

## RAISING UP AMERICA'S FAMILIES: Minimum Wage Workers in the States

State	Minimum Wage Rate, as of May 25, 2007*	Workers directly impacted by the increase in the minimum wage to \$7.25**	All workers affected by the increase in the minimum wage to \$7.25**
Alabama	\$5.15	126,000	350,000
Alaska	\$7.15	■	■
Arizona	\$6.75 <sup>x</sup>	148,000	385,000
Arkansas	\$6.25	113,000	221,000
California	\$7.50	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Colorado	\$6.85 <sup>x</sup>	85,000	211,000
Connecticut	\$7.65	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Delaware	\$6.65	■	■
DC	\$7.00	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Florida	\$6.67 <sup>x</sup>	207,000	540,000
Georgia	\$5.15	207,000	526,000
Hawaii	\$7.25	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Idaho	\$5.15	39,000	106,000
Illinois	\$6.50	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Indiana	\$5.15	143,000	354,000
Iowa	\$6.20 <sup>♦</sup>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Kansas	\$5.15	105,000	240,000
Kentucky	\$5.15 <sup>♦</sup>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Louisiana	\$5.15	274,000	366,000
Maine	\$6.75 <sup>♦</sup>	■	■
Maryland	\$6.15	64,000	117,000
Massachusetts	\$7.50 <sup>♦</sup>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Michigan	\$6.95 <sup>♦</sup>	<i>n/a</i>	540,000
Minnesota	\$6.15	81,000	135,000
Mississippi	\$5.15	139,000	202,000
Missouri	\$6.50 <sup>x</sup>	178,000	405,000
Montana	\$6.15 <sup>x</sup>	33,000	68,000
Nebraska	\$5.15	53,000	136,000
Nevada	\$6.15 <sup>x</sup>	54,000	146,000
New Hampshire	\$5.15	16,000	19,000
New Jersey	\$7.15	129,000	252,000
New Mexico	\$5.15 <sup>†♦</sup>	■	■
New York	\$7.15	314,000	661,000
North Carolina	\$6.15	211,000	611,000
North Dakota	\$5.15	21,000	48,000
Ohio	\$6.85 <sup>x</sup>	337,000	793,000
Oklahoma	\$5.15	113,000	245,000
Oregon	\$7.80 <sup>x</sup>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Pennsylvania	\$6.25	308,000	808,000
Rhode Island	\$7.40	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
South Carolina	\$5.15	179,000	325,000
South Dakota	\$5.15	29,000	65,000
Tennessee	\$5.15	151,000	350,000
Texas	\$5.15	863,000	1,771,000
Utah	\$5.15	81,000	178,000
Vermont	\$7.53 <sup>x</sup>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Virginia	\$5.15	172,000	449,000
Washington	\$7.93 <sup>x</sup>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
West Virginia	\$5.15 <sup>♦</sup>	59,000	133,000
Wisconsin	\$6.50	124,000	295,000
Wyoming	\$5.15	17,000	39,000
<b>United States</b>	<b>\$5.15</b>	<b>5,329,000</b>	<b>12,454,000</b>

SOURCES: \*\*Economic Policy Institute, Workers affected by minimum wage increase to \$7.25 by state, June 1, 2007.

♦Increases are scheduled for the following states – Kentucky: \$5.85 (6/26/07); California: \$8.00 (1/08); Iowa: \$7.25 (2008); Massachusetts: \$8.00 (1/08); Maine: \$7.00 (10/07); Michigan: \$7.40 (7/08); New Mexico: \$6.50 (2008), \$7.50 (2009); West Virginia: \$7.25 (6/08).

■ Sample size too small to measure increase.

<sup>x</sup>State minimum wage is adjusted annually for inflation.

## A Big Impact In Some States

In states that did not raise their minimum wage above the federal minimum, as many as 19 percent of workers could see an increase in their paychecks as a result of the minimum wage increase.

<b>States at federal minimum wage</b>	<b>Percentage of workers directly affected by the minimum wage increase</b>	<b>Percentage of all workers directly and collaterally affected by the minimum wage increase</b>
Alabama	6.3	17.5
Georgia	5.2	13.2
Idaho	6.2	16.7
Indiana	5	12.3
Kansas	8.3	19.1
Louisiana	14.2	19
Mississippi	12.8	18.5
Nebraska	6.2	16
New Hampshire	2.5	2.9
North Dakota	7.2	16.4
New Mexico	*	*
South Dakota	8.2	18.1
Oklahoma	7.6	16.6
Tennessee	6.2	14.4
Texas	8.5	17.5
South Carolina	10	18.3
Vermont	*	*
West Virginia	8.4	18.8
Virginia	4.8	12.6
Wyoming	7.1	15.9
<b>United States</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>9.6</b>

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\* Insufficient data to make estimate