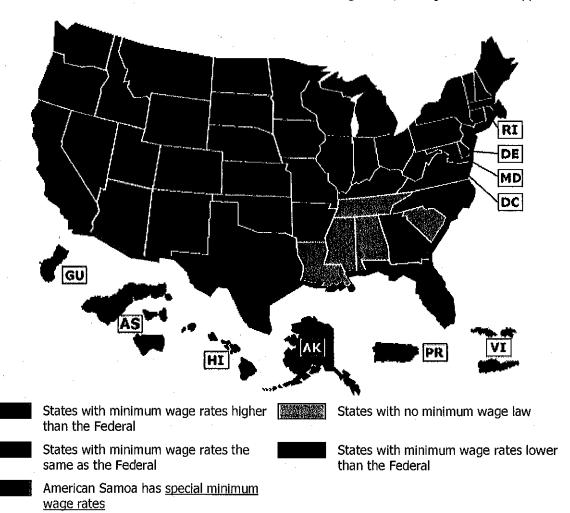
# Wage and Hour Division (WHD)

# Minimum Wage Laws in the States - January 1, 2011

Click on any state or jurisdiction to find out about applicable minimum wage laws.

Note: Where Federal and state law have different minimum wage rates, the higher standard applies.



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# Minimum Wage and Overtime Premium Pay Standards Applicable to Nonsupervisory NONFARM *Private Sector* Employment Under State and Federal Laws January 1, 2011<sup>1</sup>

#### **Alabama Minimum Wage Rates**

ALABAMA	Future Effective Date	Basic Minimum Rate (per hour)	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
			Daily	Weekly
No state minimum wage law.				2.4

#### Alaska Minimum Wage Rates

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate (per	After	nium Pay Designated Iours <sup>2</sup>
ALASKA	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
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		\$7.75		

Under a voluntary flexible work hour plan approved by the Alaska Department of Labor, a 10 hour day, 40 hour workweek may be instituted with premium pay after 10 hours a day instead of after 8 hours.

The premium overtime pay requirement on either a daily or weekly basis is not applicable to employers of fewer than 4 employees.

#### **Arizona Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate (per	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
ARIZONA	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
		\$7.35		

Rate is increased annually based upon a cost of living formula.

#### **Arkansas Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate (per	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
ARKANSAS	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
(Applicable to employers of 4 or more employees)		\$6.25	N/A	40

#### **California Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective CALIFORNIA Date	Basic Minimum Rate (per hour)	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
CALIFORNIA			Daily	Weekly
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			_	7th day: First
		•		8 hours (time
			8	and half)
			Over 12	Over 8 hours
] .		•	(double	on 7th day
,		\$8.00	time)	(double time)

Any work in excess of eight hours in one workday and any work in excess of 40 hours in one workweek and the first eight hours worked on the seventh day of work in any one workweek shall be at the rate of one and one-half times the regular rate of pay. Any work in excess of 12 hours in one day and any work in excess of eight hours on any seventh day of a workweek shall be paid no less than twice the regular rate of pay. California Labor Code section 310. Exceptions apply to an employee working pursuant to an alternative workweek adopted pursuant to applicable Labor Code sections and for time spent commuting. (See Labor Code sections 510 for exceptions).

#### **Colorado Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate (per	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
COLORADO	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
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Minimum wage rate and overtime provisions applicable to retail and service, commercial support service, food and beverage, and health and medical industries.

Rate is increased or decreased annually based upon a cost of living formula.

# **Connecticut Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Rate (per		Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
CONNECTICUT	Date		Daily	Weekly	
				40	
		\$8.25			

In restaurants and hotel restaurants, for the 7th consecutive day of work, premium pay is required at time and one half the minimum rate.

The Connecticut minimum wage rate automatically increases to 1/2 of 1 percent above the rate set in the Fair Labor Standards Act if the Federal minimum wage rate equals or becomes higher than the State minimum.

#### **Delaware Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate (per	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
DELAWARE	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
	A	\$7.25		

The Delaware minimum wage is automatically replaced with the Federal minimum wage rate if it is higher than the State minimum.

#### District of Columbia Minimum Wage Rates

DISTRICT OF	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per	Minimum Afte	emium Pay r Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
COLUMBIA	Date hour)	Daily	Weekly		
		\$8.25		40	

In the District of Columbia, the rate is automatically set at \$1 above the Federal minimum wage rate if the District of Columbia rate is lower.

