

ANKER REFERENCE VALUE ANNUAL UPDATE 2023¹

NON-METROPOLITAN URBAN ARGENTINA

LIVING WAGE
ARS 232,709

Attention: Argentina's inflation rate is currently very high and increasing. Therefore, the living wage estimate is only indicative for mid-2023 and should be regularly updated throughout the year. Note that USD value of the living income is not indicated, because there is such a large difference between the official exchange rate and common informal market rates.

This report updates the Anker Living Wage Reference Value for non-metropolitan urban Argentina to 2023. This was ARS 43,827 in June 2020 in the original report², and comprised of a Net Living Wage of ARS 36,376, plus a social security contribution of ARS 7,451. The updated Anker Gross Living Wage for June 2023 is ARS 232,709 per month, and comprises a Net living Wage of ARS 193,149, plus social security contribution of ARS 39,560. Inflation in this period was 430.9%.³ Without accounting for inflation, the Living Wage estimated in 2020 would not be sufficient for families to have a basic but decent standard of living in June 2023. Social security contributions were calculated using laws in force in 2023. They amount to a deduction of 17% on the gross wage (11% for the pension fund; 3% for healthcare; and 3% for social services).⁴ Residents receiving the equivalent of the monthly gross living wage are exempted from the income tax in Argentina.⁵

Table 1. Anker Living Wage Reference Value for non-metro urban Argentina, 2020, 2022 and 2023 (in ARS)

	Original estimate	June 2022	June 2023
	2020		
Anker Net Living Wage Reference Value (1)	36,376	89,592	193,149
Social Security Contributions (2)	7,451	18,350	39,560
Anker Gross Living Wage Reference Value (3) = (1) + (2)	43,827	107,942	232,709
Inflation since June 2020		146.3%	430.9%

¹ Anker Research Institute engages in and disseminates high-quality research, analysis, and training related to living wage and living income (based on the Anker Methodology) to inform and influence companies, empower working people, and shape public policy, thereby helping to enhance quality of life and sustainable livelihoods for working people and their families everywhere. Social Accountability International (SAI) is the institutional host. Report prepared by Marcelo Delajara and Rocío Espinosa Montiel.

² Azfar Khan, Ian Prates, Martha Anker, and Richard Anker (2020) Living Wage Reference Value for Non-Metropolitan Urban Argentina. <https://www.globallivingwage.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Non-Metro-Urban-Argentina-LW-Reference-Value-FINAL.pdf>. Notice that the value of the gross living wage and social security deductions on the gross living wage in the original report were revised in the present report.

³ IMF and Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censos – República Argentina <https://www.indec.gov.ar/indec/web/Nivel4-Tema-3-5-31>

⁴ <https://taxsummaries.pwc.com/argentina/individual/other-taxes>

⁵ Decree 714/2022 (28 October 2022) established an increase in the special deduction for the income tax calculation; and the income tax in practice only applies for a monthly gross salary higher than ARS 404,062. <https://taxsummaries.pwc.com/argentina/individual/significant-developments>