Americans support the \$15 federal minimum wage

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Introduction

The state of federal minimum wage

Most Americans support increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour. Last year, the pandemic and shutdowns disproportionately impacted those most vulnerable at the lower end of the pay scale. America has hope that 2021 will be a year of recovery. Increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour will help supercharge that recovery and help those who need it most. Boosting the income of those at the bottom end of the pay scale means that, instead of just trying to survive, they have the opportunity to participate in the economic recovery.

With a new administration in office, there is an opportunity to push this essential change forward. The current federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour went into effect on July 24, 2009¹. This July will mark the 12th year without a raise to the federal minimum wage, the longest period without any progress since its establishment in 1938. Before now, the longest period without an increase was a 10-year gap between 1997 and 2007.

While the federal minimum wage stagnated for the past 12 years, the purchasing power of those wages fell due to inflation. When the current federal minimum wage went into effect in 2009 at \$7.25, the value was closer to \$9 by the 2020-dollar.

Twenty-nine states and Washington, D.C. currently have minimum wages above the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour². Washington, D.C. has the highest minimum wage at \$15. California, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York all have a graduated minimum wage on a glide path to reach a minimum wage of \$15 in the next two years.





¹ <u>History of Federal Minimum Wage Rates Under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 1938 – 2009</u>

² NCLS Current State Minimum Wages

Research partnership with Ipsos

To establish current and accurate data about what Americans think about the current federal minimum wage, Amazon partnered with Ipsos, one of the largest independent research companies in the U.S., to produce this report. The report focuses on several important topics from what people know and think about the current federal minimum wage, to what it's like to live on the current minimum wage, to how much of an impact increasing the federal minimum wage might have on the lives of Americans.

Ipsos interviewed over 6,000 adults aged 18+ on the Ipsos KnowledgePanel, the largest address-based online panel that is representative of the adult U.S. population. The study was conducted between January 28, 2021 and February 8, 2021.

In addition, Ipsos conducted a series of fifteen (15) in-depth, ethnographic, interviews among Americans who earn between \$8-\$17 an hour. People within that hourly pay range qualified to participate in the study if they received a wage increase within the past two years. This criterion was used to understand the impact wage increases have on people's lives.

Amazon commissioned this research to highlight the obstacles that those earning less than \$15 an hour must overcome on a daily basis. Amazon agrees with the majority of Americans that the federal minimum wage in the U.S. is too low and should be raised. As one of the nation's largest employers, Amazon will continue using its position to encourage other large companies to raise their wages and to lobby members of Congress and state legislatures to raise the minimum wage.

Amazon's stance on minimum wage

Amazon pays a starting wage of at least \$15 an hour to all full-time, part-time, temporary, and seasonal employees across the U.S. Amazon's minimum wage comes on top of comprehensive benefits for employees. Amazon ensures that employees can make meaningful career changes into more technical roles, whether at Amazon or elsewhere, through training and career support. Amazon announced it would invest over \$700 million to provide 100,000 employees with access to training, programs that support employees across its corporate offices, tech hubs, fulfillment centers, retail stores, and transportation networks. Small and large, the programs meet Amazon employees where they are – providing opportunities for Amazonians to get trained, at their place of work in high-demand areas like medicine, cloud computing, and machine learning.



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Key findings from this research



Majority support

A clear majority of Americans say that the federal minimum wage is too low and two in three who have an opinion support increasing it to \$15 an hour.



Americans unaware

Eight in ten Americans do not know the actual amount of the current federal minimum wage.



Large companies to lead

Americans look to large companies to help push forward the goal of raising the federal minimum wage and expect these companies to raise their own minimum wage.



Positive impact

Americans say increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour would have a positive impact on workers generally, their community, the country, and the economy.



Who earns less than \$15 an hour

People currently making less than \$15 an hour are more likely to be women, people of color, have less formal education, and in rural areas.



Struggles of earning less than \$15 an hour

Those who make less than \$15 an hour are significantly less likely to say they can afford basic human needs such as shopping for groceries, paying for prescription drugs, or seeing a doctor. Further, they are less likely to be able to pay their bills on time and are more likely to feel like they are falling behind.



Benefits of earnings increasing to \$15 an hour

People who earn \$15 an hour or more are significantly more confident they could come up with \$500 if an emergency situation arose, are more likely to say they are spending less than they earn, and are less likely to say they pay their bills late compared to those earning less than \$15 an hour.

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The Real Cost and Benefits of a \$15 Minimum Wage

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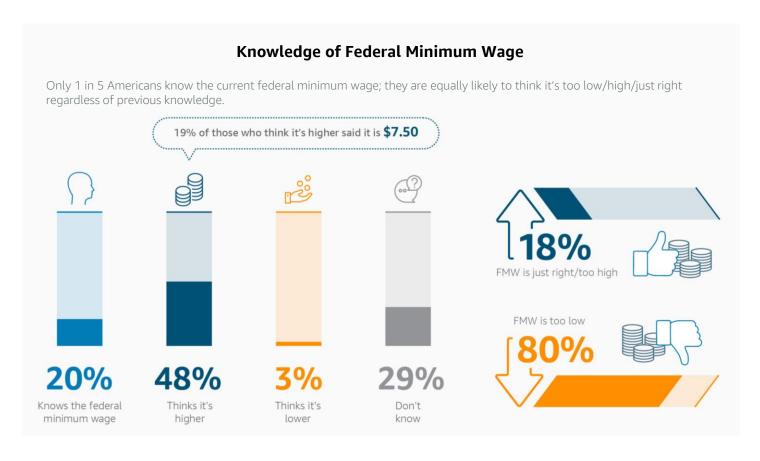
America's overall knowledge and opinion about the federal minimum wage

Lack of knowledge

There is a lack of knowledge among many Americans when it comes to the federal minimum wage and what it's like to live on \$7.25 an hour.

When asked what the current federal minimum wage amount is, most Americans (80%) are unable to accurately give the amount; only one in five accurately say it is \$7.25. Twenty-nine percent say they don't know without guessing an amount and three percent give an amount lower than \$7.25. Nearly half of Americans entered an amount over \$7.25 (48%).

Once informed that the current federal minimum wage is \$7.25 an hour, eight in ten Americans feel it is too low (80%).





"I've struggled. I've had to go to food banks prior to my current job. It's very difficult, and I think that people who've never had to deal with it have no understanding of it. We're not even talking about wants here; we're talking about needs."

- Antoinette, 55, \$14.01 - \$15.00 an hour

Current minimum wage is too low

Americans across all generations*, education level, and region of the country overwhelmingly agree that the current federal minimum wage is too low.

While there is a high level of agreement among both men and women, women (83%) are more likely than men (75%) to agree that the federal minimum wage is too low.



Roughly eight in ten Americans **across all generations** (77% of Gen Z, 82% of Millennials, 80% of Gen X and Baby Boomer+) agree that the federal minimum wage is too low.



About eight in ten of those who **completed high school or less** (80%), **some college** (79%), and **Bachelor's degree or higher** (82%) agree that the federal minimum wage is too low.



The vast majority of **Black Americans** (95%) agree that the federal minimum wage is too low, compared to 85% of Latinx and 76% of White Americans.



As income increases, the likelihood to agree that the federal minimum wage is too low decreases slightly. Eighty-two percent of households with an **income of less than \$35K** agree that the federal minimum wage is too low, compared to 82% of households with an **income between \$35K-\$99K** and 77% of households with an **income of \$100K or more**.



Among the regions of the country, those in **New England** (91%) are the most likely to agree that the federal minimum wage is too low, followed by those in the **Pacific** (84%), the **Middle Atlantic** (83%), the **South Atlantic** (81%), the **East North Central** (80%), the **West North Central** (77%), the **East South Central** (76%), the **West South Central** (76%), and the **Mountain** (71%) region.

About one in ten Americans say they don't know if they support increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour (12%). Those who don't have an opinion on raising the federal minimum wage are more likely to be women (14%), people with a high school education or less (15%), lower income people (15% of those making less than \$35k), and hourly workers (14%). Republicans (14%), Independents (14%), and those who don't affiliate with a political party (22%) are more likely to say they don't know what should be done about the federal minimum wage compared to Democrats (7%).

*Gen Z ages 18-24, Millennial ages 25-38, Gen X ages 39-54, Baby Boomer+ ages 55 or higher

Support increase to \$15 an hour

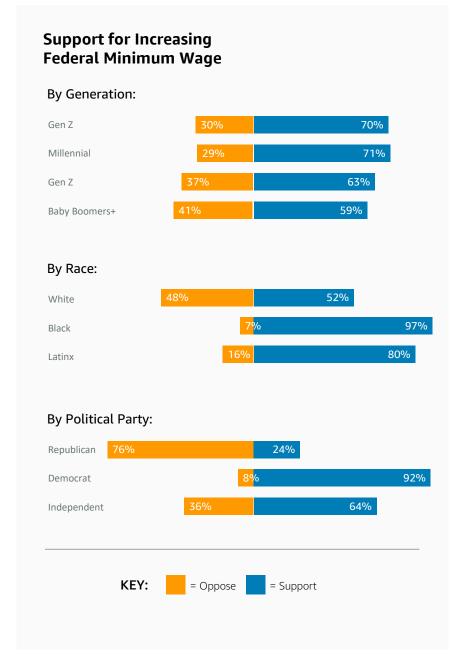
A strong majority of Americans support increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

Among those who do have an opinion about the future of the federal minimum wage, two in three support the increase while one in three oppose it. Even among those who oppose increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15, about half say the current minimum is too low (52%).

There is higher support for increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 among the younger generations (70% of Gen Z and 71% of Millennials), compared to the older generations (59% of Gen X and 56% of Boomers).

A clear majority of Black and Latinx Americans support increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour (93% and 84%, respectively). Although the majority support increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour, White Americans are less likely to support the change (52%).

The vast majority of Democrats support increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour (92%). Conversely, the majority of Republicans oppose the increase (76%). However, most Republicans say the current federal minimum wage is too low (60%) and about one-quarter of Republicans support increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour. Most Independents support increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour (64%).



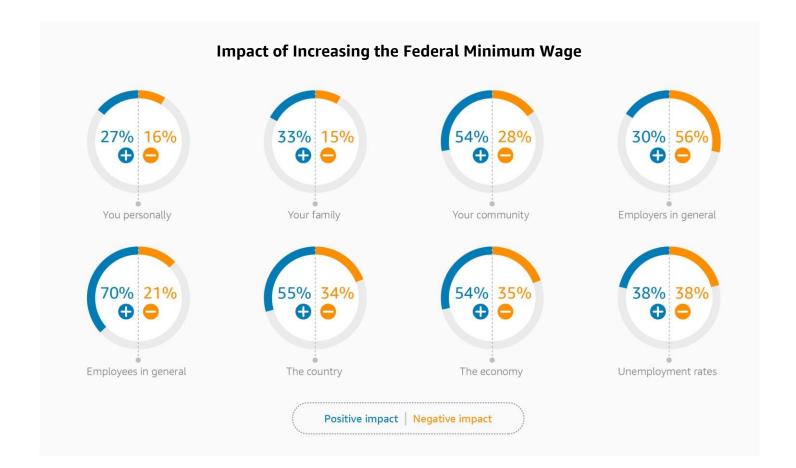




Positive impacts

Most Americans say that increasing the federal minimum wage would have a positive impact on employees in general (70%), the country (55%), their community (54%), and the economy (54%).

Americans do have some concerns about the effect of increasing the federal minimum wage. Specifically, a little more than half worry that the increase could generally hurt employers (56%).



Companies' role

A strong majority of Americans believe that employers have the responsibility to push for an increase of the minimum wage to \$15. Eight in ten Americans say large employers should play a role in raising the federal minimum wage (80%)*.

