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OHIO MINIMUM WAGE TO INCREASE IN 2017

Ohio's minimum wage is scheduled to increase on January 1, 2017, to \$8.15 per hour for non-tipped employees and \$4.08 per hour for tipped employees. The minimum wage will apply to employees of businesses with annual gross receipts of more than \$299,000 per year.

The current 2016 Ohio minimum wage is \$8.10 per hour for non-tipped employees and \$4.05 for tipped employees. The 2016 Ohio minimum wage also applies to employees of businesses with annual gross receipts of more than \$297,000 per year.

The Constitutional Amendment (II-34a) passed by Ohio voters in November 2006 states that Ohio's minimum wage shall increase on January 1 of each year by the rate of inflation. The state minimum wage is tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) for urban wage earners and clerical workers for the 12-month period prior to September. This CPI-W index increased by 0.7 percent over the twelve-month period from September 1, 2015, to August 31, 2016. The Constitutional Amendment states that the minimum wage level shall increase at the rate of inflation. [The Constitutional Amendment is available online.](#)

For employees at smaller companies with annual gross receipts of \$299,000 or less per year after January 1, 2017, and for 14- and 15-year-olds, the state minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour. For these employees, the state wage is tied to the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour, which requires an act of Congress and the President's signature to change.

Employers can access the [2017 Minimum Wage poster](#) for display in their places of business from the Department's website.

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