

# The top 10 most surprising facts about raising\* New Mexico's minimum wage

10. **30%** of the state's hourly workforce would benefit from an increase
9. More women (**57%**) than men (**43%**) would benefit from an increase  
  
But men would see a slightly larger average pay raise (**\$1,299**)  
than women (**\$1,206**)
8. Almost one-third (**32%**) of those who would benefit have children  

7. Those kids make up **28%** of the total child population
6. **58%** of workers who would benefit live in families earning less than **\$40,000**
5. Of the workers who would benefit **59%** work full time
4. The vast majority (**77%**) of those who would benefit have a high school diploma  
 or more
3. The industry with the most workers who would benefit is education/health care  

- 2.1. More than **90%** of the workers who would benefit are over the age of **20**



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\*Assumes an increase of five \$1.00 increments between 2017 and 2021 for a wage of \$12.50 upon full phase-in.  
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