They are most likely to say the American people (59%), large employers (51%), and politicians and policymakers (48%) should have a large role. The public also, to a lesser extent, say that medium-sized employers (42%), small employers (40%), advocacy groups (37%), and the media (28%) should play a large role in raising the federal minimum wage.

Two in three Americans say companies should be taking action on the federal minimum wage. That may be setting their own hourly minimum wage at \$15 an hour (44%), advocating for the federal government to increase the minimum wage to \$15 an hour (37%), or even advocating for other companies to increase their minimum wage to \$15 an hour (28%).

Companies' Role in Increasing the Federal Minimum Wage



at \$15 an hour



Advocate for **federal government**to increase minimum wage
to \$15 an hour



28%

Advocate for **other companies** to set their minimum wage at \$15 an hour

*Includes both large and small role in increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour





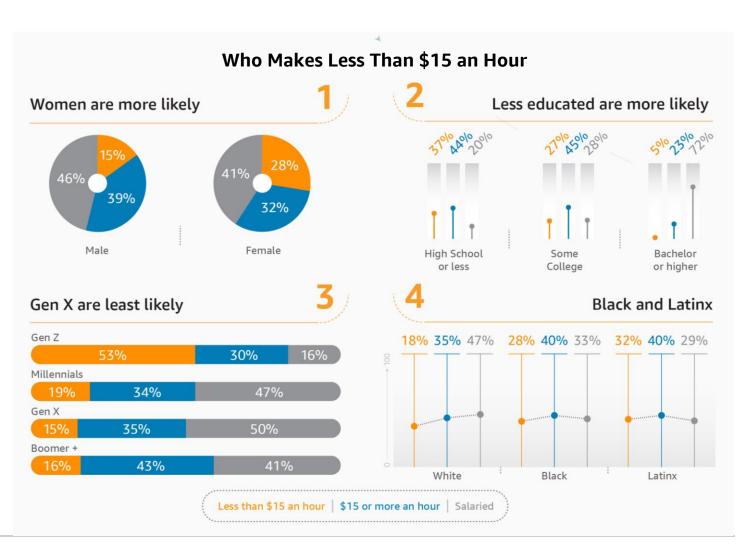
Who makes less than \$15 an hour

One in five working Americans earns less than \$15 an hour

There is no doubt that 2020 was a tumultuous year. In April, the unemployment rate in the U.S. spiked to almost 15% as the Raising the minimum wage during these uncertain times can have a positive impact on those who are struggling on a lower wage as well as help with the economic recovery. Two out of ten working Americans earn less than \$15 an hour, limiting their spending power. But, 70% of US GDP is generated by consumer consumption, meaning the more consumers who can fully participate in the economy, the better.

Fifty-four percent of employed Americans say they are hourly workers (54%), 41 percent are salaried, and five percent are temporary, seasonal, or other employees. About two in five hourly, temporary, or seasonal employees say they make less than \$15 an hour (37%).

Those who are earning less than \$15 an hour are more likely to be female, younger, have less formal education, Black or Latinx, and living in rural areas.



What is it like to live on less than \$15 an hour

Daily challenges

Across many questions about finances and spending, those who make less than \$15 an hour express the challenges they face daily because of their low wage earnings.

Those who make less than \$15 an hour are significantly less likely to be satisfied with all aspects of their life than those who earn \$15 or more or are salaried workers. They are significantly less likely to be satisfied with:



- their **financial situation** (24% compared to 37% of those earning \$15 or more and 54% of salaried),



- their **job** (36% compared to 46% of those earning \$15 or more and 54% of salaried),

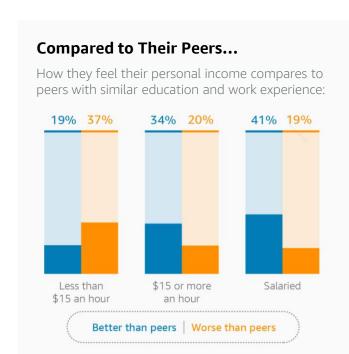


- their **current income** (20% compared to 39% of those earning \$15 or more and 51% of salaried), and



- their **ability to pay their bills on time each month** (45% compared to 62% of those earning \$15 or more and 81% of salaried).

When it comes to their income, those making less than \$15 an hour feel like they are falling behind their peers who have a similar education and work experience. Two in five say their personal income is worse than their peers (37%) compared to one in five of those making \$15 or more (20%) or are salaried (19%).





"If I'm being honest, I didn't think about financial goals in the past. I was living paycheck to paycheck; I didn't see enough money coming in to be able to plan and save. Since my small raise, I'm trying to put a certain amount away from each check - I still can't live beyond my means, but I want to have financial goals and a strategy now."

- Jaxon, 31, \$10.01 - \$12.00 an hour

Psychological and financial impact of lower wages

People making under \$15 an hour have less hope for the future than those making \$15 an hour or more or salaried workers. Two in ten people making less than \$15 an hour are not at all satisfied with their prospects for career advancement (18%), and two in ten making less than \$15 an hour are not at all satisfied with their prospects for future earnings (16%).

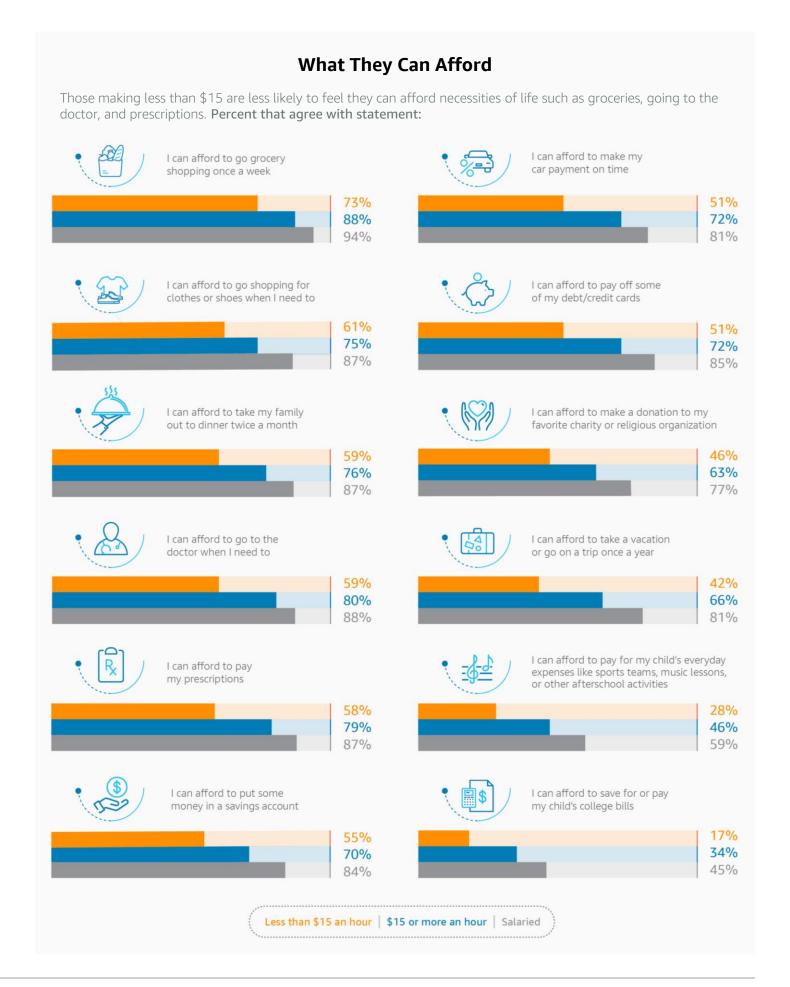
Those making less than \$15 an hour are significantly less likely to feel engaged in their life (65%) compared to those making \$15 or more (71%) or salaried (74%). They are also less likely to feel satisfied with aspects of their personal life, such as their house or apartment (50% compared to 54% of those making \$15 or more and 64% of salaried).

Those who make less than \$15 an hour are significantly less likely to say they can afford basic human needs such as shopping for groceries, paying for prescription drugs, or seeing a doctor. One in ten people making less than \$15 an hour say they cannot afford to go grocery shopping once a week (13%), one in ten say they cannot afford to pay for their prescription drugs (14%), and two in ten say they cannot afford to go to the doctor when needed (22%). Comparatively, these figures are much lower for those making \$15 or more, who said they cannot afford groceries (6%), prescription drugs (7%), or the one in ten who said they cannot afford to go to the doctor (11%). Very few salaried workers said the same (2%, 4%, and 6% respectively).



"Sometimes it's hard to even buy food and toiletries like toilet paper or toothpaste, or if my son has to go to the doctor, I can't pay the copay at the time and the bill throws off my entire budget and everything falls behind... And it puts wear and tear on the body because my coworkers and I are working overtime just to get the paychecks we need."

- Pauljanae, 25, \$12.01 - \$14.00 an hour



Financial strain

People making less than \$15 an hour experience a lot of financial strain. They are significantly more likely to say:



- they are **spending more than they make** (26% compared to 17% of those making \$15 or more or 10% of salaried),



- that their **rent or mortgage is more than a single paycheck** (37% compared to 25% of those making \$15 or more or 11% of salaried),



- they are paying the minimum or less on their credit cards each month (18%) or they don't have any credit cards (26%) (compared to 13% and 9% respectively for those making \$15 or more or 7% and 5% respectively of salaried),

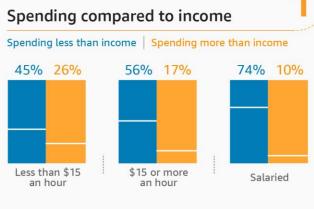


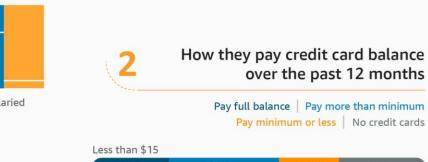
they are more likely to say they **pay most of their household bills late** (17% compared to 5% of those making \$15 or more or 2% of salaried), and



they are more likely to say they have more debt than they can manage (32% compared to 24% of those making \$15 or more or 17% of salaried).

Financial Health

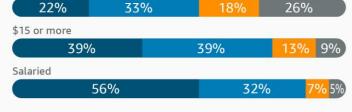




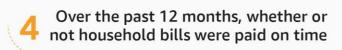


Mortgage or rent is more than

a single paycheck



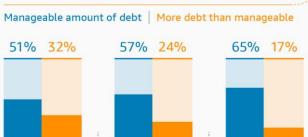








Less than \$15/hr are 9x more likely to not have paid bills on time than salaried



\$15 or more

Salaried

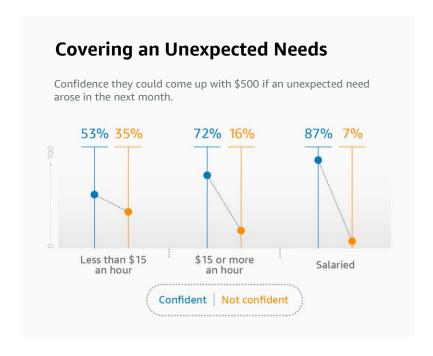
How manageable is their debt

Less than \$15

Financial instability for low wage

An unexpected event can financially derail those making less than \$15 an hour.

People making under \$15 an hour are twice as likely to say they are not confident they could come up with \$500 if an unexpected need came up in the next month (35%) compared to those making \$15 or more (16%).





"My utility bill changes a lot with the seasons and it can be hard to keep up with the changes in those bills. Especially when it's colder, or in the winter, we use more heat so my son stays warm. ...I've never had to pull from my son's savings money, but sometimes I put less in, but I'd really, really want to avoid pulling from it."

– Pauljanae, 25, \$12.01 – \$14.00 an hour



"People are being paid a low wage, working 40-60 hours a week, trying to pull doubles just so they can pay for a trip for their child or pay for some shoes for their birthday."

