

Coverage Factors Worksheet

The factors people weigh when they work out an amount. Fill in what you know, leave the rest blank, and bring it to a conversation.

There is no total line on this worksheet, on purpose. A number produced by a form is not a coverage recommendation, and the gap between these two columns is exactly the part worth talking through with a person.

What would be needed

Income the household relied on

How much of it, and for how many years?

Mortgage or rent

What is still owed, and for how long?

Other debts that survive you

A co-signed loan is the one people forget.

Costs that arrive immediately

Funeral and burial or cremation land within days.

Care or work someone was doing unpaid

Childcare is the common one. It had a value.

Goals with a date on them

Education is the usual example.

What is already there

Savings that could actually be used for this

A surviving partner's income and earning capacity

Life insurance you already own

Coverage through work

Usually owned by the employer, and it generally ends when the job does.

Survivor benefits the household may be entitled to

And the one nobody puts in a calculator

What you can comfortably pay, every month, for as long as the coverage needs to last. A policy that lapses in year three protected nobody. Affordability is part of the plan, not a compromise on it.