



Infographic

The Job And Wage Implications Of State Minimum Wage Increases In 2017 And Beyond

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The American Action Forum (@AAF) today released an infographic that examines the job and wage effects of state minimum wage increases that are currently being phased in throughout 14 states and the District of Columbia. The infographic details how the minimum wage hikes this year alone will cost 383,000 jobs. The number of jobs lost will increase to 2.6 million when the entire minimum wage increases are fully phased-in.

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THE MINIMUM WAGE EFFECT

Minimum wages are scheduled to rise over the next several years in 14 states and the District of Columbia.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?



383,000 JOBS

lost from the minimum wage hikes in 2017



2.6 MILLION JOBS

lost due to entire minimum wage increase



+\$6,900

increase in total labor earnings **per job lost**



is the **minimum average** annual earnings of the 2.6 million jobs lost

THUS IN EXCHANGE FOR A **MINIMAL** TOTAL WAGE GAIN, SOMEONE ELSE **LOSES** AN OPPORTUNITY.

IN ADDITION TO SLOWING DOWN HIRING, EMPLOYERS WILL:



RAISE PRICES



CUT THEIR CURRENT
WORKFORCE



REPLACE LEAST SKILLED
WITH MORE SKILLED WORKERS



When firms are unable to make a profit, **they go out of business**. Unfortunately, it is the **lowest-wage, least-skilled workers** who pay the largest prices for these consequences.

