

The Job Gap Economic Prosperity Series:

# PROSPERITY, NOT POVERTY

How Public Investment in Infrastructure Can Help Address Racial, Gender and LGBTQI Wealth Gaps

*Living Wages, Job Openings, and Job Seekers by State*

State	Single Adult Hourly Living Wage	Total Job-Seekers	Total Openings	Percent of Openings Greater than Living Wage	Job Gap Ratio (Seekers to Living Wage Openings)
Alabama	\$15.49	284,000	65,780	48%	9 to 1
Alaska	\$17.92	43,000	10,060	53%	8 to 1
Arizona	\$16.18	442,000	118,850	48%	8 to 1
Arkansas	\$14.58	130,000	43,250	47%	6 to 1
California	\$19.90	2,526,000	651,030	42%	9 to 1
Colorado	\$17.48	254,000	123,900	52%	4 to 1
Connecticut	\$19.57	290,000	54,300	51%	10 to 1
Delaware	\$18.33	40,000	13,950	44%	6 to 1
District of Columbia	\$21.92	38,000	20,570	63%	3 to 1
Florida	\$17.29	1,127,000	356,970	38%	8 to 1
Georgia	\$16.48	589,000	148,370	43%	9 to 1
Hawaii	\$21.73	54,000	20,030	34%	8 to 1
Idaho	\$14.90	62,000	17,527	57%	6 to 1
Illinois	\$17.57	754,000	187,470	46%	9 to 1
Indiana	\$15.46	313,000	106,320	47%	6 to 1
Iowa	\$15.10	106,000	57,950	52%	4 to 1
Kansas	\$15.23	124,000	42,120	47%	6 to 1
Kentucky	\$15.03	183,000	83,060	52%	4 to 1
Louisiana	\$15.87	270,000	65,950	48%	9 to 1
Maine	\$16.27	72,000	17,200	44%	10 to 1
Maryland	\$20.40	361,000	110,190	52%	6 to 1
Massachusetts	\$19.98	354,000	106,120	50%	7 to 1
Michigan	\$15.78	503,000	139,490	49%	7 to 1
Minnesota	\$16.52	240,000	85,820	53%	5 to 1

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Mississippi	\$15.18	173,000	35,910	40%	12 to 1
Missouri	\$15.39	306,000	86,630	48%	7 to 1
Montana	\$14.93	48,000	14,050	44%	8 to 1
Nebraska	\$15.03	66,000	34,680	51%	4 to 1
Nevada	\$16.62	217,000	61,960	38%	9 to 1
New Hampshire	\$17.68	58,000	20,940	43%	6 to 1
New Jersey	\$20.08	613,000	129,380	44%	11 to 1
New Mexico	\$15.60	96,000	26,170	42%	9 to 1
New York	\$20.42	1,060,000	357,430	43%	7 to 1
North Carolina	\$15.88	549,000	158,540	46%	8 to 1
North Dakota	\$14.98	24,000	15,360	55%	3 to 1
Ohio	\$14.96	705,000	168,300	51%	8 to 1
Oklahoma	\$14.96	177,000	57,090	50%	6 to 1
Oregon	\$16.49	204,000	68,140	49%	6 to 1
Pennsylvania	\$16.73	689,000	183,190	47%	8 to 1
Rhode Island	\$17.33	60,000	15,180	49%	8 to 1
South Carolina	\$15.79	278,000	66,160	42%	10 to 1
South Dakota	\$14.50	38,000	13,970	44%	6 to 1
Tennessee	\$15.27	275,000	101,520	49%	6 to 1
Texas	\$15.91	1,068,000	543,510	48%	4 to 1
Utah	\$16.06	116,000	67,890	50%	3 to 1
Vermont	\$17.89	28,000	9,530	45%	6 to 1
Virginia	\$18.95	405,000	128,070	44%	7 to 1
Washington	\$17.59	358,000	144,770	54%	5 to 1
West Virginia	\$15.00	104,000	20,220	40%	13 to 1
Wisconsin	\$15.69	249,000	95,200	50%	5 to 1
Wyoming	\$15.05	28,000	8,350	55%	6 to 1