Missouri

Minimum wage = $7.85 per hour or $16,328 annually.
The mom does not qualify for Medicaid, but the children do (estimated at $3,389 each).
Missouri does not provide a match to the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

CHART 1: MISSOURI

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

NOTES: 2017 data using minimum wage of $7.85. The children are school-age, and mom’s employer does not provide health insurance.

SOURCES: Author’s calculations using data from the Missouri Labor and Industrial Relations Commission, IRS, Missouri Department of Revenue, FNS, and CMS.
CHART 2: MISSOURI

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

NOTES: 2017 data using minimum wage of $7.85. The children are school-age, and mom's employer does not provide health insurance.

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