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FAQ about Wisconsin's Fair Minimum Wage Act

What is Wisconsin's current minimum wage?

\$7.25 per hour. It has not been increased since 2009.

What is the current federal minimum wage?

\$7.25 per hour

Do any states have minimum wages higher than the federal minimum wage?

Yes. 19 states and the District of Columbia have wages higher than the federal minimum wage.

What would the minimum wage be if Wisconsin's Fair Minimum Wage Act is enacted?

\$10.10 per hour

Would this increase in the minimum wage happen all at once?

No. If Wisconsin's Fair Minimum Wage Act becomes law, the minimum wage will immediately increase to \$8.20 per hour. One year after the bill's effective date, the minimum wage will increase to \$9.15 per hour, and two years after the bill's effective date, the minimum wage will become \$10.10 per hour.

Wisconsin's Fair Minimum Wage Act also would index the minimum wage to inflation. Have any other states indexed their minimum wage to inflation?

Yes, 11 other states have indexed their minimum wages to inflation so that they automatically increase.

Aren't most workers who earn the minimum wage teenagers?

No. Data from the Economic Policy Institute and Wisconsin Jobs Now indicates that 82% of Wisconsin workers who would benefit from an increase in the minimum wage are 20 years or older.

Does the public support raising the minimum wage?

Yes. A Hart Research Association poll from July 2013 indicates broad support for raising the minimum wage to \$10.10/hour, support that crosses party lines: 92% of Democrats, 62% of Republicans, and 80% of Independents approve.

How many Wisconsin workers would benefit from raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour?

The Economic Policy Institute has estimated that 633,000 Wisconsin workers would benefit from this wage increase.

Will raising the minimum wage have any other benefits?

Yes. The Economic Policy Institute estimates that raising Wisconsin's minimum wage will create 2,700 new jobs and inject \$645 million into Wisconsin's economy.