



History of California Minimum Wage

effective date	new minimum wage	old minimum wage	amount of increase	percentage of increase over previous wage
January 1, 2016	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$1.00	11.1 percent
July 1, 2014	\$9.00	\$8.00	\$1.00	12.5 percent
January 1, 2008	\$8.00	\$7.50	\$0.50	6.7 percent
January 1, 2007	\$7.50	\$6.75	\$0.75	11.1 percent
January 1, 2002	\$6.75	\$6.25	\$0.50	8.00 percent
January 1, 2001	\$6.25	\$5.75	\$0.50	8.70 percent
March 1, 1998	\$5.75	\$5.15	\$0.60	11.65 percent
September 1, 1997	\$5.15	\$5.00	\$0.15	3.00 percent
March 1, 1997	\$5.00	\$4.75	\$0.25	5.26 percent
October 1, 1996	\$4.75	\$4.25	\$0.50	11.76 percent
July 1, 1988	\$4.25	\$3.35	\$0.90	26.87 percent
January 1, 1981	\$3.35	\$3.10	\$0.25	8.06 percent
January 1, 1980	\$3.10	\$2.90	\$0.20	6.90 percent
January 1, 1979	\$2.90	\$2.65	\$0.25	9.43 percent
April 1, 1978	\$2.65	\$2.50	\$0.15	6.00 percent
October 18, 1976	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$0.50	25.00 percent
March 4, 1974	\$2.00	\$1.65	\$0.35	21.21 percent
February 1, 1968	\$1.65	\$1.30	\$0.35	26.92 percent
August 30, 1964	\$1.30	\$1.25	\$0.05	4.00 percent
August 30, 1963	\$1.25	\$1.00	\$0.25	25.00 percent
November 15, 1957	\$1.00	\$0.75	\$0.25	33.33 percent
August 1, 1952	\$0.75	\$0.65	\$0.10	15.38 percent
June 1, 1947	\$0.65	\$0.45	\$0.20	44.44 percent
February 8, 1943	\$0.45	\$0.33	\$0.12	36.36 percent
1920	\$0.33	\$0.28	\$0.05	17.86 percent
1919	\$0.28	\$0.21	\$0.07	33.33 percent
1918	\$0.21	\$0.16	\$0.05	31.25 percent
1916	\$0.16	-	-	-