- Jaxon, 31, \$10.01 - \$12.00 an hour

What is the economic impact of increasing wages to \$15

More earnings, more money into the economy

In 1914, the Ford Motor Company set their minimum wage at \$5 a day, double the industry average of \$2.34 and ten times the minimum wage of the time, to ensure their employees could afford the cars they made. Ford recognized that when more people have access to a piece of the pie, you make the whole pie more robust. Rather than just getting by, the wage increase to \$15 an hour means they can contribute to the prosperous economy all Americans desire.

Increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 has a significant impact on those currently making under that amount. About one in four people earning \$15 an hour or more now say they have earned less than \$15 an hour in the past five years (24%). When they compare what they could afford before their income increased, those people are significantly more likely to say they can afford necessities, such as groceries, going to the doctor, and prescription drugs.

Now that they earn \$15 an hour or more, they are also more likely to be able to put money back into the economy by buying clothes and shoes, going out to dinner, or taking a vacation.

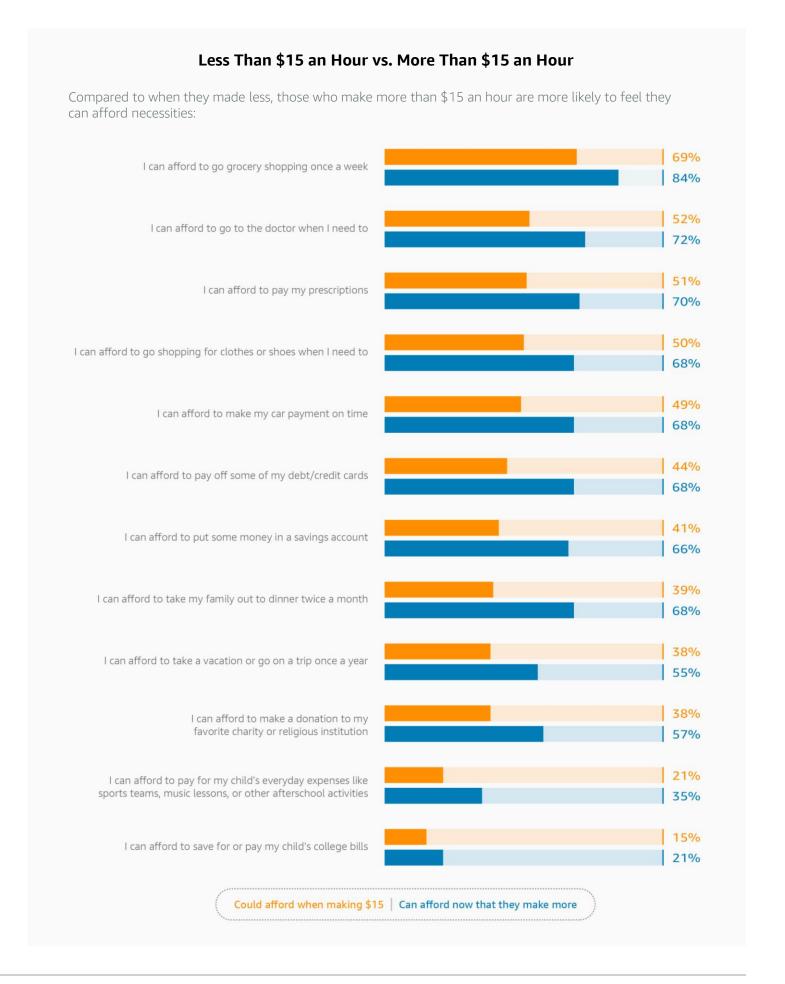


"My wage increase has allowed me to be more relaxed and less stressed about bills and deciding which to pay first. It has helped me make ends meet and keep money in savings for emergencies. I can more easily buy things I want or go to a restaurant with my daughter. I've even been able to travel more"

- Renee C, 55, \$15.01 - \$17.00 an hour



CASE STUDY: Antoinette's recent wage increase allows her to shift focus from just making ends meet and catching up with late bills, to improving her quality of life and a sense of empowerment in being able to take care of necessities and still have enough for some 'wants', like recently purchasing an Xbox for her son and grandson. She's also been able to buy a better car, and while payments can still be difficult, the raise helped her to achieve this long-standing goal.







Enough money for essentials

The majority of those who currently make less than \$15 an hour say that if their wage increased to \$15 an hour, they would have enough money to pay their rent or mortgage on time (79%), to buy necessities like food and medicine (65%), to start a savings account (58%) and pay off debt (59%), to afford better or more childcare (57%), and that they would just feel less stressed about money overall (57%).

Among those making under \$15 an hour, about half said if their wage increased to \$15 an hour, they could spend more time with their family (52%), afford to take a vacation (48%), and pay to continue their education and/or learn new skills to help in their career (49%).

They are less likely to say the increase in wages to \$15 an hour would allow them to cut back on their number of jobs (39%) or cut back on the number of hours they need to work (25%).

case study: Since earning a wage increase, Jaxon has been able to work fewer jobs just to cover monthly expenses, and has more time to focus on what he loves: travel, dancing, and community outreach. He also upgraded to a larger apartment with his girlfriend and feels the higher wage puts him in a better position for creating a family one day.









"I can breathe a little easier in terms of my finances since my wage increase. I used to look at my bank account every couple of hours, now I check every couple of days because I know I have money in there and I know I will feel safe if an emergency comes up, something unexpected."

- Michelle, 24, \$14.01 - \$15.00 an hour

Attitudes toward increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour

Positive personal impacts

Those making less than \$15 an hour predict a positive personal impact if the minimum wage increased to \$15 an hour.

Two in three people making under \$15 say raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 would have a positive impact on them (63%) and their family (65%). They are significantly more likely to expect a direct impact than those making \$15 or more (23% personal and 29% family) and salaried workers (15% personal and 21% family).

A majority of those making \$15 or more an hour (61%) and salaried workers (59%) worry that increasing the federal minimum wage would have a negative impact on employers in general, compared to 45% of those making less than \$15 an hour.



"Thinking about the current minimum wage – the reality is that it's just not enough. Living beyond survival - like bills, roof over your head – those alone are super challenging sometimes. When you throw in the possibility for more income, it cracks light at the end of what is sometimes a very dark tunnel, or at least offers a little hope."

- Adrian, 47, \$12.01 - \$14.00 an hour

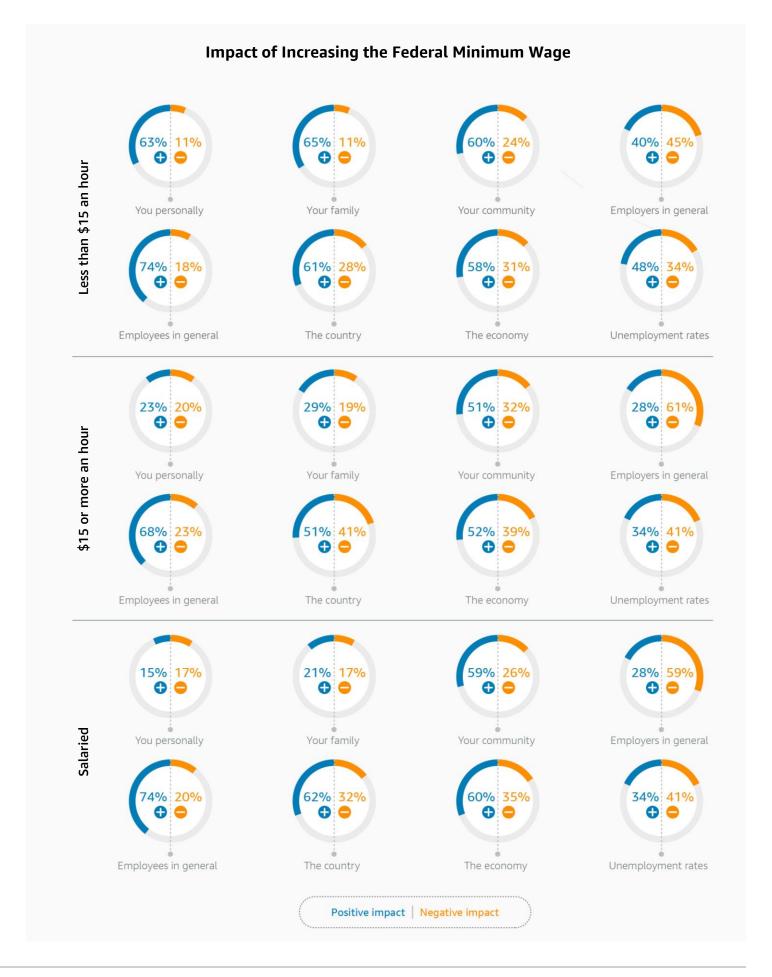
Salaried workers also expect to see a lot of positive impact for increasing the federal minimum wage.

Salaried workers believe increasing the federal minimum wage will have a positive impact on employees in general (74%), on the country as a whole (62%), on the economy (60%), and on their community (59%).

Americans are two times more likely to think companies would have more satisfied workers and that workers would have more money to spend in the economy.



CASE STUDY: Michelle is a server in a restaurant and believes that since her most recent pay increase, her number of customers have increased. She credits this with a more positive atmosphere where staff in the restaurant enjoy working, which translates to the sales and customer retention. "If the waiter feels good about their job, they're more willing and likely to do a better job and that really shows to the customer."



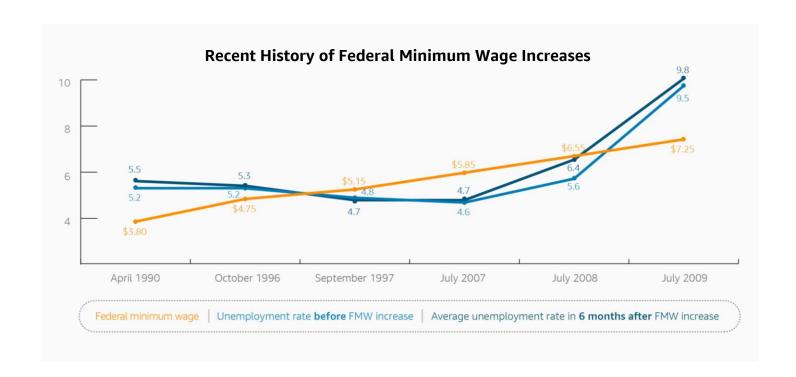
American opinion

Americans are skeptical or uncertain that increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour would reduce poverty or pay inequality.

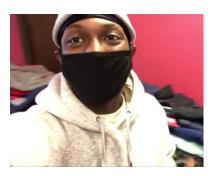
Equal numbers of Americans believe that it is likely and, conversely, unlikely that increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 would result in fewer people living in poverty, reduce the number of people who need federal aid or food assistance, or reduce pay inequality for women, Black people, or Latinx people.

There are some concerns about increasing the federal minimum wage. People are worried that companies would need to cut employees' hours or lay them off and that companies would make less profit during this uncertain time.

Americans express some concerns that raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 will negatively impact employers and unemployment rates. They are worried that an increase in the federal minimum wage might cause an increase in unemployment. However, historically that does not appear to be the case. Looking back at the unemployment rate before each federal minimum wage increase and for the six months after each increase, there has not been a substantial change in the unemployment rate. Even in during critical events in history, such as hyperinflation in the 1970s and the great recession of 2007-09, there was not a spike in unemployment rates after the federal minimum wage was increased.



Less Than \$15 an Hour vs. More Than \$15 an Hour If their income increased to \$15 an hour, they expect they'd be able to afford Likely Unlikely necessities and pay their rent/mortgage on time. Ratio of that agree with statement: Companies have more satisfied workers People have more money to spend in the economy Improve employees' satisfaction with their job 7:3 1:1 Reduce the number of people who need federal aid 1:1 Reduce the number of people who need food assistance 1:1 Fewer people living in poverty 1:1 Reduce pay inequality for women Reduce pay inequality for Black people 1:1 Reduce pay inequality for Latinx 3:2 Companies would need to lay off workers 3:2 Companies would need to cut workers' hours Companies would make less profit 3:2



"So many people like me are working essential jobs. \$15 would allow us to pay our rent and our bills, for our kids not to get bullied at school for wearing old clothes, families wouldn't have to rely so heavily on welfare service. \$15 would give you some room to breathe. To know you can pay rent and provide for your family, simply."

