

North Carolina and United States Minimum Wage Rate History

Date	N.C. MW Rate	U.S. MW Rate
10-24-1938	None	\$0.25
10-24-1939	None	\$0.30
10-24-1945	None	\$0.40
1-25-1950	None	\$0.75
3-1-1956	None	\$1.00
1-1-1960	\$0.75	\$1.00
9-3-1961	\$0.75	\$1.15
9-3-1963	\$0.75	\$1.25
1-1-1964	\$0.85	\$1.25
1-1-1966	\$1.00	\$1.25
2-1-1967	\$1.00	\$1.40
2-1-1968	\$1.00	\$1.60
7-1-1969	\$1.25	\$1.60
7-1-1971	\$1.45	\$1.60
7-1-1972	\$1.60	\$1.60
9-2-1973	\$1.80	\$1.60
5-1-1974	\$1.80	\$2.00
1-1-1975	\$1.80	\$2.10
1-1-1976	\$2.00	\$2.30
7-1-1977	\$2.30	\$2.30
1-1-1978	\$2.50	\$2.65
1-1-1979	\$2.50	\$2.90
7-1-1979	\$2.75 ¹	\$2.90
1-1-1980	\$2.75	\$3.10
7-1-1980	\$2.90 ²	\$3.10
1-1-1981	\$2.90	\$3.35

¹ Full-time student rate \$ 2.45

² Full-time student rate \$ 2.60

Date	N.C. MW Rate	U.S. MW Rate
1-1-1982	\$3.10 ³	\$3.35
1-1-1983	\$3.35 ⁴	\$3.35
4-1-1990	\$3.35	\$3.80
4-1-1991	\$3.35	\$4.25
1-1-1992	\$3.80 ⁵	\$4.25
1-1-1993	\$4.25 ⁶	\$4.25
10-1-1996	\$4.25	\$4.75
8-1-1997	\$4.75 ⁷	\$4.75
9-1-1997	\$5.15 ⁸	\$5.15
1-1-2007	\$6.15 ⁹	\$5.15
7-24-2007	\$6.15	\$5.85
7-24-2008	\$6.55 ¹⁰	\$6.55
7-24-2009	\$7.25 ¹¹	\$7.25

³ Full-time student rate \$2.75

⁴ Full-time student rate \$3.00

⁵ Full-time student rate \$3.40

⁶ Full-time student rate \$3.80

⁷ Full-time student rate \$4.25

⁸ Full-time student rate \$4.60

⁹ Full-time student rate \$5.50

¹⁰ Full-time student rate \$5.85

¹¹ Full-time student rate \$6.50

Full-time NC student rate is 90% of regular MW rounded

Full-time US student rate is 85% of regular MW