

NEW JERSEY MINIMUM WAGE

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Wage and Hour Law Abstract | N.J.S.A. 34:11-56a et seq.

STATUTORY MINIMUM WAGE RATE Employees are to be paid not less than the New Jersey minimum wage in accordance with the schedule below.

Date	Most Employers	Seasonal & Small Employers (fewer than 6)	Agricultural Employers	Cash Wage for Tipped Workers**	Wage for Long-Term Care Facility Direct Care Staff Members***
1-1-20	\$11	\$10.30	\$10.30	\$3.13	\$11, \$14 as of 11/1/20
1-1-2021	\$12	\$11.10	No Change	\$4.13	\$15
1-1-2022	\$13	\$11.90	\$11.05	\$5.13	\$16
1-1-2023	\$14.13	\$12.93	\$12.01	\$5.26	\$17.13
1-1-2024	\$15	\$13.50	\$12.50	No Change	\$18
1-1-2025	TBD	\$14.30	\$13.40	TBD	TBD
1-1-2026	TBD	\$15.00	\$14.20	TBD	TBD
1-1-2027	TBD	TBD	\$15	TBD	TBD

* Under the law, the "effective minimum wage rate" for any given year covered by this chart is the highest of the federal minimum wage rate, the minimum wage rate set by New Jersey statute, or a minimum wage rate adjusted to account for increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The minimum wage rates listed in the chart through 2023 are the true effective minimum wage rates for those years. However, the minimum wage rates listed for 2024 and the following years reflect only the NJ statutory rates (and, thus, are estimates), in that we do not yet know whether either the federal minimum wage rate or the CPI-adjusted rates will exceed the NJ statutory rates for those years.

** Cash wage plus tips must equal at least the State minimum wage.

*** As of 11/1/2020, Long-Term Care Facility Direct Care Staff Members are paid \$3.00 above the State minimum hourly wage and increases accordingly anytime the State minimum wage increases.

**** Overtime at the time and a half regular rate is due with the exception of certain truck drivers, loaders, helpers and mechanics involving vehicles weighing in excess of 10,000 lbs. GVW and who travel interstate.

Wage Order and Regulations Employees in the occupations found below are covered by this wage order and regulations and must be paid not less than the statutory minimum wage rate..

First processing of farm products
Hotel and motel
Food service (restaurant industry)
Seasonal amusement

These regulations are contained in N.J.A.C. 12:56-11.1 et seq..

Exemptions Exempt from the statutory minimum wage rate are full-time students employed by the college or university at which they are enrolled at not less than 85% of the effective minimum wage rate; outside sales person; sales person of motor vehicles; part time employees primarily engaged in the care and tending of children in the home of the employer; and minors under 18 (**EXCEPT** that minors under 18 in the first processing of farm products, hotels, motels, restaurants, retail, beauty culture, laundry, cleaning, dyeing, light manufacturing and apparel occupations are covered by the wage order rates as above and vocational school graduates with special permits under the Child Labor Law are covered by the statutory rate). Employees at summer camps, conferences and retreats operated by any nonprofit or religious corporation or association are exempt from minimum and overtime rates during the months of June, July, August and September.

Overtime Overtime is payable at the rate of 1.5 times the employee's regular hourly rate for hours worked in excess of 40 in any week except where otherwise specifically provided by wage order.

Exempt from the overtime entitlement are:

- executive, administrative, and professional employees
- employees engaged in labor on a farm or relative to raising or care of livestock; and
- limousine drivers.

Labor on a Farm at Piece-Rate Employees engaged on a piece-rate basis to labor on a farm shall be paid for each day worked not less than the minimum hourly wage rate multiplied by the total number of hours worked..

Penalties Any employer who violates any provisions of this act shall be guilty of a disorderly persons violation and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000. As an alternative to or in addition to any other sanctions provided by law for violations, the Commissioner is authorized to assess and collect administrative penalties, up to a maximum of \$250 for a first violation and up to a maximum of \$500 for each subsequent violation. The employer shall also pay the Commissioner an administrative fee equal to not less than 10% or more than 25% of any payment due to employees.

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