– Jaxon, 31, \$10.01-\$12.00 an hour



³ Bureau of Labor Statistics

Research methodology

Poll conducted using KnowledgePanel

This Amazon/Ipsos poll was conducted January 28 to February 8, 2021 by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 6,354 with a boost for hourly workers and state boosts in Florida, Minnesota, Washington, Arizona, Georgia. The survey was conducted in English and Spanish.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 1.23 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

KnowledgePanel is the largest and most well-established online probability-based panel that is representative of the adult US population. Our recruitment process employs a scientifically developed addressed-based sampling methodology using the latest Delivery Sequence File of the USPS – a database with full coverage of all delivery points in the US. Households invited to join the panel are randomly selected from all available households in the U.S. Persons in the sampled households are invited to join and participate in the panel. Those selected who do not already have internet access are provided a tablet and internet connection at no cost to the panel member. Those who join the panel and who are selected to participate in a survey are sent a unique password-protected log-in used to complete surveys online. As a result of our recruitment and sampling methodologies, samples from KnowledgePanel cover all households regardless of their phone or internet status and findings can be reported with a margin of sampling error and projected to the general population.

The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region, metropolitan status, household income, and party identification. The demographic benchmarks came from 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) from the US Census Bureau.

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18–29, 30–44, 45–59, and 60+)
- Race/Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Other or 2+ Races Non-Hispanic, Hispanic)
- Education (High School graduate or less, Some College, Bachelor and beyond)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- Metropolitan status (Metro, non-Metro)
- Household Income (Under \$25,000, \$25,000-\$49,999, \$50,000-\$74,999, \$75,000-\$99,999, \$100,000-\$149,999, \$150,000+)
- Party ID (Democrat, Republican, Independent, Something else)



History of minimum wage

Unemployment rate unrelated to federal minimum wage rate

Date of increase	Federal minimum wage increases	Unemployment rate before increase	Average Unemp. rate in the 6 months after
10/24/1938	\$ 0.25	-	-
10/24/1939	\$ 0.30	-	-
10/24/1945	\$ 0.40	-	-
1/25/1950	\$ 0.75	6.6	6.0
3/1/1956	\$ 1.00	3.9	4.2
9/3/1961	\$ 1.15	6.6	6.1
9/3/1963	\$ 1.25	5.4	5.4
2/1/1967	\$ 1.40	3.9	3.8
2/1/1968	\$ 1.60	3.7	3.7
5/1/1974	\$ 2.00	5.1	5.6
1/1/1975	\$ 2.10	7.2	8.6
1/1/1976	\$ 2.30	8.2	7.6
1/1/1978	\$ 2.65	7.8	7.3
1/1/1979	\$ 2.90	6.0	5.8
1/1/1980	\$ 3.10	6.0	6.8
1/1/1981	\$ 3.35	7.2	7.4
4/1/1990	\$ 3.80	5.2	5.5
10/1/1996	\$ 4.75	5.2	5.3
9/1/1997	\$ 5.15	4.8	4.7
7/24/2007	\$ 5.85	4.6	4.7
7/24/2008	\$ 6.55	5.6	6.4
7/24/2009	\$ 7.25	9.5	9.8

Annotated questionnaire

Q17: Which of the following best describes your current employment status? Please select ALL that apply.

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
	(N=6,354)	(N=611)	(N=1,344)	(N=1,275)
Employed full time	42%	50%	79%	96%
Employed part time	10%	50%	17%	4%
Self-employed/Own my own business	5%	1%	2%	1%
Working as a freelancer or independent contractor for pay	2%	1%	5%	1%
Not currently working	42%	-	_	-

Q20. [Asked if employed full-time, part-time or freelancer; Q17 = 1-2, or 4] Are you a salaried, hourly worker or something else?

	Total (N=3,370)	Less than \$15 (N=611)	\$15 or more (N=1,344)	Salaried (N=1,275)
Salaried	41%	-	-	100%
Hourly	54%	97%	98%	-
Temporary	1%	2%	1%	-
Seasonal	1%	1%	1%	-
Other	3%	-	-	-

Q1. How satisfied are you with your life as a whole these days?

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Completely satisfied	10%	12%	6%	9%
Very satisfied	37%	29%	40%	46%
Somewhat satisfied	37%	34%	44%	36%
A little satisfied	11%	18%	9%	7%
Not at all satisfied	5%	7%	2%	1%
Completely/Very satisfied (Net)	47%	41%	45%	55%

Q2. On a scale of 1-10, where 1 represents the worst possible life for you and 10 represents the best possible life for you, how would you rate your life at the present time?

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
10 - Best possible life	7%	7%	5%	4%
9	16%	10%	15%	18%
8	26%	21%	27%	33%
7	21%	21%	26%	24%
6	10%	14%	12%	9%
5	11%	12%	9%	7%
4	4%	4%	3%	2%
3	3%	7%	1%	1%
2	1%	1%	-	*
1 - Worst possible life	1%	2%	*	*
Rank 9/10 (Net)	23%	17%	20%	22%
Rank 1/2 (Net)	2%	3%	*	*

Q3. How would you rate your satisfaction level with your ...?

Total Satisfied Summary

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Family life	63%	61%	62%	66%
Ability to pay your bills on time each month	62%	44%	63%	79%
House or apartment	58%	47%	54%	63%
Marriage or romantic relationships	55%	43%	57%	62%
Faith	54%	52%	52%	52%
Friendships	51%	51%	51%	54%
Physical health	41%	42%	42%	45%
Financial situation	41%	23%	37%	53%
Current income	37%	19%	38%	51%
Prospect for future earnings	35%	28%	39%	53%
Job	30%	35%	45%	53%
Prospect for career advancement	24%	22%	32%	43%

a) Physical health

,	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Completely satisfied	9%	12%	7%	9%
Very satisfied	32%	29%	36%	36%
Somewhat satisfied	38%	37%	40%	38%
A little satisfied	13%	14%	12%	12%
Not at all satisfied	7%	7%	5%	4%
Does not apply to me	1%	*	*	*
Completely/Very satisfied (Net)	41%	42%	42%	45%
A little/Not at all satisfied (Net)	20%	21%	17%	16%

b) Financial situation

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Completely satisfied	13%	6%	10%	15%
Very satisfied	28%	17%	27%	39%
Somewhat satisfied	31%	37%	38%	33%
A little satisfied	13%	19%	14%	10%
Not at all satisfied	13%	19%	10%	4%
Does not apply to me	2%	1%	*	*
Completely/Very satisfied (Net)	41%	23%	37%	53%
A little/Not at all satisfied (Net)	25%	38%	24%	13%

c) Job

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Completely satisfied	8%	10%	11%	12%
Very satisfied	22%	25%	35%	41%
Somewhat satisfied	20%	33%	35%	33%
A little satisfied	7%	17%	11%	9%
Not at all satisfied	9%	13%	8%	3%
Does not apply to me	33%	1%	1%	1%
Completely/Very satisfied (Net)	30%	35%	45%	53%
A little/Not at all satisfied (Net)	16%	30%	19%	13%

d) Current income

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Completely satisfied	11%	5%	9%	13%
Very satisfied	26%	14%	29%	38%
Somewhat satisfied	30%	34%	34%	36%
A little satisfied	12%	23%	16%	9%
Not at all satisfied	14%	22%	10%	3%
Does not apply to me	6%	1%	1%	*
Completely/Very satisfied (Net)	37%	19%	38%	51%
A little/Not at all satisfied (Net)	27%	46%	26%	12%

e) Prospect for career advancement

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Completely satisfied	8%	10%	8%	14%
Very satisfied	16%	12%	23%	29%
Somewhat satisfied	22%	32%	34%	31%
A little satisfied	10%	19%	14%	11%
Not at all satisfied	12%	18%	12%	8%
Does not apply to me	32%	8%	8%	6%
Completely/Very satisfied (Net)	24%	22%	32%	43%
A little/Not at all satisfied (Net)	22%	36%	26%	19%

f) Prospect for future earnings

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Completely satisfied	11%	9%	11%	16%
Very satisfied	24%	19%	28%	37%
Somewhat satisfied	26%	34%	35%	31%
A little satisfied	12%	19%	17%	10%
Not at all satisfied	11%	16%	8%	5%
Does not apply to me	14%	3%	2%	1%
Completely/Very satisfied (Net)	35%	28%	39%	53%
A little/Not at all satisfied (Net)	24%	35%	24%	14%

g) House or apartment

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Completely satisfied	23%	20%	18%	19%
Very satisfied	35%	27%	35%	44%
Somewhat satisfied	25%	28%	30%	24%
A little satisfied	9%	12%	11%	8%
Not at all satisfied	5%	8%	3%	3%
Does not apply to me	2%	4%	1%	1%
Completely/Very satisfied (Net)	58%	47%	54%	63%
A little/Not at all satisfied (Net)	14%	20%	15%	11%

h) Marriage or romantic relationships

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Completely satisfied	28%	22%	28%	30%
Very satisfied	26%	20%	29%	32%
Somewhat satisfied	15%	16%	18%	16%
A little satisfied	7%	13%	7%	7%
Not at all satisfied	10%	12%	11%	9%
Does not apply to me	12%	17%	6%	4%
Completely/Very satisfied (Net)	55%	43%	57%	62%
A little/Not at all satisfied (Net)	17%	24%	19%	17%

i) Family life

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Completely satisfied	25%	24%	24%	24%
Very satisfied	38%	37%	37%	42%
Somewhat satisfied	23%	22%	26%	25%
A little satisfied	7%	8%	8%	5%
Not at all satisfied	4%	7%	3%	2%
Does not apply to me	2%	2%	1%	1%
Completely/Very satisfied (Net)	63%	61%	62%	66%
A little/Not at all satisfied (Net)	11%	15%	11%	7%

j) Friendships

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Completely satisfied	17%	17%	16%	16%
Very satisfied	35%	34%	35%	39%
Somewhat satisfied	28%	26%	29%	28%
A little satisfied	12%	12%	13%	12%
Not at all satisfied	6%	8%	6%	4%
Does not apply to me	2%	2%	1%	1%
Completely/Very satisfied (Net)	51%	51%	51%	54%
A little/Not at all satisfied (Net)	17%	21%	19%	15%

k) Faith

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Completely satisfied	29%	27%	26%	26%
Very satisfied	26%	25%	26%	27%
Somewhat satisfied	19%	19%	24%	17%
A little satisfied	7%	9%	7%	6%
Not at all satisfied	3%	6%	2%	2%
Does not apply to me	17%	14%	15%	22%
Completely/Very satisfied (Net)	54%	52%	52%	52%
A little/Not at all satisfied (Net)	10%	15%	9%	8%

Ability to pay your bills on time each month

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Completely satisfied	37%	18%	31%	51%
Very satisfied	25%	27%	31%	28%
Somewhat satisfied	19%	23%	24%	15%
A little satisfied	9%	18%	9%	3%
Not at all satisfied	6%	12%	5%	1%
Does not apply to me	3%	2%	*	*
Completely/Very satisfied (Net)	62%	44%	63%	79%
A little/Not at all satisfied (Net)	15%	30%	14%	5%

Q4. Below is a list of things that may or may not be important to you. How important are each of the following to your personal happiness?

