

## ARI Reference Value

### What is the Anker Research Institute?

The Anker Research Institute (ARI), which estimates ARI Reference Values, is a global research initiative operating under the fiscal sponsorship of Social Accountability International (SAI) and is widely recognized for having developed the Anker Methodology® for estimating living incomes and living wages. ARI's mission is to engage with and disseminate high-quality research, analysis, and training related to living wages and living incomes based on the Anker Methodology® to inform and influence businesses, empower workers, and shape public policy, thereby helping to improve quality of life and promote sustainable livelihoods for workers and their families everywhere. ARI is a founding member of the Global Living Wage Coalition (GLWC), a unique knowledge-action partnership working to enable collaborative action to achieve a decent standard of living for working people and their families worldwide. Each ARI Reference Value Report includes a living wage estimate, a wealth of contextual information, explanations, comparisons to other wage indicators to help evaluate risk and gaps to living wage. ARI Reference Values are fully consistent and compatible with ARI Anker Methodology® Benchmarks and living wage estimates.

**Number of estimates<sup>1</sup>:** 46

**Availability of estimates:** Publicly available for free

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### How does the methodology meet the IDH criteria?

The recognition of ARI's Reference Value methodology is in process, pending only the update of the methodological note and the implementation of a revised layout of the reports to incorporate additional information.

As a result of the recognition process, ARI is currently updating their methodological note to include:

- a breakdown of living expenses associated with the living wage reference value;
- requirements for rebasing the reference year of the data used in the estimation;
- include the dates of data collection for each living expense category.

ARI is also revising their reference value reports template to include more detail about the dates when the data used in the calculations was compiled.

Recognition will be granted as soon as methodological note is updated on their website and the revised report implemented.

<sup>1</sup> Publicly available the 30th of May 2025