

Table 26. Wage and salary workers paid hourly rates with earnings at or below the prevailing Federal minimum wage by selected characteristics, 2009 annual averages

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Workers paid hourly rates				
	Total	Total at or below prevailing Federal minimum wage			
		Total	Percent of hourly paid workers	At prevailing Federal minimum wage	Below prevailing Federal minimum wage
Age and sex					
Total, 16 years and over.....	72,611	3,572	4.9	980	2,592
16 to 24 years.....	14,389	1,737	12.1	508	1,229
25 years and over.....	58,222	1,835	3.2	472	1,363
Women, 16 years and over.....	37,426	2,215	5.9	612	1,603
16 to 24 years.....	7,344	1,064	14.5	295	769
25 years and over.....	30,082	1,151	3.8	318	833
Men, 16 years and over.....	35,185	1,358	3.9	368	990
16 to 24 years.....	7,045	674	9.6	214	460
25 years and over.....	28,140	684	2.4	154	530
Race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity					
White.....	58,633	2,857	4.9	763	2,094
Women.....	29,760	1,783	6.0	463	1,320
Men.....	28,873	1,074	3.7	300	774
Black or African American.....	9,269	495	5.3	168	327
Women.....	5,231	302	5.8	117	185
Men.....	4,038	192	4.8	50	142
Asian.....	2,718	117	4.3	21	96
Women.....	1,460	70	4.8	15	55
Men.....	1,258	47	3.7	6	41
Hispanic or Latino.....	12,740	622	4.9	183	439
Women.....	5,449	331	6.1	102	229
Men.....	7,291	290	4.0	80	210

Table 26. Wage and salary workers paid hourly rates with earnings at or below the prevailing Federal minimum wage by selected characteristics, 2009 annual averages—Continued

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Characteristic	Workers paid hourly rates				
	Total	Total at or below prevailing Federal minimum wage			
		Total	Percent of hourly paid workers	At prevailing Federal minimum wage	Below prevailing Federal minimum wage
Full- and part-time status ¹					
Full-time workers.....	52,454	1,272	2.4	320	952
Women.....	24,066	694	2.9	183	511
Men.....	28,388	579	2.0	137	442
Part-time workers.....	20,027	2,281	11.4	656	1,625
Women.....	13,307	1,513	11.4	428	1,085
Men.....	6,721	769	11.4	229	540

¹ Full time refers to persons who usually work 35 hours or more per week; part time refers to persons who usually work fewer than 35 hours per week. These data will not sum to totals because full- or part-time status on the principal job is not identifiable for a small number of multiple jobholders.

NOTE: The prevailing Federal minimum wage rose from \$6.55 to \$7.25 an hour on July 24, 2009. Data in this table reflect the average number of workers who earned \$6.55 or less from January 2009 through July 2009 and those who earned \$7.25 or less from August 2009 through the end of the year. Data are for wage and salary workers, excluding the incorporated self-employed. They refer to a person's earnings on his or her sole or principal job, and pertain only to workers who are paid hourly rates. Salaried workers and other nonhourly workers are not included. Estimates for the above race groups (White, Black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. People whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.