Total Important Summary

Total Important Summary	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Being able to pay my bills each month	93%	88%	91%	96%
Being in good health	90%	85%	89%	91%
Having a good family life	88%	86%	87%	91%
Being financially secure or not having to worry about money	87%	82%	87%	92%
Living in a house or apartment that I like	78%	74%	77%	76%
Having a happy marriage or romantic relationship	77%	72%	81%	84%
Living in a city or place that I like	73%	70%	74%	73%
Having good friends	70%	65%	69%	72%
Having hobbies or things that I like to do outside of work	65%	61%	68%	69%
Having an interesting job	52%	56%	59%	67%
Having a strong religious faith	49%	46%	47%	42%
Being able to travel	45%	39%	48%	51%

a) Living in a house or apartment that I like

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Extremely important	29%	25%	26%	23%
Very important	49%	48%	52%	53%
Somewhat important	18%	21%	18%	22%
A little important	3%	4%	3%	2%
Not at all important	1%	2%	1%	-
Extremely/Very important (Net)	78%	74%	77%	76%
A little/Not at all important (Net)	3%	6%	4%	2%

b) Living in a city or place that I like

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Extremely important	24%	20%	22%	22%
Very important	49%	50%	52%	51%
Somewhat important	21%	23%	20%	24%
A little important	4%	5%	3%	3%
Not at all important	2%	1%	2%	*
Extremely/Very important (Net)	73%	70%	74%	73%
A little/Not at all important (Net)	5%	6%	5%	3%

c) Having an interesting job

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Extremely important	15%	14%	14%	18%
Very important	37%	42%	45%	49%
Somewhat important	26%	33%	32%	27%
A little important	6%	7%	7%	4%
Not at all important	15%	3%	2%	1%
Extremely/Very important (Net)	52%	56%	59%	67%
A little/Not at all important (Net)	21%	11%	8%	5%

d) Being financially secure or not having to worry about money

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Extremely important	42%	37%	39%	43%
Very important	45%	45%	47%	49%
Somewhat important	11%	13%	12%	7%
A little important	1%	3%	1%	*
Not at all important	1%	2%	*	-
Extremely/Very important (Net)	87%	82%	87%	92%
A little/Not at all important (Net)	2%	5%	1%	*

e) Having hobbies or things that I like to do outside of work

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Extremely important	23%	20%	22%	22%
Very important	42%	41%	46%	47%
Somewhat important	27%	29%	24%	26%
A little important	6%	8%	6%	4%
Not at all important	2%	1%	2%	1%
Extremely/Very important (Net)	65%	61%	68%	69%
A little/Not at all important (Net)	8%	10%	8%	4%

f) Having a happy marriage or romantic relationship

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Extremely important	42%	37%	40%	45%
Very important	35%	35%	41%	39%
Somewhat important	13%	19%	14%	9%
A little important	3%	5%	3%	3%
Not at all important	5%	4%	2%	2%
Extremely/Very important (Net)	77%	72%	81%	84%
A little/Not at all important (Net)	9%	9%	5%	6%

) Having a good family life

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Extremely important	47%	40%	44%	46%
Very important	42%	46%	43%	44%
Somewhat important	9%	10%	10%	8%
A little important	2%	2%	2%	1%
Not at all important	1%	2%	1%	*
Extremely/Very important (Net)	88%	86%	87%	91%
A little/Not at all important (Net)	2%	4%	2%	1%

h) Having good friends

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Extremely important	27%	25%	23%	27%
Very important	44%	40%	46%	45%
Somewhat important	22%	25%	24%	23%
A little important	5%	7%	5%	3%
Not at all important	2%	2%	1%	1%
Extremely/Very important (Net)	70%	65%	69%	72%
A little/Not at all important (Net)	7%	10%	7%	4%

i) Being in good health

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Extremely important	45%	37%	41%	42%
Very important	45%	48%	48%	49%
Somewhat important	8%	11%	9%	8%
A little important	1%	3%	1%	*
Not at all important	*	1%	*	-
Extremely/Very important (Net)	90%	85%	89%	91%
A little/Not at all important (Net)	1%	3%	1%	*

j) Having a strong religious faith

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Extremely important	27%	25%	26%	21%
Very important	22%	20%	21%	20%
Somewhat important	18%	23%	21%	17%
A little important	10%	12%	12%	10%
Not at all important	22%	19%	20%	31%
Extremely/Very important (Net)	49%	46%	47%	42%
A little/Not at all important (Net)	32%	31%	31%	41%

k) Being able to pay my bills each month

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Extremely important	54%	49%	51%	55%
Very important	39%	39%	40%	41%
Somewhat important	5%	8%	8%	3%
A little important	1%	3%	1%	*
Not at all important	*	1%	*	*
Extremely/Very important (Net)	93%	88%	91%	96%
A little/Not at all important (Net)	2%	4%	1%	*

l) Being able to travel

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Extremely important	17%	13%	18%	19%
Very important	28%	25%	31%	32%
Somewhat important	31%	28%	33%	32%
A little important	15%	23%	11%	13%
Not at all important	9%	10%	7%	4%
Extremely/Very important (Net)	45%	39%	48%	51%
A little/Not at all important (Net)	24%	33%	18%	16%

Q5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Total Agree Summary

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
I actively contribute to the happiness and wellbeing of others	75%	69%	76%	81%
People respect me	75%	70%	77%	82%
So far, I have gotten the important things I want in life	70%	62%	72%	77%
I am optimistic about my future	70%	66%	75%	81%
I am engaged and interested in my daily activities	68%	65%	71%	74%
If I could live my life over again, I would change almost nothing	42%	39%	41%	44%

a) So far, I have gotten the important things I want in life

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	24%	13%	19%	29%
Somewhat agree	46%	49%	52%	48%
Neither agree nor disagree	18%	22%	21%	15%
Somewhat disagree	7%	8%	5%	6%
Strongly disagree	4%	8%	2%	1%
Agree (Net)	70%	62%	72%	77%
Disagree (Net)	11%	16%	7%	7%

) If I could live my life over again, I would change almost nothing

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	13%	11%	9%	12%
Somewhat agree	29%	27%	31%	31%
Neither agree nor disagree	21%	20%	24%	21%
Somewhat disagree	25%	30%	25%	26%
Strongly disagree	12%	12%	10%	9%
Agree (Net)	42%	39%	41%	44%
Disagree (Net)	37%	41%	35%	35%

c) I am engaged and interested in my daily activities

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	22%	18%	20%	23%
Somewhat agree	46%	47%	50%	51%
Neither agree nor disagree	21%	18%	21%	17%
Somewhat disagree	8%	12%	8%	8%
Strongly disagree	3%	5%	1%	2%
Agree (Net)	68%	65%	71%	74%
Disagree (Net)	11%	17%	8%	9%

d) I actively contribute to the happiness and wellbeing of others

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	27%	28%	27%	28%
Somewhat agree	48%	42%	49%	53%
Neither agree nor disagree	20%	24%	21%	16%
Somewhat disagree	3%	4%	2%	2%
Strongly disagree	1%	2%	1%	1%
Agree (Net)	75%	69%	76%	81%
Disagree (Net)	5%	6%	3%	3%

e) I am optimistic about my future

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	28%	30%	25%	33%
Somewhat agree	42%	37%	49%	49%
Neither agree nor disagree	20%	22%	17%	14%
Somewhat disagree	7%	6%	6%	3%
Strongly disagree	3%	5%	2%	1%
Agree (Net)	70%	66%	75%	81%
Disagree (Net)	9%	11%	8%	4%

f) People respect me

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	29%	26%	28%	33%
Somewhat agree	46%	44%	49%	50%
Neither agree nor disagree	20%	22%	19%	15%
Somewhat disagree	4%	6%	3%	2%
Strongly disagree	1%	3%	1%	1%
Agree (Net)	75%	70%	77%	82%
Disagree (Net)	5%	8%	4%	3%

Q6. How confident are you that you could come up with an additional \$500 if an unexpected need arose within the next month?

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very confident	58%	35%	58%	78%
Moderately confident	11%	17%	14%	9%
Somewhat confident	11%	17%	12%	6%
Slightly confident	8%	14%	8%	5%
Not at all confident	12%	16%	8%	2%
Very/Moderately confident (Net)	69%	53%	72%	87%
Slightly/Not at all confident (Net)	20%	30%	16%	7%

Q7. Do you currently rent or own your home?

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Own	61%	33%	63%	71%
Rent	29%	49%	31%	24%
Other	10%	18%	6%	5%

Q8. Approximately how much is your monthly rent or mortgage payment?

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Mean (Including 0)	1310.7	852.1	1290.4	1691.4
Mean (Excluding 0)	1322.7	863.3	1299.9	1697.8
Skipped/No Answer	35%	31%	23%	20%

Q9. Below is a list of activities and purchases that most people make choices about on a regular basis. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Total Agree Summary

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
I can afford to go grocery shopping once a week	83%	73%	88%	94%
I can afford to go to the doctor when I need to	76%	59%	80%	88%
I can afford to pay my prescriptions	74%	58%	78%	87%
I can afford to go shopping for clothes or shoes when I need to	72%	61%	75%	87%
I can afford to take my family out to dinner twice a month	69%	59%	76%	87%
I can afford to put some money in a savings account	67%	55%	70%	84%
I can afford to pay off some of my debt/credit cards	67%	51%	72%	85%
I can afford to make my car payment on time	64%	51%	72%	81%
I can afford to take a vacation or go on a trip once a year	61%	42%	66%	81%
I can afford to make a donation to my favorite charity or church	61%	46%	63%	77%
I can afford to save for or pay my child's college bills	40%	28%	46%	59%
I can afford to save for or pay my child's college bills	30%	17%	34%	45%

a) I can afford to take my family out to dinner twice a month

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	45%	24%	49%	66%
Somewhat agree	24%	35%	27%	21%
Neither agree nor disagree	14%	17%	14%	7%
Somewhat disagree	7%	9%	5%	3%
Strongly disagree	9%	12%	5%	2%
Agree (Net)	69%	59%	76%	87%
Disagree (Net)	16%	22%	10%	6%

b) I can afford to go shopping for clothes or shoes when I need to

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	45%	26%	44%	65%
Somewhat agree	26%	35%	31%	23%
Neither agree nor disagree	11%	17%	11%	6%
Somewhat disagree	8%	11%	10%	5%
Strongly disagree	8%	10%	5%	1%
Agree (Net)	72%	61%	75%	87%
Disagree (Net)	16%	21%	14%	6%

c) I can afford to go grocery shopping once a week

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	61%	43%	62%	80%
Somewhat agree	23%	30%	26%	14%
Neither agree nor disagree	8%	13%	6%	4%
Somewhat disagree	5%	8%	4%	1%
Strongly disagree	4%	5%	2%	1%
Agree (Net)	83%	73%	88%	94%
Disagree (Net)	8%	13%	6%	2%

d) I can afford to make my car payment on time

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	50%	28%	54%	70%
Somewhat agree	15%	23%	18%	12%
Neither agree nor disagree	26%	35%	22%	15%
Somewhat disagree	3%	3%	3%	*
Strongly disagree	6%	8%	2%	1%
Agree (Net)	64%	51%	72%	81%
Disagree (Net)	8%	12%	5%	2%

e) I can afford to take a vacation or go on a trip once a year

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	38%	18%	38%	54%
Somewhat agree	23%	24%	28%	27%
Neither agree nor disagree	14%	20%	15%	8%
Somewhat disagree	9%	12%	10%	7%
Strongly disagree	15%	24%	9%	4%
Agree (Net)	61%	42%	66%	81%
Disagree (Net)	24%	36%	18%	11%

f) I can afford to pay my prescriptions

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	54%	30%	56%	71%
Somewhat agree	21%	28%	22%	16%
Neither agree nor disagree	15%	27%	14%	8%
Somewhat disagree	5%	8%	4%	3%
Strongly disagree	4%	7%	3%	1%
Agree (Net)	74%	58%	78%	87%
Disagree (Net)	10%	14%	7%	4%

g) I can afford to go to the doctor when I need to

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	54%	35%	53%	69%
Somewhat agree	22%	25%	27%	19%
Neither agree nor disagree	11%	18%	9%	5%
Somewhat disagree	6%	11%	7%	3%
Strongly disagree	6%	11%	4%	2%
Agree (Net)	76%	59%	80%	88%
Disagree (Net)	13%	22%	11%	6%

h) I can afford to put some money in a savings account

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	42%	27%	42%	61%
Somewhat agree	25%	28%	29%	23%
Neither agree nor disagree	12%	16%	11%	7%
Somewhat disagree	10%	13%	11%	6%
Strongly disagree	11%	15%	8%	2%
Agree (Net)	67%	55%	70%	84%
Disagree (Net)	21%	28%	19%	9%

