

Minimum Wage Increase for 2009

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Effective July 24, 2009, both the federal and Wisconsin minimum wage for adult employees will increase to \$7.25 per hour. The Wisconsin minimum wage for tipped employees will remain \$2.33, and the Wisconsin minimum wage will remain \$5.90 for employees under age 20 who are in their first 90 consecutive calendar days of employment with a particular employer. The federal minimum wages for tipped and youth employees are lower (\$2.13 and \$4.25, respectively), but Wisconsin employers are required to comply with Wisconsin's higher minimum wage requirements for these groups.

The Wisconsin Legislature is currently considering a bill that would provide for yearly increases to the state minimum wage rate in connection with the cost of inflation. This bill, 2009 Senate Bill 1, was passed by the Wisconsin Senate on February 10, 2009 and it has been in front of the Assembly's Committee on Labor since that time. We will provide further updates if this bill is passed.

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