

Minimum Wage: By the Numbers

5.4 MILLION

NUMBER OF AMERICANS WHO HAVE FALLEN INTO POVERTY SINCE THE MARCH 2001 RECESSION.

5.15/HR

FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE.

28.6%

HOW MUCH THE INFLATION-ADJUSTED VALUE OF THE MINIMUM WAGE HAS ERODED SINCE 1979.

0

NUMBER OF TIMES THE MINIMUM WAGE HAS INCREASED SINCE 1997.

8

NUMBER OF TIMES THE CONGRESS HAS INCREASED ITS OWN PAY SINCE 1997.

\$31,600

HOW MUCH MORE A YEAR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS MAKE TODAY COMPARED TO 1997.

\$0

HOW MUCH MORE A YEAR PEOPLE EARNING MINIMUM WAGE EARN TODAY COMPARED TO 1997.

\$10,700

AMOUNT A PERSON MAKING MINIMUM WAGE WILL EARN IN A YEAR.

\$5,900

AMOUNT BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL WORKING 40 HOURS A WEEK, 52 WEEKS A YEAR AT MINIMUM WAGE WILL LEAVE A FAMILY OF THREE.

7.3 MILLION

NUMBER OF WORKERS WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM AN INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM WAGE.

72%

PERCENTAGE OF MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM AN INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM WAGE WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF 20.

1.8 MILLION

NUMBER OF PARENTS WITH KIDS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM AN INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM WAGE.

11 MILLION

NUMBER OF JOBS ADDED TO THE ECONOMY IN THE FOUR YEARS AFTER THE LAST MINIMUM WAGE HIKE.

\$8.88

AMOUNT MINIMUM WAGE WOULD HAVE TO BE TODAY TO HAVE THE SAME PURCHASING POWER IT HAD IN 1968:

2.5 YEARS

AMOUNT OF HEALTH CARE FOR TWO CHILDREN WHICH COULD BE BOUGHT BY RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE FROM \$5.15 TO \$7.25.

83%

PERCENTAGE OF AMERICANS WHO SUPPORT RAISING THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE.

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