

Characteristics of workers affected by minimum wage increase to \$7.25 by 2009

	Directly affected*	Indirectly affected**	Total affected	Total workforce***
<i>Number of workers (millions)</i>	5.3	7.2	12.5	130.3
<i>Percent of workforce</i>	4.1%	5.5%	9.6%	100%
Gender				
<i>Male</i>	39%	42%	41%	52%
<i>Female</i>	61	58	59	48
Race / ethnicity				
<i>White, non-Hispanic</i>	61%	61%	61%	69%
<i>Black, non-Hispanic</i>	17	16	16	11
<i>Hispanic, all races</i>	18	18	18	14
<i>Asian, non-Hispanic</i>	2	2	2	4
Family status				
<i>Parent</i>	25%	28%	26%	36%
<i>Married parent</i>	15	18	17	29
<i>Single parent</i>	9	10	10	7
Age				
<i>16-19</i>	30%	15%	21%	5%
<i>20 and older</i>	71	85	79	95
Work hours				
<i>1-19 hours</i>	22%	13%	17%	5%
<i>20-34 hours</i>	36	27	31	13
<i>Full time (35 + hours)</i>	43	60	53	82
Industry				
<i>Retail trade</i>	24%	23%	23%	12%
<i>Leisure and hospitality</i>	29	18	23	9
<i>Other</i>	47	59	54	79
Occupation				
<i>Sales</i>	21%	18%	19%	11%
<i>Service</i>	41	33	37	17
<i>Other</i>	38	49	44	72

* These are the workers earning between the state minimum wage and \$7.25.

** These are workers currently earning above \$7.25, likely to be affected by "spillover effects."

*** Includes workers not covered by the minimum wage.

Source: EPI analysis of 2006 Current Population Survey data.

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