

New York Workers Who Would Benefit from an Increase in the Minimum Wage to \$7.15/Hour by County of Residence

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		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
STATEWIDE****	7,827,000	691,000	8.8%	509,000	6.5%	1,200,000	15.3%
New York City	3,006,000	274,000	9.1%	218,000	7.3%	492,000	16.4%
Bronx	416,000	46,300	11.1%	37,100	8.9%	83,400	20.0%
Kings	841,000	84,000	10.0%	69,000	8.2%	153,000	18.2%
Manhattan	670,000	54,300	8.1%	41,400	6.2%	95,700	14.3%
Richmond	179,000	13,800	7.7%	8,600	4.8%	22,400	12.5%
Queens	901,000	75,600	8.4%	61,800	6.9%	137,400	15.2%
Rest of State	4,821,000	475,000	9.9%	291,000	6.0%	766,000	15.9%
Albany	141,170	13,400	9.5%	7,700	5.5%	21,100	14.9%
Allegany	19,880	2,000	10.1%	1,300	6.5%	3,300	16.6%
Broome	83,060	9,800	11.8%	6,100	7.3%	15,900	19.1%
Cattaraugus	34,900	3,900	11.2%	2,400	6.9%	6,300	18.1%
Cayuga	32,440	3,600	11.1%	2,100	6.5%	5,700	17.6%
Chautauqua	55,510	6,600	11.9%	4,000	7.2%	10,600	19.1%
Chemung	36,100	4,200	11.6%	2,600	7.2%	6,800	18.8%
Chenango	20,110	2,400	11.9%	1,600	8.0%	4,000	19.9%
Clinton	35,050	3,400	9.7%	2,200	6.3%	5,600	16.0%
Columbia	30,160	2,700	9.0%	1,700	5.6%	4,400	14.6%
Cortland	19,140	2,100	11.0%	1,400	7.3%	3,500	18.3%
Delaware	18,740	2,400	12.8%	1,400	7.5%	3,800	20.3%
Dutchess	113,050	10,800	9.6%	5,900	5.2%	16,700	14.8%
Erie	394,760	45,200	11.4%	26,200	6.6%	71,400	18.1%
Essex	15,080	1,900	12.6%	1,200	8.0%	3,100	20.6%
Franklin	18,840	2,200	11.7%	1,400	7.4%	3,600	19.1%
Fulton	22,710	2,600	11.4%	1,700	7.5%	4,300	18.9%
Genesee	26,040	2,900	11.1%	1,700	6.5%	4,600	17.7%
Greene	20,050	2,100	10.5%	1,300	6.5%	3,400	17.0%
Hamilton	2,340	300	12.8%	200	8.5%	500	21.4%
Herkimer	26,180	3,100	11.8%	2,000	7.6%	5,100	19.5%
Jefferson	37,120	4,400	11.9%	2,800	7.5%	7,200	19.4%
Lewis	9,780	1,200	12.3%	700	7.2%	1,900	19.4%
Livingston	28,180	2,700	9.6%	1,600	5.7%	4,300	15.3%
Madison	30,070	2,900	9.6%	1,800	6.0%	4,700	15.6%
Monroe	331,460	33,700	10.2%	19,600	5.9%	53,300	16.1%
Montgomery	19,690	2,500	12.7%	1,600	8.1%	4,100	20.8%
Nassau	621,800	57,600	9.3%	30,100	4.8%	87,700	14.1%
Niagara	90,920	10,800	11.9%	6,300	6.9%	17,100	18.8%
Oneida	97,580	11,200	11.5%	6,900	7.1%	18,100	18.5%
Onondaga	204,800	20,600	10.1%	12,200	6.0%	32,800	16.0%
Ontario	45,670	4,500	9.9%	2,700	5.9%	7,200	15.8%
Orange	145,850	13,000	8.9%	7,400	5.1%	20,400	14.0%

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Oswego	47,840	5,300	11.1%	3,200	6.7%	8,500	17.8%
Otsego	28,630	2,800	9.8%	1,900	6.6%	4,700	16.4%
Putnam	52,120	3,500	6.7%	1,600	3.1%	5,100	9.8%
Rensselaer	70,550	6,700	9.5%	4,100	5.8%	10,800	15.3%
Rockland	136,600	11,300	8.3%	5,900	4.3%	17,200	12.6%
Saratoga	96,450	8,300	8.6%	4,700	4.9%	13,000	13.5%
Schenectady	64,870	6,900	10.6%	4,100	6.3%	11,000	17.0%
Schoharie	13,030	1,400	10.7%	900	6.9%	2,300	17.7%
Schuyler	7,860	900	11.5%	500	6.4%	1,400	17.8%
Seneca	14,130	1,600	11.3%	1,000	7.1%	2,600	18.4%
St. Lawrence	42,880	4,700	11.0%	2,800	6.5%	7,500	17.5%
Steuben	37,920	4,600	12.1%	2,700	7.1%	7,300	19.3%
Suffolk	660,550	56,000	8.5%	32,300	4.9%	88,300	13.4%
Sullivan	27,950	3,400	12.2%	2,100	7.5%	5,500	19.7%
Tioga	21,700	2,200	10.1%	1,400	6.5%	3,600	16.6%
Tompkins	48,140	3,400	7.1%	2,200	4.6%	5,600	11.6%
Ulster	74,560	7,900	10.6%	4,800	6.4%	12,700	17.0%
Warren	28,210	3,300	11.7%	2,000	7.1%	5,300	18.8%
Washington	25,100	2,700	10.8%	1,700	6.8%	4,400	17.5%
Wayne	40,800	4,100	10.0%	2,500	6.1%	6,600	16.2%
Westchester	404,530	36,700	9.1%	20,000	4.9%	56,700	14.0%
Wyoming	18,550	1,800	9.7%	1,100	5.9%	2,900	15.6%
Yates	12,830	1,100	8.6%	700	5.5%	1,800	14.0%

* Excludes self-employed.

** Assumes a \$2.00 increase in the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.15.

*** Various studies have found that, due to the so-called "spill-over effects," the group of workers earning just above the minimum wage (perhaps as much as a dollar above) also receive a wage gain as a result of an increase. For example, William Spriggs and Bruce Klein, 1994, *Raising the Floor: The Effects of the Minimum Wage on Low-Wage Workers*, Washington, D.C., Economic Policy Institute.

**** Statewide estimates provided by the Economic Policy Institute. County-specific estimates do not add to the statewide totals due to rounding.

Note: The number of workers in each county in each wage range was estimated using the Economic Policy Institute estimate of the number of workers statewide in each wage group and distributing them among the counties based on the 2000 distribution of low-income tax filers by county.