# Florida Minimum Wage Rates

Future Effective	Future Effective	Basic Minimum	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
FLORIDA	Date	Rate(per hour)	Daily	Weekly
		\$7.31		N/A

Rate is increased annually based upon a cost of living formula.

# **Georgia Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Minimum After I	nium Pay Designated Iours <sup>2</sup>	
GEORGIA	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
(Applicable to employers of 6 or more employees)	3	\$5.15		

The State law excludes from coverage any employment that is subject to the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act when the Federal rate is greater than the State rate.

#### **Guam Minimum Wage Rates**

GUAM	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate (per hour)	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
	Date		Daily	Weekly
		\$7.25		40

# Hawaii Minimum Wage Rates

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
HAWAII	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
		\$7.25		40

An employee earning a guaranteed monthly compensation of \$2,000 or more is exempt from the State minimum wage and overtime law.

The State law excludes from coverage any employment that is subject to the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act unless the State wage rate is higher than the Federal.

# **Idaho Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate (per	After	nium Pay Designated Iours <sup>2</sup>
IDAHO	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
		\$7.25		

# **Illinois Minimum Wage Rates**

	Effective R	Basic Minimum Rate (per	After	nium Pay Designated Iours <sup>2</sup>
ILLINOIS		hour)	Daily	Weekly
(Applicable to employers of 4 or more employees, excluding family members)		\$8.25		40

# **Indiana Minimum Wage Rates**

lours <sup>2</sup>
Weekly
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# **Iowa Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate (per	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
IOWA	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
		\$7.25		and the sales of t

The Iowa minimum wage is automatically replaced with the Federal minimum wage rate if it is higher than the State minimum.

#### Kansas Minimum Wage Rates

KANSAS	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per hour)	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
	Date		Daily	Weekly
				46
		\$7.25		

The State law excludes from coverage any employment that is subject to the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

## **Kentucky Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per	After	nium Pay Designated Iours <sup>2</sup>
KENTUCKY	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
		\$7.25		40 7th day

The 7th day overtime law, which is separate from the minimum wage law differs in coverage from that in the minimum wage law and requires premium pay on the seventh day for those employees who work seven days in any one workweek.

The state adopts the Federal minimum wage rate by reference if the Federal rate is greater than the State rate.

Compensating time in lieu of overtime is allowed upon written request by an employee of any county, charter county, consolidated local government, or urban-county government, including an employee of a county-elected official.

# Louisiana Minimum Wage Rates

Effe	Future Effective	Basic Minimum e Rate(per hour)	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
	Date		Daily	Weekly
There is no state minimum wage law.		N/A		N/A

## **Maine Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per		emium Pay r Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>
MAINE	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
		\$7.50		40

The Maine minimum wage is automatically replaced with the Federal minimum wage rate if it is higher than the State minimum with the exception that any such increase is limited to no more than \$1.00 per hour above the current legislated State rate.

#### **Maryland Minimum Wage Rates**

As a second seco	Future Effective	fective Rate(per		emium Pay r Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>
MARYLAND	Date		Daily	Weekly
		\$7.25	,	40

The Maryland minimum wage is automatically replaced with the Federal minimum wage rate if it is higher than the State minimum wage rate.

#### **Massachusetts Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate (per	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
MASSACHUSETTS	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
	***************************************	\$8.00		40

The Massachusetts minimum wage rate automatically increases to 10 cents above the rate set in the Fair Labor Standards Act if the Federal minimum wage equals or becomes higher than the State minimum.

# Michigan Minimum Wage Rates

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate (per	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
MICHIGAN	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
(Applicable to employers of 2 or more employees)		\$7.40		40

The State law excludes from coverage any employment that is subject to the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act unless the State wage rate is higher than the Federal.

# **Minnesota Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per	Premium Pa After Designat Hours <sup>2</sup>	Designated
MINNESOTA	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
Large employer (enterprise with annual receipts of \$625,000 or more)		\$6.15		48
Small employer (enterprise with annual receipts of less than \$625,000)		\$ <b>5.2</b> 5		48

# Mississippi Minimum Wage Rates

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate (per	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
MISSISSIPPI	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
No state minimum wage law.		N/A		N/A

# Missouri Minimum Wage Rates

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate (per	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
MISSOURI	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
		<b>\$7.25</b>		40

In addition to the exemption for federally covered employment, the law exempts, among others, employees of a retail or service business with gross annual sales or business done of less than \$500,000.

