

Washington State Minimum Wage Set to Increase in 2012

The Washington State Department of Labor & Industries has announced that the minimum wage will increase on January 1, 2012 to \$9.04 an hour. The previous minimum wage was \$8.67, set on January 1, 2011. Washington's minimum wage law applies to workers in agricultural and non-agricultural jobs (including restaurant waitstaff.) Workers who are 14 or 15 years old may be paid at 85% of the minimum wage (\$7.69/hr).

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