOKS, ETC.

*24k per year, this is BEFORE taxes, after taxes you'll get about \$20,400/Year or \$1,700 per month.

What Can You Get for 54k/Year?*

Average rent in Oakland if you have one roommate per year	\$15,000
Average rent in Berkeley if you have one roommate per year	\$17,250

Food	\$481.80/Mo	\$5,781.60 PER YEAR (Numbeo.com)
Utilities	\$112/Mo	\$1,344 PER YEAR (Numbeo.com)
Internet	\$74.50/Mo.	\$894 PER YEAR (Livingcost.org)
Cellphone	\$40/Mo	\$480 PER YEAR (MetroPCS website)
31 day local pass (Bus)	\$84.60.	\$1015.20 PER YEAR (Actransit.org)
Health Insurance	\$78/Mo	\$936 PER YEAR (Blue Shield/Anthem)**
Prescription Drugs		\$1,300 PER YEAR (OECD.org)
Childcare	\$2,125/Mo	\$25,500 PER YEAR
Grooming/Toiletries	\$60/mo	\$720 PER YEAR (Quicken.com)

Can you think of things you buy during the year that aren't on this list?

ACCORDING TO CALBUDGETCENTER.ORG IT COSTS APROX.
\$92,267 TO MAKE ENDS MEET IN ALAMEDA COUNTY. IS
54K A YEAR ENOUGH?

*54k per year, this is BEFORE taxes, after taxes you'll get about \$45,900/Year or \$3,825 per month.

**Quote for a 30 year old making 54K who doesn't smoke, and doesn't have AIDS/HIV, cancer, bipolar disorder, type I diabetes, heart disease, a history of transplants, and more!

University administration says that grad students are being "unreasonable" in their demands...have they ever tried living here on \$24k per year?