Kentucky

Minimum wage = $7.25 per hour or $15,080 annually.
The mom and the children qualify for Medicaid (estimated at $4,986 and $3,389 each, respectively). Kentucky does not provide a match to the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

CHART 1: KENTUCKY

Single Mother with Two Children Earning Minimum Wage for Full Year, Receiving Basic Cash, Food, and Medical Benefits in Kentucky

NOTES: 2017 data using minimum wage of $7.25. The children are school-age, and mom's employer does not provide health insurance.

SOURCES: Author's calculations using data from the U.S. Department of Labor, IRS, Kentucky Department of Revenue, FNS, and CMS.
CHART 2: KENTUCKY

Single Mother with Two Children Earning Minimum Wage for Full Year, Receiving Basic Cash, Food, Medical, and Housing Benefits in Kentucky

Notes: 2017 data using minimum wage of $7.25. The children are school-age, and mom’s employer does not provide health insurance.

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