Premium pay required after 52 hours in seasonal amusement or recreation businesses.

Minimum wage is to be increased or decreased by a cost of living factor starting January 1, 2008 and every January 1 thereafter.

#### **Montana Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective		Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
MONTANA	Date		Daily	Weekly
THE COURT OF BUILDING STATE OF		\$7.35		
State Law Except businesses with gross annual sales of \$110,000				
or less		\$4.00		40

Minimum wage is subject to a cost of living adjustment done by September 30 of each year and effective on January 1 of the following year.

#### Nebraska Minimum Wage Rates

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per	After i	nium Pay Designated Iours <sup>2</sup>
NEBRASKA	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
(Applicable to employers of 4 or more employees)		\$7.25		

#### **Nevada Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate (per hour)	After	nium Pay Designated Iours <sup>2</sup>
NEVADA	Date		Daily	Weekly
		\$8.25 (with no health ins. benefits provided by employer)	8	40
		\$7.25 (with health ins. benefits provided by employer and received by employee)		

The premium overtime pay requirement on either a daily or weekly basis is not applicable to employees who are compensated at not less than one and one-half times the minimum rate or to employees of enterprises having a gross annual sales volume of less than \$250,000.

The basic hourly rate is increased to \$6.55 when the employer offers the employee a qualified health plan.

The minimum wage rate may be increased annually based upon changes in the cost of living index increase.

#### **New Hampshire Minimum Wage Rates**

NEW	Future Effective Date	Basic Minimum Rate(per hour)	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
HAMPSHIRE			Daily	Weekly
		\$7.25		40

The New Hampshire minimum wage is automatically replaced with the Federal minimum wage rate if it is higher than the State minimum.

#### **New Jersey Minimum Wage Rates**

NEW	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per		
JERSEY	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
		\$7.25		40

# **New Mexico Minimum Wage Rates**

NEW	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
MEXICO	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
		\$7.50		40

#### **New York Minimum Wage Rates**

A WARRAN AND A STATE OF THE STA	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
NEW YORK	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
		\$7.25		40

The New York minimum wage is automatically replaced with the Federal minimum wage rate if it is higher than the State minimum.

# North Carolina Minimum Wage Rates

NORTH	Future Effective		Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
CAROLINA	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
		\$7.25		40

Premium pay is required after 45 hours a week in seasonal amusements or recreational establishments.

# **North Dakota Minimum Wage Rates**

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NORTH	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per	After	nium Pay Designated Iours <sup>2</sup>
DAKOTA	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
A. //// AMALES		\$7.25		40

# Ohio Minimum Wage Rates

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per hour)	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
OHIO	OHIO Date		Daily	Weekly
State Law		\$7.40		40
:		\$7.25 (for those employers grossing \$271,000 or less)		

# **Oklahoma Minimum Wage Rates**

	Basic Future Minimum Effective Rate(per		After	nium Pay Designated Iours <sup>2</sup>
OKLAHOMA	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
Employers of ten or more full time employees at any one location and employers with annual gross sales over \$100,000 irrespective of number of full time employees.		\$7.25		
All other employers.		\$2.00		

The Oklahoma state minimum wage law does not contain current dollar minimums. Instead the state adopts the Federal minimum wage rate by reference.

The State law excludes from coverage any employment that is subject to the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

## **Oregon Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate (per		Premium Pay ter Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>
OREGON	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
		\$8.50		40

Premium pay required after 10 hours a day in nonfarm canneries, driers, or packing plants and in mills, factories or manufacturing establishments (excluding sawmills, planning mills, shingle mills, and logging camps).

Beginning January 1, 2004, and annually thereafter, the rate will be adjusted for inflation by a calculation using the U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for All Items. The wage amount established will be rounded to the nearest five cents.

