

WAITING FOR THE PAYOFF

How Low Wages and Student Debt Keep Prosperity Out of Reach

Table 1: Single Adult Living Wage vs. Minimum Wage by State

State	Single Adult Hourly Living Wage	Minimum Wage	Minimum Wage as % of Living Wage	State	Single Adult Hourly Living Wage	Minimum Wage	Minimum Wage as % of Living Wage
Alabama	\$15.49	\$7.25	47%	Montana	\$14.93	\$8.05	54%
Alaska	\$17.92	\$9.75	54%	Nebraska	\$15.03	\$9.00	60%
Arizona	\$16.18	\$8.05	50%	Nevada	\$16.62	\$8.25	50%
Arkansas	\$14.58	\$8.00	55%	New Hampshire	\$17.68	\$7.25	41%
California	\$19.90	\$10.00	50%	New Jersey	\$20.08	\$8.38	42%
Colorado	\$17.48	\$8.31	48%	New Mexico	\$15.60	\$7.50	48%
Connecticut	\$19.57	\$9.60	49%	New York	\$20.42	\$9.00	44%
Delaware	\$18.33	\$8.25	45%	North Carolina	\$15.88	\$7.25	46%
District of Columbia	\$21.92	\$11.50	52%	North Dakota	\$14.98	\$7.25	48%
Florida	\$17.29	\$8.05	47%	Ohio	\$14.96	\$8.10	54%
Georgia	\$16.48	\$7.25	44%	Oklahoma	\$14.96	\$7.25	48%
Hawaii	\$21.73	\$8.50	39%	Oregon	\$16.49	\$9.75	59%
Idaho	\$14.90	\$7.25	49%	Pennsylvania	\$16.73	\$7.25	43%
Illinois	\$17.57	\$8.25	47%	Rhode Island	\$17.33	\$9.60	55%
Indiana	\$15.46	\$7.25	47%	South Carolina	\$15.79	\$7.25	46%
Iowa	\$15.10	\$7.25	48%	South Dakota	\$14.50	\$8.55	59%
Kansas	\$15.23	\$7.25	48%	Tennessee	\$15.27	\$7.25	47%
Kentucky	\$15.03	\$7.25	48%	Texas	\$15.91	\$7.25	46%
Louisiana	\$15.87	\$7.25	46%	Utah	\$16.06	\$7.25	45%
Maine	\$16.27	\$7.50	46%	Vermont	\$17.89	\$9.60	54%
Maryland	\$20.40	\$8.75	43%	Virginia	\$18.95	\$7.25	38%
Massachusetts	\$19.98	\$10.00	50%	Washington	\$17.59	\$9.47	54%
Michigan	\$15.78	\$8.50	54%	West Virginia	\$15.00	\$8.75	58%
Minnesota	\$16.52	\$9.50	58%	Wisconsin	\$15.69	\$7.25	46%
Mississippi	\$15.18	\$7.25	48%	Wyoming	\$15.05	\$7.25	48%
Missouri	\$15.39	\$7.65	50%				