

Who Makes the Minimum Wage?

We all want an economy that provides a higher standard of living for low-wage employees, but raising the minimum wage is not the way to do it. Economic research and real-world stories overwhelmingly conclude that raising the minimum wage hurts the people it's intended to help by reducing job opportunities.

Young and Inexperienced Employees



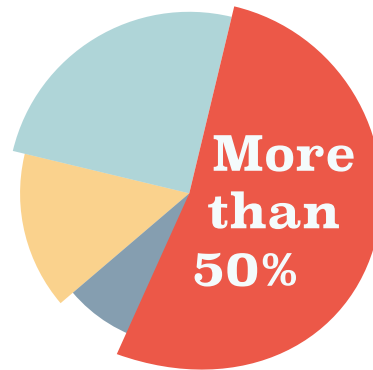
Only **1-in-40** employees over 25 years old make the minimum wage.



Only **1-in-56** employees working full-time earns the minimum wage.



Additional barriers to employment are a bad idea when the teen unemployment rate is already 18.8%



of Americans started their careers making within \$1 of the minimum wage.



Of minimum-wage workers earn a raise within the first year on the job.

Raising the minimum wage would make it even harder for young and inexperienced employees to find a job.



Those with early career experience (often at minimum wage) earn 9.4% more per hour later in their careers than those without such experience.