I) I can afford to save for or pay my child's college bills

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	19%	8%	17%	30%
Somewhat agree	11%	9%	17%	15%
Neither agree nor disagree	42%	44%	42%	36%
Somewhat disagree	8%	12%	8%	9%
Strongly disagree	17%	24%	14%	8%
Agree (Net)	30%	17%	34%	45%
Disagree (Net)	25%	37%	22%	17%

j) I can afford to pay for my child's everyday expenses like sports teams, music lessons, or other afterschool activities

Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
27%	13%	28%	43%
13%	15%	18%	15%
42%	47%	42%	33%
5%	8%	4%	3%
10%	15%	5%	3%
40%	28%	46%	59%
15%	23%	10%	6%
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k) I can afford to pay off some of my debt/credit cards

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	46%	26%	43%	64%
Somewhat agree	21%	25%	29%	21%
Neither agree nor disagree	16%	24%	16%	6%
Somewhat disagree	7%	10%	7%	6%
Strongly disagree	9%	13%	4%	3%
Agree (Net)	67%	51%	72%	85%
Disagree (Net)	16%	23%	11%	8%

l) I can afford to make a donation to my favorite charity or church

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	40%	20%	37%	57%
Somewhat agree	21%	26%	26%	20%
Neither agree nor disagree	20%	23%	21%	15%
Somewhat disagree	7%	10%	7%	4%
Strongly disagree	11%	18%	8%	3%
Agree (Net)	61%	46%	63%	77%
Disagree (Net)	18%	29%	15%	7%

Q10. How confident are you that you will be able to reach this savings goal in the next few years? Total Confident Summary

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Emergency fund	53%	39%	57%	70%
Vacation	50%	33%	58%	68%
Electronics/Appliances	47%	32%	50%	59%
Home improvement	42%	23%	46%	54%
Retirement	40%	26%	44%	52%
Buying a car	34%	26%	37%	42%
Wedding/Anniversary	28%	17%	30%	35%
Buying a home	23%	17%	29%	34%
Children's education	22%	19%	26%	33%
My education	19%	24%	23%	25%
Other	9%	7%	11%	10%

a) \/acation				
a) Vacation	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very confident	36%	17%	41%	52%
Moderately confident	14%	16%	17%	16%
Somewhat confident	14%	21%	16%	14%
Slightly confident	9%	13%	8%	6%
Not at all confident	11%	17%	7%	3%
It's a not goal for me	14%	14%	9%	7%
Very/Moderately confident (Net)	50%	33%	58%	68%
Slightly/Not at all confident (Net)	21%	30%	16%	9%

b) Buying a home

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very confident	15%	11%	16%	24%
Moderately confident	7%	5%	13%	10%
Somewhat confident	9%	15%	10%	11%
Slightly confident	6%	7%	8%	5%
Not at all confident	15%	23%	10%	7%
It's a not goal for me	47%	36%	42%	42%
Very/Moderately confident (Net)	23%	17%	29%	34%
Slightly/Not at all confident (Net)	20%	31%	18%	12%

c) Buying a car

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very confident	23%	14%	23%	31%
Moderately confident	11%	13%	15%	11%
Somewhat confident	11%	15%	12%	11%
Slightly confident	8%	14%	10%	6%
Not at all confident	13%	17%	8%	6%
It's a not goal for me	33%	26%	32%	35%
Very/Moderately confident (Net)	34%	26%	37%	42%
Slightly/Not at all confident (Net)	21%	32%	18%	11%

d) Home improvement

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very confident	26%	12%	27%	33%
Moderately confident	16%	11%	20%	21%
Somewhat confident	15%	19%	17%	16%
Slightly confident	9%	15%	10%	6%
Not at all confident	11%	14%	8%	4%
It's a not goal for me	22%	29%	18%	18%
Very/Moderately confident (Net)	42%	23%	46%	54%
Slightly/Not at all confident (Net)	20%	28%	18%	10%

e) Retirement

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very confident	25%	10%	25%	30%
Moderately confident	15%	16%	19%	22%
Somewhat confident	14%	16%	19%	17%
Slightly confident	10%	13%	11%	10%
Not at all confident	18%	29%	15%	11%
It's a not goal for me	17%	15%	10%	9%
Very/Moderately confident (Net)	40%	26%	44%	52%
Slightly/Not at all confident (Net)	28%	42%	26%	21%

f) Children's education

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very confident	14%	11%	15%	22%
Moderately confident	9%	8%	12%	11%
Somewhat confident	9%	14%	10%	10%
Slightly confident	6%	9%	6%	5%
Not at all confident	10%	12%	7%	6%
It's a not goal for me	52%	43%	50%	44%
Very/Moderately confident (Net)	22%	19%	26%	33%
Slightly/Not at all confident (Net)	15%	22%	13%	11%

g) My education

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very confident	12%	11%	12%	16%
Moderately confident	8%	13%	10%	9%
Somewhat confident	8%	13%	9%	6%
Slightly confident	6%	13%	5%	4%
Not at all confident	10%	15%	8%	5%
It's a not goal for me	56%	34%	55%	59%
Very/Moderately confident (Net)	19%	24%	23%	25%
Slightly/Not at all confident (Net)	15%	28%	13%	9%

h) Electronics/Appliances

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very confident	32%	18%	32%	43%
Moderately confident	15%	14%	19%	16%
Somewhat confident	14%	20%	16%	13%
Slightly confident	9%	16%	8%	5%
Not at all confident	8%	12%	5%	2%
It's a not goal for me	20%	19%	19%	21%
Very/Moderately confident (Net)	47%	32%	50%	59%
Slightly/Not at all confident (Net)	18%	28%	13%	7%

i) Wedding/Anniversary

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very confident	20%	11%	19%	27%
Moderately confident	8%	7%	11%	8%
Somewhat confident	7%	13%	8%	6%
Slightly confident	5%	9%	4%	4%
Not at all confident	10%	15%	7%	4%
It's a not goal for me	48%	44%	49%	50%
Very/Moderately confident (Net)	28%	17%	30%	35%
Slightly/Not at all confident (Net)	15%	24%	12%	8%

j) Emergency fund

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very confident	36%	18%	34%	50%
Moderately confident	18%	21%	23%	20%
Somewhat confident	16%	24%	18%	12%
Slightly confident	10%	11%	9%	8%
Not at all confident	13%	21%	10%	4%
It's a not goal for me	7%	4%	5%	5%
Very/Moderately confident (Net)	53%	39%	57%	70%
Slightly/Not at all confident (Net)	23%	31%	19%	12%

k) Other

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very confident	6%	5%	7%	7%
Moderately confident	3%	2%	5%	3%
Somewhat confident	4%	8%	5%	3%
Slightly confident	2%	3%	2%	2%
Not at all confident	6%	11%	4%	2%
It's a not goal for me	41%	37%	43%	44%
Very/Moderately confident (Net)	9%	7%	11%	10%
Slightly/Not at all confident (Net)	8%	14%	6%	3%

Q11. Do you currently have any of the following types of loans or debt?

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Credit Card Debt	39%	41%	49%	41%
Auto Loan/Lease	34%	28%	45%	45%
Mortgage [Asked if owns home]	(N=1,058)	(N=153)	(N=649)	(N=768)
Mortgage [Asked if Owns norme]	34%	17%	41%	54%
Student Loan	15%	21%	18%	23%
Personal Loan	11%	14%	12%	12%
Medical Bills	13%	21%	14%	8%
Business Loan	1%	1%	1%	2%
Other	2%	3%	1%	1%
None	28%	29%	18%	16%

Q12. Which of the following statements best describes how your household's total income compared to total spending over the last 12 months?

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Spending was much less than income	24%	12%	21%	34%
Spending was a little less than income	33%	33%	34%	39%
Spending was about equal to income	25%	29%	27%	16%
Spending was a little more than income	11%	18%	12%	7%
Spending was much more than income	7%	8%	5%	3%
Less than income (Net)	56%	44%	55%	73%
More than income (Net)	18%	25%	17%	10%

Q13. Which of the following statements best describes how your rent or mortgage compare to your paycheck?

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
My rent/mortgage is more than a single paycheck	17%	34%	24%	11%
My rent/mortgage is equal to a single paycheck	10%	12%	14%	8%
Less than single paycheck (Net)	63%	46%	57%	77%
My rent/mortgage is slightly less than a single paycheck	22%	24%	24%	27%
My rent/mortgage is much less than a single paycheck	41%	22%	34%	50%

Q14. Which of the following statements best describes how your household has paid its bills over the last 12 months?

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Paid all our bills on time	71%	52%	70%	83%
Paid nearly all our bills on time	12%	15%	13%	11%
Paid most of our bills on time	9%	15%	12%	4%
Paid some of our bills on time	4%	11%	2%	1%
Paid very few of our bills on time	3%	6%	3%	*
All/Nearly all (Net)	83%	67%	83%	94%
Some/Very few (Net)	7%	17%	5%	2%

Q15. Which of the following statements best describes how your household has paid its credit card balance over the last 12 months?

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Paid the full statement balance each month	43%	22%	39%	56%
Paid most of the statement balance each month	10%	9%	11%	10%
Paid more than the minimum balance each month	20%	24%	27%	22%
Paid the minimum balance each month	9%	15%	10%	6%
Paid less than the minimum balance each month	3%	4%	3%	1%
Do not have any credit cards	14%	26%	9%	5%
Minimum/Less than minimum (Net)	12%	18%	13%	7%

Q16. Thinking about all of your household's current debts, including mortgages, bank loans, student loans, money owed to people, medical debt, past-due bills, and credit card balances that are carried over from prior months...

As of today, which of the following statements describes how manageable your household debt is?

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Do not have any debt	25%	17%	19%	19%
Have a manageable amount of debt	53%	51%	56%	64%
Have a bit more debt than is manageable	15%	22%	18%	12%
Have far more debt than is manageable	7%	10%	5%	4%
More debt (Net)	21%	32%	23%	16%

Q18. [Asked if employed full time, part-time, self-employed, or freelancer; Q17 = 1-4] Do you currently work more than one job?

	Total (N=3,656)	Less than \$15 (N=611)	\$15 or more (N=1,344)	Salaried (N=1,275)
I have one job	85%	85%	84%	91%
I work multiple jobs by choice	10%	10%	10%	8%
I work multiple jobs out of necessity	4%	5%	6%	2%

Q19. Asked if has multiple jobs out of necessity; Q18 = 3] Please enter the number of jobs YOU work:

	Total (N=134)	Less than \$15 (N=40)	\$15 or more (N=58)	Salaried (N=17)
2	73%	87%	65%	86%
3	20%	-	31%	14%
4	3%	6%	-	-
5	3%	7%	3%	-
Mean (Excluding 0)	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.1

Q21. [Asked if salaried or self-employed; Q20 = 1 or Q17 = 3] What is your current PERSONAL annual income?

