



St. Paul Minimum Wage Study Community Report

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One comment:

Hello - I appreciate this information on the minimum wage. I'm interested in learning more about the whole picture. I have a question/comment and I'm curious if there's information around this question. I'm very curious as to how workers within unions or workers who are already earning \$15/hour have been reacting or have reacted in other markets to the new minimum. While it's wonderful that a new worker can start at a stronger pay scale, what about those who have worked for years to work their way up the pay scale to finally reach \$15/hour? Especially with unions where there are existing steps that are very hard to climb (this stems from my observations at the U of MN). I have friends and family members, for example, who make just above the \$15 mark now, and it's not like their pay is going to go up exponentially due to a general minimum increase. Though I wish it would for their sake. The benefits for workers are there; but I can see the morale and the public opinion being an issue when faced with this point of interest. Thank you for taking the time to read this.