



The New Wisconsin Minimum Wage and Agricultural Employee Wage Rates July 2009

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On July 24, 2009, Wisconsin's minimum wage for adult (non-agriculture) employees will increase from \$6.50 per hour to \$7.25 per hour. The new minor (non-agriculture) employee rate will increase from \$5.90 per hour to \$7.25 per hour.

Wisconsin's minimum wage rates for agricultural employees are as follows:

- **The agriculture minimum wage rate for workers age 18 and over** will increase from \$5.15 per hour to \$7.25 per hour
- **The agricultural minimum wage rate for workers age 17 and under** will increase from \$4.25 per hour to \$7.25 per hour

The rates have also increased when meals or lodging (or both) are furnished by the agricultural employer (and accepted/received by the employee). A deduction from the employee's cash wages may be made, but cannot exceed the following amounts:

All Employees (Adults and Minors)

Meals	\$87.00 per Week \$4.15 per Meal
Lodging	\$58.00 per Week \$8.30 per Day

Employers with questions concerning the new minimum wage rates may contact the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development's Equal Rights Division for more information either at the Madison office [608-266-6860] or at the Milwaukee office [414-227-4384] or the Department's website at www.dwd.state.wi.us/.