#### **Pennsylvania Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate (per	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
PENNSYLVANIA	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
		\$7.25		40

#### **Puerto Rico Minimum Wage Rates**

PUERTO	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per	Premiu After Des Hou	ignated	
RICO	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly	
		\$4.10	8 And on statutory rest day (double time)	40 (double time)	

Employers covered by the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) are subject only to the Federal minimum wage and all applicable regulations. Employers not covered by the FLSA will be subject to a minimum wage that is at least 70 percent of the Federal minimum wage or the applicable mandatory decree rate, whichever is higher. The Secretary of Labor and Human Resources may authorize a rate based on a lower percentage for any employer who can show that implementation of the 70 percent rate would substantially curtail employment in that business.

Puerto Rico also has minimum wage rates that vary according to the industry. These rates range from a minimum of \$4.25 to \$7.25 per hour.

# **Rhode Island Minimum Wage Rates**

RHODE	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per	After I	nium Pay Designated Iours <sup>2</sup>
ISLAND	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
AND		\$7.40		40

Time and one-half premium pay for work on Sundays and holidays in retail and certain other businesses is required under two laws that are separate from the minimum wage law.

#### **South Carolina Minimum Wage Rates**

SOUTH	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per	After	emium Pay Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>
CAROLINA	Date	hour)	Daily Wee	Weekly
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wage law.		N/A		N/A

#### South Dakota Minimum Wage Rates

SOUTH	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per	After	nium Pay Designated Iours <sup>2</sup>
DAKOTA	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
		\$7.25		

# **Tennessee Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate (per	After	mium Pay Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>
TENNESSEE	Date	hour) Dai	Daily	Weekly
No state minimum wage law.		N/A		N/A

The state does have a promised wage law whereby the employers are responsible for paying to the employees the wages promised by the employer.

# **Texas Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per	After	mium Pay Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>
TEXAS	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
		\$7.25		

The State law excludes from coverage any employment that is subject to the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

The Texas State minimum wage law does not contain current dollar minimums. Instead the State adopts the Federal minimum wage rate by reference.

#### **Utah Minimum Wage Rates**

-		Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate (per	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
	UTAH	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
ا		**************************************	\$7.25		

The Utah state minimum wage law does not contain current dollar minimums. Instead the state law authorizes the adoption of the Federal minimum wage rate via administrative action.

The State law excludes from coverage any employment that is subject to the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

# **Vermont Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per	After	emium Pay r Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
VERMONT	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly	
(Applicable to employers of two or more				- 444 - 1444 - 441 - 144	
employees)		\$8.15		40	

The State overtime pay provision has very limited application because it exempts numerous types of establishments, such as retail and service; seasonal amusement/recreation; hotels, motels, restaurants; and transportation employees to whom the Federal (FLSA) overtime provision does not apply.

The Vermont minimum wage is automatically replaced with the Federal minimum wage rate if it is higher than the State minimum.

Beginning January 1, 2007, and on each subsequent January 1, the minimum wage rate shall be increased by five percent or the percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index, or city average, not seasonally adjusted.

## Virginia Minimum Wage Rates

	Future Effective Date	Basic Minimum Rate(per	After	mium Pay Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>
VIRGINIA		hour)	Daily	Weekly
(Applicable to employers of 4 or more employees)		<b>\$7.2</b> 5		

The Virginia state minimum wage law does not contain current dollar minimums. Instead the state adopts the Federal minimum wage rate by reference.

The State law excludes from coverage any employment that is subject to the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

# Virgin Islands Minimum Wage Rates

VIRGIN	Future Effective Date	Basic Minimum Rate(per hour)	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
ISLANDS			Daily	Weekly
State law		\$7.25	8	40 On 6th and 7th consecutive days.
Except businesses with gross annual receipts of less than \$150,000.		\$4.30		

#### **Washington Minimum Wage Rates**

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
WASHINGTON	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
		\$8.67		40

Premium pay not applicable to employees who request compensating time off in lieu of premium pay.

Beginning January 1, 2001, and annually thereafter, the rate will be adjusted for inflation by a calculation using the consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers for the prior year.

