Lists of Household Expenses

In only three years, the grand total of the household expenses list for a workers’ family increased up to 23% according to lists of prices compiled by the CFO in November 2003 and September 2006 in Ciudad Acuña. At the same time, the wages continue deteriorating in their real value. The average wages of $500 pesos a week barely cover a third of the minimum required to survive. In the last three years, those maquiladoras that gave a wage increase did so at an average of 4% every year.

- **Total cost of household expenses in September 2006, Piedras Negras:** $1,626 pesos = $151 US
- **Total cost of household expenses in September 2006, Ciudad Acuña:** $1,552 pesos = $144 US
- **Total cost of household expenses in November 2003, Ciudad Acuña:** $1,288 pesos = $117 US

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