

New England Economy - Minimum Wage Workers

Employed wage and salary workers paid hourly rates with earnings at or below the prevailing Federal minimum wage by State, 2010 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	72,902	4,361	1,820	2,541	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	6.0	2.5	3.5
New England	3,589	134	29	105	4.9	3.1	1.6	4.1	3.7	0.8	2.9
Connecticut	866	35	5	30	1.2	0.8	0.3	1.2	4.0	0.6	3.5
Maine	369	14	3	11	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	3.8	0.8	3.0
Massachusetts	1,519	45	10	35	2.1	1.0	0.5	1.4	3.0	0.7	2.3
New Hampshire	356	19	5	14	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	5.3	1.4	3.9
Rhode Island	294	14	4	10	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	4.8	1.4	3.4
Vermont	184	6	1	5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	3.3	0.5	2.7

NOTE: Data exclude all self-employed persons 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 determine clearly 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 the prevailing Federal minimum wage may not in fact be covered by Federal or State minimum wage laws. Also, there are a number of States that have minimum wages that exceed the Federal minimum wage. At the same time, the presence of a sizable number of workers with wages below the prevailing Federal minimum 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.

The New England census division is defined as follows:

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