	Total (N=1,605)	Less than \$15 (N=10)	\$15 or more (N=22)	Salaried (N=1,275)
\$15,000 or less	3%	69%	25%	1%
\$15,001 - \$30,000	5%	-	12%	3%
\$30,001 - \$40,000	7%	-	12%	6%
\$40,001 - \$50,000	8%	31%	19%	8%
\$50,001 - \$70,000	19%	-	18%	21%
\$70,001 - \$90,000	14%	-	7%	15%
\$90,001 - \$110,000	12%	-	-	14%
\$110,001 - \$150,000	14%	-	7%	15%
\$150,001 - \$200,000	8%	-	-	8%
\$200,001 - \$250,000	3%	-	-	3%
More than \$250,000	4%	-	-	4%
Mean	94.4	19.3	42.8	98

Q22. [Asked if hourly, temporary, or seasonal; Q20 = 2-4] What is your current hourly wage?

	Total (N=1,887)	Less than \$15 (N=571)	\$15 or more (N=1,286)	Salaried
\$7.25 or less	1%	3%	-	-
\$7.25 - \$10.00	6%	16%	-	-
\$10.01 - \$12.00	10%	27%	-	-
\$12.01 - \$14.00	12%	33%	-	-
\$14.01 - \$15.00	8%	22%	-	-
\$15.01 - \$17.00	10%	-	16%	-
\$17.01 - \$20.00	13%	-	21%	-
\$20.01 or more	39%	-	63%	-
\$15 (Net)	18%	22%	16%	-
<\$15 (Net)	29%	78%	-	-
>\$15 (Net)	52%	-	84%	-

Q23. [Asked if unemployed, salaried, self-employed or currently earns more than \$15; (Q17 = 3 and Q21 = 3-11) OR (Q20 = 1 and Q21 = 3-11) OR (Q20 = 2-4 and Q22 = 1-6] In the past five years, have you had a job where you earned less than \$15 an hour?

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
	(N=2,879)	(N=145)	(N=1,344)	(N=1,185)
Yes	24%	79%	27%	14%
No	74%	19%	70%	84%
Don't know	2%	2%	3%	1%

Q24. [Asked if hourly, temporary or seasonal; Q20 = 2-4] In a normal week, how many hours do you work per week?

	Total (N=1,998)	Less than \$15 (N=611)	\$15 or more (N=1,344)	Salaried
Less than 20 hours per week	16%	27%	9%	-
21 to 29 hours per week	10%	17%	7%	-
30 to 37.5 hours per week	12%	15%	11%	-
38 hours to 40 hours	38%	32%	42%	-
41 or more hours per week	23%	9%	32%	-

Q25. [Asked if employed full-time, part-time, self-employed or freelancer; Q17 = 1-4] Thinking about your personal income compared to your peers or people with similar education and work experience to you, how do you think you are doing?

	Total (N=3,656)	Less than \$15 (N=611)	\$15 or more (N=1,344)	Salaried (N=1,275)
Much better than peers	9%	3%	9%	11%
Somewhat better than peers	24%	16%	25%	30%
About the same as my peers	42%	44%	46%	39%
Somewhat worse than my peers	17%	23%	16%	16%
Much worse than my peers	6%	13%	4%	3%
Better than peers (Net)	33%	19%	34%	41%
Worse than peers (Net)	23%	37%	20%	19%

Q26. Does anyone else you live with contribute to your household's income?

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Yes. Please enter the number of others in your household contributing:	66%	64%	64%	65%
No, I am the only contributor to my household's income	32%	34%	35%	34%

Q27. [Asked if more than one earner in household; Q26_1>0] What is the total income of any OTHERS in your household?

	Total (N=4,059)	Less than \$15 (N=381)	\$15 or more (N=837)	Salaried (N=814)
\$15,000 or less	11%	18%	9%	6%
\$15,001 - \$30,000	14%	19%	13%	10%
\$30,001 - \$40,000	11%	11%	13%	9%
\$40,001 - \$50,000	9%	7%	10%	8%
\$50,001 - \$70,000	15%	7%	17%	19%
\$70,001 - \$90,000	11%	12%	13%	18%
\$90,001 - \$110,000	8%	10%	12%	10%
\$110,001 - \$150,000	7%	7%	5%	10%
\$150,001 - \$200,000	5%	2%	5%	5%
\$200,001 - \$250,000	2%	3%	2%	3%
More than \$250,000	2%	3%	1%	2%
Mean	69.1	65.2	67.4	79.7

Q28. [Asked if earned less than \$15 but currently earns more; Q23 = 1]
Thinking back to a time when you made less than \$15 an hour, to what extent, if at all, were the following statements true at that time?

Total Agree Summary

	Total (N=644)	Less than \$15 (N=110)	\$15 or more (N=352)	Salaried (N=148)
I could afford to go grocery shopping once a week	69%	78%	66%	68%
I could afford to go to the doctor when I need to	52%	59%	50%	52%
I could afford to pay my prescriptions	51%	55%	48%	54%
I could afford to go shopping for clothes or shoes when I need to	50%	57%	51%	46%
I could afford to make my car payment on time	49%	54%	45%	50%
I could afford to pay off some of my debt/credit cards	44%	54%	43%	41%
I could afford to put some money in a savings account	41%	47%	35%	47%
I could afford to take my family out to dinner twice a month	39%	53%	30%	44%
I could afford to take a vacation or go on a trip once a year	38%	45%	35%	39%
I could afford to make a donation to my favorite charity or church	38%	39%	37%	39%
I could afford to pay for my child's everyday expenses like sports teams, music lessons or other after school activities	21%	28%	14%	27%
I could afford to save for or pay my child's college bills	15%	16%	12%	16%

a) I could afford to take my family out to dinner twice a month

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	16%	18%	13%	21%
Somewhat agree	23%	36%	17%	23%
Neither agree nor disagree	12%	19%	12%	6%
Somewhat disagree	17%	8%	21%	18%
Strongly disagree	18%	12%	18%	19%
Does not apply to me	12%	8%	17%	10%
Agree (Net)	39%	53%	30%	44%
Disagree (Net)	35%	20%	40%	37%
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b) I could afford to go shopping for clothes or shoes when I need to

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	18%	26%	15%	18%
Somewhat agree	32%	30%	35%	27%
Neither agree nor disagree	13%	12%	9%	16%
Somewhat disagree	19%	19%	19%	21%
Strongly disagree	15%	9%	18%	14%
Does not apply to me	2%	3%	1%	2%
Agree (Net)	50%	57%	51%	46%
Disagree (Net)	34%	28%	37%	35%

c) I could afford to go grocery shopping once a week

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	34%	41%	32%	35%
Somewhat agree	35%	37%	34%	33%
Neither agree nor disagree	7%	10%	7%	5%
Somewhat disagree	11%	6%	14%	7%
Strongly disagree	8%	3%	8%	12%
Does not apply to me	4%	3%	2%	8%
Agree (Net)	69%	78%	66%	68%
Disagree (Net)	19%	9%	22%	19%

d) I could afford to make my car payment on time

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	27%	35%	25%	28%
Somewhat agree	22%	19%	20%	22%
Neither agree nor disagree	12%	11%	15%	9%
Somewhat disagree	7%	8%	7%	7%
Strongly disagree	6%	2%	9%	2%
Does not apply to me	26%	26%	22%	32%
Agree (Net)	49%	54%	45%	50%
Disagree (Net)	13%	10%	16%	9%

e) I could afford to take a vacation or go on a trip once a year

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	17%	25%	13%	16%
Somewhat agree	21%	20%	23%	22%
Neither agree nor disagree	11%	15%	9%	9%
Somewhat disagree	19%	17%	19%	20%
Strongly disagree	26%	18%	31%	25%
Does not apply to me	5%	5%	4%	7%
Agree (Net)	38%	45%	35%	39%
Disagree (Net)	45%	35%	50%	45%

f) I could afford to pay my prescriptions

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	27%	30%	25%	31%
Somewhat agree	24%	26%	23%	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	11%	14%	9%	10%
Somewhat disagree	11%	2%	10%	15%
Strongly disagree	10%	11%	12%	7%
Does not apply to me	16%	17%	18%	13%
Agree (Net)	51%	55%	48%	54%
Disagree (Net)	21%	13%	22%	22%

g) I could afford to go to the doctor when I need to

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	26%	20%	28%	26%
Somewhat agree	26%	39%	22%	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	16%	22%	12%	14%
Somewhat disagree	11%	4%	12%	17%
Strongly disagree	17%	8%	22%	16%
Does not apply to me	3%	7%	3%	1%
Agree (Net)	52%	59%	50%	52%
Disagree (Net)	29%	13%	33%	33%

h) I could afford to put some money in a savings account

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	18%	21%	16%	19%
Somewhat agree	23%	26%	19%	28%
Neither agree nor disagree	14%	20%	14%	11%
Somewhat disagree	17%	14%	20%	13%
Strongly disagree	25%	12%	27%	28%
Does not apply to me	2%	7%	1%	1%
Agree (Net)	41%	47%	35%	47%
Disagree (Net)	42%	26%	47%	41%

i) I could afford to save for or pay my child's college bills

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	9%	7%	9%	10%
Somewhat agree	6%	9%	3%	6%
Neither agree nor disagree	12%	13%	15%	9%
Somewhat disagree	7%	9%	3%	5%
Strongly disagree	19%	21%	20%	19%
Does not apply to me	46%	41%	47%	52%
Agree (Net)	15%	16%	12%	16%
Disagree (Net)	26%	30%	23%	23%

j) I could afford to pay for my child's everyday expenses like sports teams, music lessons or other after school activities

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	10%	11%	7%	13%
Somewhat agree	11%	17%	6%	14%
Neither agree nor disagree	12%	17%	11%	9%
Somewhat disagree	8%	2%	11%	6%
Strongly disagree	10%	11%	11%	10%
Does not apply to me	48%	42%	52%	48%
Agree (Net)	21%	28%	14%	27%
Disagree (Net)	18%	13%	21%	16%

I could afford to pay off some of my debt/credit cards

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	20%	15%	20%	22%
Somewhat agree	24%	40%	23%	19%
Neither agree nor disagree	11%	8%	12%	5%
Somewhat disagree	13%	8%	15%	12%
Strongly disagree	19%	5%	18%	28%
Does not apply to me	13%	24%	9%	14%
Agree (Net)	44%	54%	43%	41%
Disagree (Net)	32%	14%	34%	40%

I could afford to make a donation to my favorite charity or church

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Strongly agree	17%	16%	14%	21%
Somewhat agree	21%	23%	22%	18%
Neither agree nor disagree	15%	15%	15%	15%
Somewhat disagree	13%	12%	14%	10%
Strongly disagree	17%	15%	17%	20%
Does not apply to me	16%	19%	15%	16%
Agree (Net)	38%	39%	37%	39%
Disagree (Net)	30%	27%	31%	29%

Q29. [Asked if currently earns less than \$15; Q22 = 1-4]
If your wage increased to \$15 an hour, how likely do you think you would experience the following changes to your life?