#### **West Virginia Minimum Wage Rates**

WEST	Future Effective	Effective Rate(per	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
VIRGINIA	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly
(Applicable to employers of 6 or more employees at				and the second second second second
one location)		\$7.25		40

# Wisconsin Minimum Wage Rates

	Future Effective	Basic Minimum Rate(per	Premium Pay After Designated Hours <sup>2</sup>	
WISCONSIN	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekiy
	A A CO. William Reads to the Control of the Control	\$7.25		40

### **Wyoming Minimum Wage Rates**

	Basic Future Minimu Effective Rate(p		m After Designated		
WYOMING	Date	hour)	Daily	Weekly	
		\$5.15			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Like the Federal wage and hour law, State law often exempts particular occupations or industries from the minimum labor standard generally applied to covered employment. Particular exemptions are not identified in this table. Users are encouraged to consult the laws of particular States in determining whether the State's minimum wage applies to a particular employment. This information often may be found at the websites maintained by State labor departments. Links to these websites are available at <a href="https://www.doi.gov/whd/contacts/state\_of.htm">www.doi.gov/whd/contacts/state\_of.htm</a>.

<sup>2</sup>The overtime premium rate is one and one-half times the employee's regular rate, unless otherwise specified.

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# Consolidated State Minimum Wage Update Table (Effective Date: 01/01/2011)

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The state minimum wage rate requirements, or lack thereof, are controlled by legislative activities within the individual states.

Federal minimum wage law supersedes state minimum wage laws where the federal minimum wage is greater than the state minimum wage. In those states where the state minimum wage is greater than the federal minimum wage, the state minimum wage prevails.

There are 4 states than have a minimum wage set lower than the federal minimum wage. There are 18 states (plus DC) with minimum wage rates set higher than the federal minimum wage. There are 23 of the states that have a minimum wage requirement that is the same as the federal

minimum wage requirement. The remaining 5 states do not have an established minimum wage requirement.

The State of Washington has the highest minimum wage at \$8.67/hour. The states of Georgia and Wyoming have the lowest minimum wage (\$5.15) of the 45 states that have a minimum wage requirement.

Note: There are 10 states (AZ, CO, FL, MO, MT, NV, OH, OR, VT, and WA) that have minimum wages that are linked to a consumer price index. As a result of this linkage, the minimum wages in these states are normally increased each year, generally around January 1st. On January 1, 2011, there were seven states that increased their respective minimum wages. The three exceptions were Florida, Missouri and Nevada.

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#### STATES USING CPI TO ADJUST MW RATES

The following 10 states adjust their MW rates annually for inflation as indicated:

<u>Arizona</u> Increases every January 1 by the increase in the CPI-U<sup>1</sup> from August of the preceding year to August of the current year, rounded to the nearest five cents.

<u>Colorado</u> Adjusted annually based on the CPI-U<sup>1</sup> for the Denver-Boulder-Greeley combined metropolitan statistical area.

<u>Florida</u> Adjusted January 1 by the rate of inflation during the twelve months prior to each September 1st using the CPI-W<sup>2</sup>.

**Missouri** Increases or decreases in the cost of living are measured every September 30 by the percentage increase or decrease as of the preceding July of the immediately preceding year of the CPI-W<sup>2</sup>. MW increase/decrease effective following January 1, with the amount rounded to the nearest five cents.

<u>Montana</u> MW adjusted no later than September 30 of each year based on the increase, if any, in the CPI-U<sup>1</sup> from August of the preceding year to August of the year in which the calculation is being made, rounded to the nearest five cents, effective January 1 of the following year.

Nevada Adjusted by the amount of increase in the federal minimum wage over \$5.15 per hour or the cumulative increase in the cost of living, whichever is greater. The cost of living increase is measured by the percentage increase as of Dec. 31 in any year over the level as of Dec. 31, 2004 of the CPI-U<sup>1</sup>. No CPI adjustment for any one-year period may be greater than 3%. Adjusted rates are published on April 1 of each year and become effective the following July 1.

Ohio MW increased September 30 of each year by the rate of inflation for the twelve month period prior to that September according to the CPI-W<sup>2</sup>, effective the following January 1, with the amount rounded to the nearest five cents.

**Oregon** MW adjusted annually by calculating any increase from August of the preceding year to August of the year in which the calculation is made in the CPI-U<sup>1</sup>, effective the following January 1, with the amount rounded to the nearest five cents.

<u>Vermont</u> MW increased by 5 percent or the CPI-U<sup>1</sup> for the 12 months preceding the previous September 1, whichever is smaller, rounded to the nearest cent.

<u>Washington</u> MW adjustment calculated each September 30 to the nearest cent using the CPI-W<sup>2</sup> for the 12 months prior to each September 1, effective the following January 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> CPI-U = U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics' "Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> CPI-W = U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics' "Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers"