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Idaho's Minimum Wage Workers Drop in 2013

The share of Idaho's hourly workers making the minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour or less dropped to 7.1 percent in 2013, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The decline from 31,000 minimum wage workers in 2012 to 29,000 in 2013 combined with a significant increase in minimum wage workers in Tennessee dropped Idaho from first to second in the nation in the percentage of hourly workers making the minimum wage or less.

The number of minimum wage workers in Tennessee increased from 5.5 percent in 2012 to 7.4 percent in 2013.

The recession hit Idaho's goods production industries hard - primarily construction and manufacturing - and the subsequent recovery has been weighted toward service sector jobs, which on average pay about \$10,000 a year less.

Two of every three jobs created in Idaho in 2013 were in the service sector.

Nationally, 4.3 percent of all hourly workers made the minimum wage or less in 2013, down from 4.7 percent the year prior.

Twenty states saw the number of minimum wage workers increase in 2013 while Idaho and the rest of the states and the District of Columbia posted decreases in the number of minimum wage workers.

Minimum Wage Earners By State, 2013

	Number of Minimum Wage Workers	Percent of All Hourly Workers	Rank By Percent- age	Percent Change from 2012	Rank By Percent- age
United States	3,300,000	4.3%		-7.0%	
Alabama	77,000	6.8%	3	18.5%	6
Alaska	6,000	3.0%	44	200.0%	1
Arizona	58,000	4.1%	36	-14.7%	41
Arkansas	44,000	6.8%	4	-12.0%	36
California	118,000	1.3%	50	-7.1%	30
Colorado	39,000	3.2%	43	-7.1%	31
Connecticut	22,000	2.6%	46	-4.3%	25
DC	4,000	3.7%	38	-20.0%	46
Delaware	11,000	5.4%	13	0.0%	17
Florida	181,000	4.5%	28	-15.4%	44
Georgia	103,000	4.8%	22	-24.3%	49
Hawaii	15,000	4.6%	26	7.1%	13
Idaho	29,000	7.1%	2	-6.5%	28

Illinois	96,000	3.2%	41	12.9%	9
Indiana	108,000	6.2%	7	16.1%	8
Iowa	50,000	5.4%	12	8.7%	12
Kansas	35,000	4.5%	29	-20.5%	47
Kentucky	49,000	4.3%	31	-18.3%	45
Louisiana	53,000	5.3%	16	-28.4%	51
Maine	13,000	3.3%	40	18.2%	7
Maryland	66,000	4.9%	19	-1.5%	21
Massachusetts	54,000	3.4%	39	-12.9%	37
Michigan	96,000	4.5%	27	6.7%	14
Minnesota	64,000	4.2%	34	6.7%	15
Mississippi	39,000	6.1%	9	-13.3%	40
Missouri	73,000	4.7%	25	-24.7%	50
Montana	6,000	2.1%	48	50.0%	2
Nebraska	29,000	5.1%	18	-9.4%	33
Nevada	20,000	2.6%	47	-13.0%	39
New Hampshire	11,000	3.0%	45	-15.4%	43
New Jersey	92,000	4.8%	21	-10.7%	34
New Mexico	20,000	4.3%	30	-13.0%	38
New York	178,000	4.3%	32	-20.5%	48
North Carolina	130,000	5.8%	11	-5.1%	26
North Dakota	7,000	3.2%	42	0.0%	20
Ohio	137,000	4.1%	35	-6.8%	29
Oklahoma	60,000	6.3%	6	-6.3%	27
Oregon	12,000	1.2%	51	9.1%	11
Pennsylvania	189,000	5.4%	14	-3.1%	23
Rhode Island	12,000	4.2%	33	20.0%	5
South Carolina	65,000	5.8%	10	10.2%	10
South Dakota	12,000	4.7%	23	0.0%	19
Tennessee	117,000	7.4%	1	36.0%	4
Texas	400,000	6.4%	5	-11.5%	35
Utah	36,000	4.7%	24	-2.7%	22
Vermont	7,000	3.8%	37	40.0%	3
Virginia	112,000	6.2%	8	-8.9%	32
Washington	30,000	1.7%	49	3.4%	16
West Virginia	22,000	4.9%	20	-15.4%	42
Wisconsin	91,000	5.3%	15	-3.2%	24
Wyoming	9,000	5.1%	17	0.0%	18

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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