

Real and current values of the minimum wage, 1960-2005

	Minimum wage current dollar	Minimum wage real \$2005
1960	\$1.00	\$5.59
1961	1.15	6.36
1962	1.15	6.30
1963	1.25	6.76
1964	1.25	6.67
1965	1.25	6.57
1966	1.25	6.38
1967	1.40	6.93
1968	1.60	7.62
1969	1.60	7.30
1970	1.60	6.97
1971	1.60	6.67
1972	1.60	6.47
1973	1.60	6.09
1974	2.00	6.93
1975	2.10	6.72
1976	2.30	6.96
1977	2.30	6.54
1978	2.65	7.22
1979	2.90	7.23
1980	3.10	6.96
1981	3.35	6.87
1982	3.35	6.49
1983	3.35	6.23
1984	3.35	5.99
1985	3.35	5.80
1986	3.35	5.69
1987	3.35	5.51
1988	3.35	5.31
1989	3.35	5.09
1990	3.80	5.50
1991	4.25	5.94
1992	4.25	5.80
1993	4.25	5.65
1994	4.25	5.54
1995	4.25	5.41
1996	4.75	5.88
1997	5.15	6.25
1998	5.15	6.16
1999	5.15	6.03
2000	5.15	5.84
2001	5.15	5.68
2002	5.15	5.59
2003	5.15	5.47
2004	5.15	5.32
2005	5.15	5.15

Source: *The State of Working America 2006-07*, figure 3X.
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