



New Year, New Pay: Minimum-Wage Workers in New York Get a Boost

A NEW YORK STATE minimum-wage law that will take effect on Jan. 1 will raise the hourly pay for many workers to \$15 an hour, the highest in the nation. The law also will raise the minimum wage for tipped workers to \$12 an hour, and for workers in the food service industry to \$13.50 an hour. The new law will affect about 1.5 million workers in the state, including many in the retail, food service and construction industries.



50% Increase? Compensation Board Jumps, Says Effect to Protect Unemployed Workers During Labor Negotiations



THE NATIONAL LABOR COUNCIL ON COMPENSATION SURVEYED 1,000 COMPANIES AND FOUND THAT THE AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE IN PAY FOR EMPLOYEES WAS 5.2% IN 2014. THAT IS DOWN FROM 5.5% IN 2013 AND 5.8% IN 2012. THE SURVEY ALSO FOUND THAT THE AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE IN PAY FOR EMPLOYEES WAS 3.2% IN 2014 FOR COMPANIES THAT HAD EMPLOYEES WHO WERE UNEMPLOYED DURING THE YEAR.

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