

New England Economy - Minimum Wage Workers

Employed wage and salary workers paid hourly rates with earnings at or below the prevailing Federal minimum wage for the U.S., New England, and the New England States, 2007 annual averages

Area and State	Number of workers (in thousands)				Percent distribution				Percent of workers paid hourly rates		
	Total paid hourly rates	At or below minimum wage			Total paid hourly rates	At or below minimum wage			At or below minimum wage		
		Total	At minimum wage	Below minimum wage		Total	At minimum wage	Below minimum wage	Total	At minimum wage	Below minimum wage
United States	75,873	1,729	267	1,462	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	2.3	0.4	1.9
New England	3,694	105	5	100	4.9	6.1	1.9	6.8	2.8	0.1	2.7
Connecticut	923	14	-	14	1.2	0.8	-	1.0	1.5	-	1.5
Maine	399	9	-	9	0.5	0.5	-	0.6	2.3	-	2.3
Massachusetts	1,505	60	2	58	2.0	3.5	0.7	4.0	4.0	0.1	3.9
New Hampshire	372	9	1	8	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	2.4	0.3	2.2
Rhode Island	315	7	-	7	0.4	0.4	-	0.5	2.2	-	2.2
Vermont	181	4	-	4	0.2	0.2	-	0.3	2.2	-	2.2

NOTE: Data exclude all self-employed persons regardless of whether or not their businesses are incorporated. Users are reminded that these data are based on a sample and are therefore subject to sampling error; the degree of error may be quite large for less populous States. It is not possible to clearly determine whether workers surveyed in the CPS are actually covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) or by individual State minimum wage laws. Thus, some workers reported as earning an hourly wage of \$5.15 may not in fact be covered by Federal or State minimum wage laws. At the same time, the presence of a sizable number of workers with wages below the prevailing Federal wage does not necessarily indicate violations of the FLSA or applicable State laws, because there are numerous exclusions and exemptions to these minimum wage statutes. Dash indicates no data or data that do not meet publication criteria.

The New England census division is defined as follows:

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont