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A record-breaking number of jurisdictions will raise their wage floors in the coming year: A total of 74 cities, counties, and states will raise their minimum wages in 2021, many to \$15 per hour or more. These raises are a combination of new laws adopted in 2020, scheduled step increases, and cost-of-living adjustments.

This is the highest number of jurisdictions raising pay since the Fight for \$15 and a union began in November 2012, demonstrating the continued strength of the movement. Since the beginning, the Fight for \$15 has been led by Black and brown workers,¹ and workers of color continue to lead the movement for higher wages, collective bargaining rights, and safety and dignity on the job.

Summary of Wage Increases in 2021

On January 1, 2021 (December 31, 2020 for workers in New York) the minimum wage will increase in 20 states and 32 cities and counties. In 27 of those jurisdictions, the wage floor will reach or surpass \$15 per hour. Later in 2021, five additional states and 18 local jurisdictions will also increase their wage floors—13 of them to \$15 or more. By the end of 2021, 40 cities and counties will have met or exceeded a \$15 minimum wage.

In total, 24 states and 50 municipalities will increase wages for the lowest-paid workers in the last day of 2020 or sometime in 2021. (Florida will increase wages twice in 2021, but is counted only once in the year's grand total.) Below is a summary of what to expect in 2021:

- **Minimum wages will increase in 20 states and 32 cities and counties on or around New Year's Day, for a total of 52 jurisdictions. (See Table 1).**
 - **In 27 cities and counties**, the minimum wage will **reach or exceed \$15** per hour—including Hayward, Novato, and Sonoma, CA, which will have lower minimum wages for small employers, as well as New York City, which requires a \$15 minimum wage as part of a statewide wage order enacted in 2016.
 - **In 11 states**, the minimum wage will increase due to **cost-of-living adjustments** based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
 - **In 24 cities and counties**, the wage floor will also be adjusted for **inflation**, including the California cities of Novato, Petaluma, San Carlos, and Santa Rosa, and Seattle, WA, which will add CPI to scheduled step increases for some or all of employers in their jurisdictions.

- **Later in 2021, five states and 18 cities and counties will follow with additional minimum wage increases, for a total of 23 jurisdictions. (See Table 2).**
 - Among them is Florida, which will raise its wage floor twice: On January 1, as a CPI increase under the state’s 2004 constitutional amendment; and on September 30, as a first scheduled increase under the most recent constitutional amendment approved by voters in November 2020.
 - **In 13 cities**, the minimum wage will **reach or exceed \$15** per hour—including the California cities of Berkeley, Emeryville, Fremont, Milpitas, and San Francisco, as well as Washington, D.C.—which have already reached or surpassed a \$15 minimum wage and are expected to raise wages further; and Chicago, IL and Montgomery County, MD, which will have lower minimum wages for small or mid-size employers.
 - **In 9 cities and counties**, the minimum wage will increase due to **cost-of-living adjustments**, including Fremont, CA, which is adding a cost-of-living adjustment to its last scheduled step increase.

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Raising Wages Is More Crucial Than Ever

The upcoming minimum wage raises are needed now more than ever. During the greatest health and economic crisis of our lifetimes, millions of people across the country are struggling to feed their families and avoid homelessness. Many of those who are struggling are workers on the COVID-19 frontlines, who provide essential services to their communities, but due to occupational segregation and other effects of systemic racism, are often underpaid and lack crucial safety protections.

The workers who are feeding and caring for our communities through this pandemic need higher wages so that they can live, thrive, and support their own families in addition to everyone else’s. **Frontline workers of color across the country are demanding premium and hazard pay along with other essential protections. If politicians want to do more than pay lip service to frontline workers, they should listen to them and prioritize raising wages—both in the form of premium pay and more permanent increases, like those going into effect in 2021.**

2020: A Year of Historic Wins for the Movement for Higher Wages: Florida Joins Seven States and Washington, D.C. on a Path to \$15; Virginia, Vermont, and Additional Cities Adopt Higher Wages

Among the states set to raise wages in 2021 is Florida, a red state where voters approved a ballot initiative raising the minimum wage to \$15 by 2026. Florida joins seven other states—California, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York—plus the District of Columbia, in voting on or enacting a plan to raise the state minimum wage to \$15 or higher.

The Economic Policy Institute (EPI) estimates that with Florida joining the seven states plus D.C., **approximately 42 percent of the U.S. workforce will be covered by \$15 minimum wage laws² by 2026.**

In addition to Florida, Virginia also made history by adopting a minimum wage law that gradually increases its wage floor to \$12 by 2023 and offers a path to \$15 by 2026. The Vermont Legislature also adopted a new law, raising the state’s wage floor to \$12.55 by 2022, and requiring the release of a report in early 2021 that assesses the possibility of

eliminating the sub-minimum tipped and youth wages. A number of cities also adopted higher minimum wage laws for the first time in 2020: Burlingame, CA (\$15 by 2021), Half Moon Bay, CA (\$15 by 2021); Hayward, CA (\$14-\$15 by 2021–2023); San Carlos, CA (\$15 by 2021); Portland, ME (\$15 by 2024); and Rockland, ME (\$15 by 2024).

Black and Brown Workers Are at the Forefront of the Movement for Higher Wages

The Fight for \$15 has been led by Black and brown workers from the outset.³ Responding to skyrocketing inequality and Congress's refusal to raise the federal minimum wage, fast-food workers in New York City staged a strike in late 2012, which spread across the country, scoring early wins in the Washington cities of SeaTac and Seattle, and becoming known as the Fight for \$15 and a union. **Since then, the Black and brown worker-led movement has amassed victory after victory, winning over \$68 billion for more than 22 million workers nationwide,⁴ and shaping the national debate on economic and racial justice.⁵**

The importance of the movement for higher wages for workers of color cannot be overestimated: Per EPI's estimates, nearly 1 in 3 Black workers, 27 percent of Latinx workers, and 17 percent of other workers of color currently earn low wages and would benefit from a federal \$15 minimum wage.⁶ These disparities are the result of structural racism—with an economic system rooted in chattel slavery and genocide, workers of color have and continue to be shunted into the lowest paid jobs with the least protections.

But the power of workers of color coming together and organizing cannot be *underestimated*—and the raises going into effect in 2021 suggest that the Black and brown worker-led movement for raising wages continues to grow its momentum.

The Limitless Future of the Movement for Higher Wages

The victories this movement has amassed are monumental, but the work of winning higher wages is far from over. There are 20 states still stuck at the federal level of \$7.25 per hour—with state legislators who have turned their backs on their constituents by refusing to raise the minimum wage, even as the popularity of raising wages grows. Meanwhile, Congress has refused to raise the federal minimum wage for more than ten years.

As the cost of living and inequality continue to rise, it is also becoming increasingly apparent that the wage floor needs to move above \$15. Workers around the country are making their demands known. Already, some local jurisdictions have approved minimum wages above \$15, including Belmont, CA (\$15.90 by 2021), Sonoma, CA (\$16-\$17 by 2023), and Denver, CO (\$15.87 by 2022). Others have begun the process of calling for similarly robust wages, such as Aurora, CO, which nearly approved a \$17 minimum wage in 2020,⁷ and Hawaii, where advocates and community leaders began pushing for a \$17 minimum wage in 2019.⁸

All workers deserve to live and thrive. With a new year and new White House administration in sight, opportunities for change abound. Throughout the past year, workers have demonstrated their power in the face of tremendous uncertainty and extreme retaliation from some of the largest corporations in the world—walking off the job to protest unsafe conditions amid the pandemic, demanding premium pay for their work, and more. At the same time, workers have continued to organize for a \$15 minimum wage and higher.

The new administration and Congress must respond to workers' and communities' demands and deliver a just recovery from this crisis, while centering workers and unemployed people in all policy—especially workers in underpaid jobs and Black and Indigenous workers and other workers of color. That means strengthening unemployment insurance and making sure all people out of work are included, including

undocumented workers, prioritizing paid leave and worker safety, and—crucially—finally passing a federal wage floor of \$15 or higher.

For their part, policymakers at the state and local level can respond to both the particular demands and the particular opportunities of this time by listening to workers and adopting wage floors that move beyond a bare minimum and come closer to a living wage.

Workers have made it clear that they will not go back to the way things were before this pandemic. Lawmakers should follow their lead.

Table 1. State and Local Minimum Wage Increases On or About January 1, 2021

Jurisdiction	Minimum Wage Law	New Minimum Wage	New Tipped Wage	Effective Date	Current Minimum Wage	Current Tipped Wage	Step or Index
Minimum Wage Laws in the \$12 - \$15+ Range							
Arizona ⁹	\$12.00 by 2020	\$12.15	\$9.15	01/01/2021	\$12.00	\$9.00	CPI
California ¹⁰	\$15.00 by 2022-2023	\$14.00 (large empl.) \$13.00 (small empl.)	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$13.00 (large empl.) \$12.00 (small empl.)	No tip credit	Fifth step
Colorado ¹¹	\$12.00 by 2020	\$12.32	\$9.30	01/01/2021	\$12.00	\$8.98	CPI
Florida ¹²	\$15.00 by 2026	\$8.65 <i>(See also Table 3)</i>	\$5.63 <i>(See also Table 3)</i>	01/01/2021 <i>(See also Table 3)</i>	\$8.56	\$5.54	CPI (old law)
Illinois ¹³	\$15.00 by 2025	\$11.00	\$6.60	01/01/2021	\$10.00	\$6.00	Third step
Maine ¹⁴	\$12.00 by 2020	\$12.15	\$6.08	01/01/2021	\$12.00	\$6.00	CPI
Maryland ¹⁵	\$15.00 by 2025	\$11.75 (large empl.) \$11.60 (small empl.)	\$3.63 <i>(No change)</i>	01/01/2021	\$11.00	\$3.63	Second step
Massachusetts ¹⁶	\$15.00 by 2023	\$13.50	\$5.55	01/01/2021	\$12.75	\$4.95	Third step
Missouri ¹⁷	\$12.00 by 2023	\$10.30	\$5.15	01/01/2021	\$9.45	\$4.725	Third step
New Jersey ¹⁸	\$15.00 by 2024-2027	\$12.00 (standard); \$11.10 (seasonal, small empl.) \$10.44 (agro)	\$4.13	01/01/2021	\$11.00 (standard) \$10.30 (seasonal, small empl., agro)	\$3.13	Third step
New Mexico ¹⁹	\$12.00 by 2023	\$10.50	\$2.55	01/01/2021	\$9.00	\$2.35	Second step

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New York ²⁰	\$15.00 by 2018-2021 <i>(All industries other than fast-food)</i>	\$15.00 (NYC; no change) \$14.00 (LI & WC); \$12.50 (Upstate)	\$8.35 - \$12.50 <i>(for hospitality industry only)</i> ²¹	12/31/2020	\$15.00 (NYC); \$13.00 (LI & WC); \$11.80 (Upstate)	\$7.85-\$13.85 (varies by region, industry and tips earned)	Fifth step
	\$15.00 by 2018-2021 <i>(Fast-food)</i>	\$15.00 (NYC; no change); \$14.50 (rest of state)	Not applicable	12/31/2020	\$15.00 (NYC) \$13.75 (rest of state)	Not applicable	Sixth step
Vermont ²²	\$12.55 by 2022	\$11.75	\$5.88	01/01/2021	\$10.96	\$5.48	First step
Washington State ²³	\$13.50 by 2020	\$13.69	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$13.50	No tip credit	CPI
Flagstaff, AZ ²⁴	\$15.50 by 2022 & One Fair Wage	\$15.00	\$12.00	01/01/2021	\$13.00	\$10.00	Fifth step
Belmont, CA ²⁵	\$15.90 by 2021	\$15.90	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$15.00	No tip credit	Last step
Burlingame, CA ²⁶	\$15.00 by 2021	\$15.00	No tip credit	01/01/2021	California schedule	No tip credit	First & last step
Cupertino, CA ²⁷	\$15.00 by 2019	\$15.65	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$15.35	No tip credit	CPI
Daly City, CA ²⁸	\$15.00 by 2021	\$15.00	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$13.75	No tip credit	Last step
El Cerrito, CA ²⁹	\$15.00 by 2019	\$15.61	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$15.37	No tip credit	CPI
Half Moon Bay, CA ³⁰	\$15.00 by 2021	\$15.00	No tip credit	01/01/2021	California schedule	No tip credit	First & last step

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Hayward, CA ³¹	\$14.00 - \$15.00 by 2021-2023	\$15.00 (large empl.) \$14.00 (small empl.)	No tip credit	01/01/2021	California schedule	No tip credit	First & last step
Los Altos, CA ³²	\$15.00 by 2019	\$15.65	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$15.40	No tip credit	CPI
Menlo Park, CA ³³	\$15.00 by 2020	\$15.25	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$15.00	No tip credit	CPI
Mountain View, CA ³⁴	\$15.00 by 2018	\$16.30	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$16.05	No tip credit	CPI
Novato, CA ³⁵	\$15.00 by 2020-2022	\$15.24 (very large) \$15.00 (large empl.) \$14.00 (small empl.)	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$15.00 (very large) \$14.00 (large empl.) \$13.00 (small empl.)	No tip credit	Second step & CPI
Oakland, CA ³⁶	\$12.25 by 2015	\$14.36	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$14.14	No tip credit	CPI
Palo Alto, CA ³⁷	\$15.00 by 2019	\$15.65	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$15.40	No tip credit	CPI
Petaluma, CA ³⁸	\$15.00 by 2020-2021	\$15.20	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$15.00 (large empl.) \$14.00 (small empl.)	No tip credit	Last step + CPI
Redwood, CA ³⁹	\$15.00 by 2020	\$15.62	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$15.38	No tip credit	CPI
Richmond, CA ⁴⁰	\$15.00 by 2019	\$15.21	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$15.00	No tip credit	CPI
San Carlos, CA ⁴¹	\$15.00 by 2021	\$15.24	No tip credit	01/01/2021	California schedule	No tip credit	First & last step & CPI
San Jose, CA ⁴²	\$15.00 by 2019	\$15.45	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$15.25	No tip credit	CPI

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San Mateo, CA ⁴³	\$15.00 by 2019-2020	\$15.62	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$15.38	No tip credit	CPI
Santa Clara, CA ⁴⁴	\$15.00 by 2019	\$15.65	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$15.40	No tip credit	CPI
Santa Rosa, CA ⁴⁵	\$15.00 by 2020-2021	\$15.20	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$15.00 (large empl.) \$14.00 (small empl.)	No tip credit	Last step & CPI
Sonoma, CA ⁴⁶	\$16.00 - \$17.00 by 2023	\$15.00 (large empl.) \$14.00 (small empl.)	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$13.50 (large empl.) \$12.50 (small empl.)	No tip credit	Second step
South San Francisco, CA ⁴⁷	\$15.00 by 2020	\$15.24	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$15.00	No tip credit	CPI
Sunnyvale, CA ⁴⁸	\$15.00 by 2018	\$16.30	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$16.05	No tip credit	CPI
Denver, CO ⁴⁹	\$15.87 by 2022	\$14.77	\$11.75	01/01/2021	\$12.85	\$9.83	Second step
SeaTac, WA (airport-related industries) ⁵⁰	\$15.00 by 2014	\$16.57	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$16.34	No tip credit	CPI
Seattle, WA ⁵¹	\$15.00 by 2017-2021	<i>Large empl. & small empl. w/o benefits: \$16.69</i> <i>Small empl., with med benefits: \$15.00</i>	<i>Large empl. & small empl. w/o benefits: No tip credit</i> <i>Small empl. with benefits: \$15.00</i>	01/01/2021	<i>Large employers: \$16.39</i> <i>Small employers: \$15.75 (no benefits) \$13.50 (w/benefits)</i>	<i>Large employers: No tip credit</i> <i>Small employers: \$15.75 (no benefits) \$13.50 (w/benefits)</i>	Last step & CPI
Minimum Wage Laws Below \$12							
Alaska ⁵²	\$9.75 by 2016	\$10.34	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$10.19	No tip credit	CPI

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Arkansas ⁵³	\$11.00 by 2021	\$11.00	\$2.63 <i>(No change)</i>	01/01/2021	\$10.00	\$2.63	Last step
Minnesota ⁵⁴	\$9.50 - \$7.75 by 2016	\$10.08 (large empl.) \$8.21 (small empl.)	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$10.00 (large empl.) \$8.15 (small empl.)	No tip credit	CPI
Montana ⁵⁵	2006 Ballot	\$8.75	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$8.65	No tip credit	CPI
Ohio ⁵⁶	Constitutional Amend. (2006)	\$8.80	\$4.40	01/01/2021	\$8.70	\$4.35	CPI
South Dakota ⁵⁷	\$8.50 by 2015	\$9.45	\$4.725	01/01/2021	\$9.30	\$4.65	CPI
San Diego, CA ⁵⁸	\$11.50 by 2017	\$14.00	No tip credit	01/01/2021	\$13.00	No tip credit	CPI
Albuquerque, NM ⁵⁹	\$8.50 by 2013	\$10.50 (benefits) \$9.50 (with benefits)	\$6.30	01/01/2021	\$9.35 (no benefits) \$8.35 (with benefits)	\$5.60	CPI
Bernalillo County, NM ⁶⁰	\$8.50 by 2014	\$9.35	\$2.55 <i>(State rate)</i>	01/01/2021	\$9.20	\$2.35 <i>(State rate)</i>	CPI
Las Cruces, NM ⁶¹	\$10.10 by 2019	\$10.50	\$4.20	01/01/2021	\$10.25	\$4.10	CPI
Total number of states raising the minimum wage (to any level) on or about January 1, 2021						20	<i>From CPI:11</i>
Total number of cities and counties raising the minimum wage (to any level) on or about January 1, 2021						32	<i>From CPI: 24ⁱ</i>
Total number of cities and counties to reach \$15 or more, on or about January 1, 2021						27ⁱⁱ	

ⁱ Includes the California cities of Novato, Petaluma, San Carlos and Santa Rosa, as well as Seattle, WA, which are adding CPI increases to scheduled step increases for some or all employers in their jurisdictions.

ⁱⁱ Includes the California cities of Hayward, Novato and Sonoma, which in 2021 will have lower minimum wages for small employers. It also includes New York City, which requires a \$15 minimum wage part of a statewide wage order enacted in 2016.

Table 2. State and Local Minimum Wage Increases Later in 2021

Jurisdiction	Approved Minimum Wage	New Minimum Wage	New Tipped Wage	Effective Date	Current Minimum Wage	Current Tipped Wage	Step or Index
Minimum Wage Laws in the \$12 - \$15+ Range							
Connecticut ⁶²	\$15.00 by 2023	\$13.00	Servers: \$6.38 Bartenders: \$8.23 <i>(No change)</i>	08/01/2021	\$12.00	Servers: \$6.38 Bartenders: \$8.23	Third step
Florida ⁶³	\$15.00 by 2026	\$10.00 <i>(See also Table 2)</i>	\$6.98 <i>(See also Table 2)</i>	09/30/2021 <i>(See also Table 2)</i>	\$8.56	\$5.54	First step (new law)
Nevada ⁶⁴	\$11.00 - \$12.00 by 2024	\$9.75 (no health ins) \$8.75 (w/health ins)	No tip credit	07/01/2021	\$9.00 (no health ins) \$8.00 (w/health ins)	No tip credit	Second step
Oregon ⁶⁵	\$12.50 - \$14.75 by 2022	\$14.00 (Portland) \$12.75 (Standard) \$12.00 (rural)	No tip credit	07/01/2021	\$13.25 (Portland) \$12.00 (standard) \$11.50 (rural)	No tip credit	Sixth step
Virginia ⁶⁶	12.00 by 2023 (with path to \$15 by 2026)	\$9.50	\$2.13 <i>(No change)</i>	05/01/2021	\$7.25	\$2.13	First step
Berkeley, CA ⁶⁷	\$15.00 by 2018	TBD	No tip credit	07/01/2021	\$16.07	No tip credit	CPI
Emeryville, CA ⁶⁸	\$15.00 by 2017-2018	TBD	No tip credit	07/01/2021	\$16.84	No tip credit	CPI
Fremont, CA ⁶⁹	\$15.00 by 2020-2021	TBD (large empl.) \$15.00 (small empl.)	No tip credit	07/01/2021	\$15.00 (large empl.) \$13.50 (small empl.)	No tip credit	Last step & CPI
Los Angeles, CA ⁷⁰	\$15.00 by 2020-2021	\$15.00	No tip credit	07/01/2021	\$15.00 (large empl.) \$14.25 (small empl.)	No tip credit	Last step
Los Angeles County, CA ⁷¹	\$15.00 by 2020-2021	\$15.00	No tip credit	07/01/2021	\$15.00 (large empl.) \$14.25 (small empl.)	No tip credit	Last step
Malibu, CA ⁷²	\$15.00 by 2020-2021	\$15.00	No tip credit	07/01/2021	\$15.00 (large empl.) \$14.25 (small empl.)	No tip credit	Last step

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Milpitas, CA ⁷³	\$15.00 by 2019	TBD	No tip credit	07/01/2021	\$15.40	No tip credit	CPI
Pasadena, CA ⁷⁴	\$15.00 by 2020-2021	\$15.00	No tip credit	07/01/2021	\$15.00 (large empl.) \$14.25 (small empl.)	No tip credit	Last step
San Francisco, CA ⁷⁵	\$15.00 by 2018	TBD	No tip credit	07/01/2021	\$16.07	No tip credit	CPI
Santa Monica, CA ⁷⁶	\$15.00 by 2020-2021	\$15.00	No tip credit	07/01/2021	\$15.00 (large empl.) \$14.25 (small empl.)	No tip credit	Last step
Washington, D.C. ⁷⁷	\$15.00 (and \$5.00 tipped) by 2020	TBD	TBD	07/01/2021	\$15.00	\$5.00	CPI
Chicago, IL ⁷⁸	\$15.00 by 2021-2024	\$15.00 (large empl.) \$14.00 (small empl.)	\$9.00 (large empl.) \$8.40 (small empl.)	07/01/2021	\$14.00 (large empl.) \$13.50 (small empl.)	\$8.40 (large empl.) \$8.10 (small empl.)	Second step
Cook County, IL ⁷⁹	\$13.00 by 2020	TBD	TBD	07/01/2021	\$13.00	\$5.30	CPI
Montgomery County, MD ⁸⁰	\$15.00 by 2021-2024	\$15.00 (large empl.) \$14.00 (mid-size) \$13.50 (small empl.)	\$4.00 <i>(No change)</i>	07/01/2021	\$14.00 (large empl.) \$13.25 (mid-size) \$13.00 (small empl.)	\$4.00	Fourth step
Minneapolis, MN ⁸¹	\$15.00 by 2022-2024	\$14.25 (large empl.) \$12.50 (small empl.)	No tip credit	07/01/2021	\$13.25 (large empl.) \$11.75 (small empl.)	No tip credit	Fifth step
Saint Paul, MN ⁸²	\$15.00 by 2022-2027	\$12.50 (large and macro empl.) \$11.00 (small empl.) \$10.00 (micro empl.)	No tip credit	07/01/2021	\$12.50 (macro & city) \$11.50 (large empl.) \$10.00 (small empl.) \$9.25 (micro)	No tip credit	Third step
Minimum Wage Laws Under \$12							
Santa Fe, NM ⁸³	\$9.50 by 2006	TBD	\$2.55 <i>(State rate, effective Jan 1)</i>	03/01/2021	\$12.10	\$2.35 <i>(State rate)</i>	CPI

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Santa Fe County, NM ⁸⁴	\$10.66 by 2014	TBD	TBD	03/01/2021	\$12.10	\$3.62	CPI
Total number of states raising the minimum wage (to any level) later in 2021						5 ⁱⁱⁱ	<i>From CPI: None</i>
Total number of cities and counties (including Washington, D.C.) raising the minimum wage (to any level) later in 2021						18	<i>From CPI: 9</i> ^{iv}
Total number of cities and counties to reach \$15 or more, later in 2021						13 ^v	

ⁱⁱⁱ Includes Florida, which is also counted in Table 2. Florida will raise its minimum wage twice in 2021: On January 1st, as a CPI increase under the state’s constitutional amendment approved by voters in 2004; and on September 30th, as a scheduled increase under the most recent constitutional amendment approved by voters in 2020.

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Endnotes

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2. Unpublished estimate by the Economic Policy Institute. Estimate includes the eight states on a path to \$15, the District of Columbia, and Washington State which is likely to be at or above \$15 by 2026.
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