

Living on 31¢ an Hour

Workers at a garment factory in the Las Mercedes Free Trade Zone in Managua, Nicaragua sew clothing for major United States clothing companies. Their wages, including overtime, incentives and bonuses are about 31 cents per hour, or \$14.88 per week.

Weekly Expenses

Round trip bus fare to work	\$2.45
Breakfast of coffee or juice	\$1.92
Lunch of rice & beans and beverage	\$6.73
Rent for sharing one-room hut with another family	\$3.53
Water	\$1.41
Electricity	\$1.77
Wood for cooking	\$1.88
Powdered milk for children	\$4.08
Childcare while you work	\$6.12
School books and supplies for children	\$0.47

Total Costs: \$29.34