

PA House Democratic Caucus Fact Sheet
Minimum Wage compared to Inflation and Poverty Guideline

Year	Min. Wage nominal \$	Min.Wage 40h x 52w	Min.Wage Dec.2001 \$	Min. Wage as % HHS Family of 3	Poverty Guideline HHS Family of 3	Pov. Guide Family of 2	Pov. Guide. one person	Year end CPI-U	\$ dif. Min. Family 3
1947	0.40	832	3.02					23.4	
1948	0.40	832	2.93					24.1	
1949	0.40	832	2.99					23.6	
1950	0.75	1,560	5.30					25	
1951	0.75	1,560	5.00					26.5	
1952	0.75	1,560	4.96					26.7	
1953	0.75	1,560	4.93					26.9	
1954	1.00	2,080	6.62					26.7	
1995	1.00	2,080	6.59					26.8	
1956	1.00	2,080	6.40					27.6	
1957	1.00	2,080	6.22					28.4	
1958	1.00	2,080	6.11					28.9	
1959	1.00	2,080	6.01					29.4	
1960	1.00	2,080	5.93					29.8	
1961	1.00	2,080	5.89					30.0	
1962	1.15	2,392	6.68					30.4	
1963	1.25	2,600	7.15					30.9	
1964	1.25	2,600	7.08					31.2	
1965	1.25	2,600	6.95					31.8	
1966	1.25	2,600	6.71	108.3%	2,400	1990	1540	32.9	200
1967	1.40	2,912	7.30	116.5%	2,500	2000	1600	33.9	412
1968	1.60	3,328	7.96	128.0%	2,600	2100	1600	35.5	728
1969	1.60	3,328	7.50	110.9%	3,000	2400	1800	37.7	328
1970	1.60	3,328	7.10	107.4%	3,100	2500	1900	39.8	228
1971	1.60	3,328	6.88	100.8%	3,300	2600	2000	41.1	28
1972	1.60	3,328	6.65	96.5%	3,450	2725	2100	42.5	-122
1973	1.60	3,328	6.12	87.3%	3,810	2900	2200	46.2	-482
1974	2.00	4,160	6.81	109.2%	3,810	3070	2330	51.9	350
1975	2.10	4,368	6.69	103.3%	4,230	3410	2590	55.5	138
1976	2.30	4,784	6.98	104.0%	4,600	3700	2800	58.2	184
1977	2.30	4,784	6.54	97.8%	4,890	3930	2970	62.1	-106
1978	2.65	5,512	6.92	106.4%	5,180	4160	3140	67.7	332
1979	2.90	6,032	6.68	107.7%	5,600	4500	3400	76.7	432
1980	3.10	6,448	6.35	103.5%	6,230	5010	3790	86.3	218
1981	3.35	6,968	6.30	98.6%	7,070	5690	4310	94.0	-102
1982	3.35	6,968	6.07	89.8%	7,760	6220	4680	97.6	-792
1983	3.35	6,968	5.84	84.8%	8,220	6540	4860	101.3	-1252
1984	3.35	6,968	5.62	82.4%	8,460	6720	4980	105.3	-1492
1985	3.35	6,968	5.42	78.7%	8,850	7050	5250	109.3	-1882
1986	3.35	6,968	5.36	76.4%	9,120	7240	5360	110.5	-2152
1987	3.35	6,968	5.13	74.9%	9,300	7400	5500	115.4	-2332
1988	3.35	6,968	4.91	71.9%	9,690	7730	5770	120.5	-2722
1989	3.80	7,904	5.32	78.6%	10,060	8020	5980	126.1	-2156
1990	4.25	8,840	5.61	83.7%	10,560	8420	6280	133.8	-1720
1991	4.25	8,840	5.45	79.4%	11,140	8880	6620	137.9	-2300
1992	4.25	8,840	5.29	76.4%	11,570	9190	6810	141.9	-2730
1993	4.25	8,840	5.15	74.3%	11,890	9430	6970	145.8	-3050
1994	4.25	8,840	5.02	71.8%	12,320	9840	7360	149.7	-3480
1995	4.25	8,840	4.89	70.2%	12,590	10030	7470	153.5	-3750
1996	4.75	9,880	5.29	76.1%	12,980	10360	7740	158.6	-3100
1997	5.15	10,712	5.64	80.4%	13,330	10610	7890	161.3	-2618
1998	5.15	10,712	5.55	78.5%	13,650	10854	8071	163.9	-2938
1999	5.15	10,712	5.41	77.2%	13,880	11060	8240	168.3	-3168
2000	5.15	10,712	5.23	75.7%	14,150	11250	8350	174.0	-3438
2001	5.15	10,712	5.15	73.2%	14,630	11610	8590	176.7	-3918
2002	5.15	10,712	5.03	71.3%	15,020	11940	8860	180.9	-4308
2003	5.15	10,712	4.94	70.2%	15,260	12,120	8,980	184.3	-4548
2004	5.15	10,712	4.78	68.4%	15,670	12,490	9,310	190.3	-4958
2005	5.15	10,712	4.62	66.6%	16,090	12,830	9,570	196.8	-5378
2006	5.15	10,712	4.51	64.5%	16,600	13,200	9,800	201.8	-5888
2007	6.25	13,000	5.26	75.7%	17,170	13,690	10,210	210.036	-4170
2007/7	7.15	14872	6.02	86.6%	17,170	13,690	10,210	210.036	-2298
2008	7.15	14872	6.01	84.5%	17600	14000	10400	210.228	-2728
2009	7.15	14872		81.2%	18310	14570	10830		-3438
2009/7	7.25	15080		82.4%	18310	14570	10830		-3230