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HAPPY Mother's DAY



Moms are irreplaceable, of course, but how much is a mom's labor worth? Let's hope the **IRS** doesn't figure out a way to tax it.

After two consecutive years of decline, Mom's value increased 5 percent this year to \$62,985, according to Insure.com's annual Mother's Day Index. The Mother's Day

Index utilizes wage data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics to put a price on

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A mother may not get a paycheck or even any recognition for the things she does around the house, Gusner said, but replacing that labor would hit any family that doesn't have sufficient life insurance.

"If you have more than one child to care for, a special needs child, or Mom working outside the home, then having life insurance on Mom is even more important," Gusner said.

While the family won't be handing Mom a paycheck, they probably will be handing her a gift or two – and mothers have some surprising preferences on that, an Insure.com survey shows.

Insure.com asked 1,001 mothers with children living at home to choose three ideal gifts from a list of 16. Classics such as flowers and chocolates didn't even crack the top five.

Moms' favorite gifts included:

- A day at the spa: 38 percent
- A weekend getaway with the whole family: 32 percent
- Gift card: 25 percent
- Dinner at your town's best restaurant: 25 percent
- A weekend getaway with husband: 25 percent

But hold off on that new blender. The surveyed mothers' least favorite gifts were:

- Room remodel: 9 percent
- Electronics: 7 percent
- Household appliances: 5 percent

Children don't need to crack open their piggybanks, the survey found. A majority of

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- A clean room: 7 percent

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