Total Definitely/Probably Summary

	Total (N=466)	Less than \$15 (N=466)	\$15 or more	Salaried
I would have more money to buy necessities like food and medicine	54%	54%	-	-
I could afford to pay my rent or mortgage on time	50%	50%	-	-
I would feel less stress about money	50%	50%	-	-
I would be able to spend more on the things I enjoy (i.e. dining out, traveling, etc.)	47%	47%	-	-
I would be able to pay off debt	46%	46%	-	-
I would be able to start a savings account	44%	44%	-	-
I would be able to spend more time with my family	40%	40%	-	-
I would be able to take a vacation	39%	39%	-	-
I could afford to continue my education and/or learn skills to help in my career	33%	33%	-	-
I would be able to afford more/better childcare	23%	23%	-	-
I would be able to cut back the number of hours I need to work	20%	20%	-	-
I would be able to cut back the number of jobs I work (i.e. from needing to work 2 jobs to only 1 job)	19%	19%	-	-

I would be able to cut back the number of jobs I work (i.e. from needing to work 2 jobs to only 1 job)

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	11%	11%	-	-
Probably	8%	8%	-	-
Possibly	11%	11%	-	-
Probably not	10%	10%	-	-
Definitely not	9%	9%	-	-
Does not apply to me	51%	51%	-	-
Definitely/Probably (Net)	19%	19%	-	-
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	19%	19%	_	_

I would be able to cut back the number of hours I need to work

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	9%	9%	-	-
Probably	11%	11%	-	-
Possibly	15%	15%	-	-
Probably not	23%	23%	-	-
Definitely not	21%	21%	-	-
Does not apply to me	20%	20%	-	-
Definitely/Probably (Net)	20%	20%	-	-
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	44%	44%	-	-

I would be able to spend more time with my family

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	22%	22%	-	-
Probably	18%	18%	-	-
Possibly	18%	18%	-	-
Probably not	13%	13%	-	-
Definitely not	6%	6%	-	-
Does not apply to me	21%	21%	-	-
Definitely/Probably (Net)	40%	40%	-	-
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	19%	19%	-	_

I would be able to start a savings account

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	25%	25%	-	-
Probably	19%	19%	-	-
Possibly	16%	16%	-	-
Probably not	12%	12%	-	-
Definitely not	4%	4%	-	-
Does not apply to me	24%	24%	-	-
Definitely/Probably (Net)	44%	44%	-	-
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	16%	16%	-	-

e) I would be able to pay off debt

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	20%	20%	-	-
Probably	26%	26%	-	-
Possibly	19%	19%	-	-
Probably not	8%	8%	-	-
Definitely not	5%	5%	-	-
Does not apply to me	21%	21%	-	-
Definitely/Probably (Net)	46%	46%	-	-
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	14%	14%	-	-

f) I would be able to spend more on the things I enjoy (i.e. dining out, traveling, etc.)

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	20%	20%	-	-
Probably	26%	26%	-	-
Possibly	25%	25%	-	-
Probably not	13%	13%	-	-
Definitely not	6%	6%	-	-
Does not apply to me	9%	9%	-	-
Definitely/Probably (Net)	47%	47%	-	-
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	19%	19%	-	-

g) I would have more money to buy necessities like food and medicine

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	30%	30%	-	-
Probably	24%	24%	-	-
Possibly	16%	16%	-	-
Probably not	6%	6%	-	-
Definitely not	6%	6%	-	-
Does not apply to me	18%	18%	-	-
Definitely/Probably (Net)	54%	54%	-	-
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	12%	12%	-	-

h) I could afford to pay my rent or mortgage on time

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	27%	27%	-	-
Probably	23%	23%	-	-
Possibly	6%	6%	-	-
Probably not	5%	5%	-	-
Definitely not	3%	3%	-	-
Does not apply to me	37%	37%	-	-
Definitely/Probably (Net)	50%	50%	-	-
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	7%	7%	-	-

I could afford to continue my education and/or learn skills to help in my career

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	18%	18%	-	-
Probably	15%	15%	-	-
Possibly	16%	16%	-	-
Probably not	13%	13%	-	-
Definitely not	5%	5%	-	-
Does not apply to me	32%	32%	-	-
Definitely/Probably (Net)	33%	33%	-	-
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	19%	19%	-	-

j) I would feel less stress about money

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	25%	25%	-	-
Probably	26%	26%	-	-
Possibly	19%	19%	-	-
Probably not	12%	12%	-	-
Definitely not	7%	7%	-	-
Does not apply to me	11%	11%	-	-
Definitely/Probably (Net)	50%	50%	-	-
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	19%	19%	-	-

k) I would be able to afford more/better childcare

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	10%	10%	-	-
Probably	13%	13%	-	-
Possibly	5%	5%	-	-
Probably not	6%	6%	-	-
Definitely not	6%	6%	-	-
Does not apply to me	59%	59%	-	-
Definitely/Probably (Net)	23%	23%	-	-
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	13%	13%	-	-

l) I would be able to take a vacation

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	18%	18%	-	-
Probably	21%	21%	-	-
Possibly	24%	24%	-	-
Probably not	12%	12%	-	-
Definitely not	6%	6%	-	-
Does not apply to me	17%	17%	-	-
Definitely/Probably (Net)	39%	39%	-	-
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	18%	18%	-	-

Q30. When I earn a pay increase, it gives me a sense of... Please select all that apply.

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Accomplishment	42%	49%	50%	60%
Personal security	37%	36%	45%	51%
Self-confidence	33%	42%	35%	43%
Relief	29%	42%	33%	29%
Value to the company	27%	37%	35%	42%
Self-esteem	27%	36%	29%	35%
Gratitude to the company	25%	37%	31%	36%
Professional security	21%	19%	24%	37%
Indifference	3%	2%	4%	5%
Dissatisfaction	1%	1%	1%	1%
None of these	21%	9%	10%	5%

Q31. To the best of your knowledge, what is the current federal minimum wage? Please enter a number in dollars and cents.

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Mean	9.3	8.7	9.6	9
Don't know	29%	26%	24%	19%

Q32. The current federal minimum wage is \$7.25 an hour. In your opinion, is the current federal minimum wage too high, too low, or just right?

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Too high	2%	1%	1%	3%
Too low	80%	83%	80%	81%
Just right	16%	14%	18%	15%

Q33. There is currently a push to increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour. Do you support or oppose this change?

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Support	56%	66%	49%	57%
Oppose	31%	24%	35%	32%
Don't know	12%	10%	15%	11%

Q34. In your opinion, how, if at all, would increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour impact...

Total Positive Impact Summary

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	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Employees in general	70%	73%	67%	73%
The country	55%	61%	49%	61%
Your community	54%	60%	50%	58%
The economy	54%	57%	51%	59%
Unemployment rates	38%	46%	33%	33%
Your family	33%	65%	28%	21%
Employers in general	30%	39%	28%	27%
You personally	27%	63%	22%	15%

You personally

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very positive impact	17%	38%	12%	7%
Somewhat positive impact	11%	25%	10%	8%
No impact	55%	26%	57%	67%
Somewhat negative impact	10%	7%	12%	12%
Very negative impact	5%	5%	7%	5%
Positive (Net)	27%	63%	22%	15%
Negative (Net)	16%	11%	19%	17%

b) Your family

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very positive impact	17%	34%	15%	9%
Somewhat positive impact	15%	30%	13%	12%
No impact	50%	23%	51%	63%
Somewhat negative impact	10%	7%	12%	11%
Very negative impact	6%	5%	7%	5%
Positive (Net)	33%	65%	28%	21%
Negative (Net)	15%	11%	19%	16%

c) Your community

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very positive impact	23%	28%	19%	21%
Somewhat positive impact	31%	32%	31%	37%
No impact	16%	16%	17%	15%
Somewhat negative impact	17%	15%	21%	16%
Very negative impact	11%	9%	11%	10%
Positive (Net)	54%	60%	50%	58%
Negative (Net)	28%	24%	32%	26%

d) Employers in general

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very positive impact	13%	17%	11%	10%
Somewhat positive impact	17%	22%	17%	17%
No impact	11%	15%	11%	13%
Somewhat negative impact	37%	31%	38%	38%
Very negative impact	20%	14%	21%	20%
Positive (Net)	30%	39%	28%	27%
Negative (Net)	56%	45%	59%	58%

e) Employees in general

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very positive impact	36%	42%	30%	36%
Somewhat positive impact	34%	31%	37%	37%
No impact	7%	9%	9%	6%
Somewhat negative impact	12%	11%	13%	11%
Very negative impact	9%	6%	9%	9%
Positive (Net)	70%	73%	67%	73%
Negative (Net)	21%	18%	22%	20%

f) The country

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very positive impact	26%	29%	20%	27%
Somewhat positive impact	29%	32%	29%	34%
No impact	8%	11%	8%	5%
Somewhat negative impact	19%	16%	22%	17%
Very negative impact	16%	12%	18%	15%
Positive (Net)	55%	61%	49%	61%
Negative (Net)	34%	28%	40%	32%

g) The economy

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very positive impact	24%	27%	20%	22%
Somewhat positive impact	30%	30%	31%	36%
No impact	8%	11%	9%	6%
Somewhat negative impact	19%	18%	20%	18%
Very negative impact	16%	13%	18%	16%
Positive (Net)	54%	57%	51%	59%
Negative (Net)	35%	31%	38%	34%

h) Unemployment rates

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Very positive impact	16%	22%	12%	12%
Somewhat positive impact	22%	25%	22%	22%
No impact	22%	18%	24%	25%
Somewhat negative impact	22%	21%	23%	26%
Very negative impact	15%	12%	17%	15%
Positive (Net)	38%	46%	33%	33%
Negative (Net)	38%	33%	40%	41%

Q35. If the federal minimum wage is increased to \$15 an hour, how likely do you think the following would happen as a result of that change?

Total Definitely/Probably Summary

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Companies have more satisfied workers	50%	54%	47%	51%
People have more money to spend in the economy	49%	50%	41%	54%
Improve employee's satisfaction with their job	45%	49%	42%	46%
Companies would make less profit	40%	42%	45%	40%
Companies would need to cut worker's hours	38%	40%	41%	36%
Companies would need to lay off workers	37%	38%	43%	35%
Reduce the number of people who need food assistance	37%	41%	31%	40%
Fewer people living in poverty	36%	39%	32%	39%
Reduce the number of people who need federal aid	34%	35%	31%	37%
Reduce pay inequality for Black people	32%	34%	27%	36%
Reduce pay inequality for Hispanic people	32%	35%	26%	36%
Reduce pay inequality for women	30%	33%	24%	30%
Reduce pay inequality for Asian people	25%	26%	20%	24%
Reduce pay inequality for White people	20%	25%	16%	18%

a) Companies would need to lay off workers

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	17%	15%	19%	16%
Probably	20%	24%	24%	20%
Possibly	35%	32%	30%	37%
Probably not	20%	20%	18%	20%
Definitely not	7%	7%	7%	6%
Definitely/Probably (Net)	37%	38%	43%	35%
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	27%	28%	25%	26%

b) Companies would need to cut workers' hours

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	17%	16%	19%	17%
Probably	20%	24%	22%	19%
Possibly	36%	34%	34%	36%
Probably not	18%	16%	15%	20%
Definitely not	7%	8%	8%	6%
Definitely/Probably (Net)	38%	40%	41%	36%
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	25%	25%	23%	26%



c) Companies would make less profit

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	17%	17%	19%	18%
Probably	23%	24%	26%	22%
Possibly	32%	27%	30%	34%
Probably not	20%	25%	16%	20%
Definitely not	7%	5%	6%	5%
Definitely/Probably (Net)	40%	42%	45%	40%
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	26%	30%	22%	25%

d) Reduce the number of people who need federal aid

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	13%	16%	11%	13%
Probably	21%	19%	20%	24%
Possibly	28%	31%	28%	29%
Probably not	22%	23%	24%	22%
Definitely not	12%	11%	14%	11%
Definitely/Probably (Net)	34%	35%	31%	37%
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	35%	34%	39%	33%

e) Reduce the number of people who need food assistance

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	14%	19%	11%	14%
Probably	23%	23%	19%	26%
Possibly	28%	27%	30%	28%
Probably not	22%	23%	24%	22%
Definitely not	11%	8%	13%	9%
Definitely/Probably (Net)	37%	41%	31%	40%
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	33%	30%	37%	31%

f) Companies have more satisfied workers

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	24%	32%	21%	20%
Probably	25%	22%	26%	31%
Possibly	27%	25%	28%	29%
Probably not	15%	14%	16%	13%
Definitely not	6%	6%	7%	6%
Definitely/Probably (Net)	50%	54%	47%	51%
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	21%	20%	23%	19%

) People have more money to spend in the economy

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	26%	30%	21%	27%
Probably	23%	20%	20%	28%
Possibly	26%	27%	30%	23%
Probably not	15%	15%	18%	14%
Definitely not	8%	7%	9%	7%
Definitely/Probably (Net)	49%	50%	41%	54%
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	23%	22%	27%	21%

h) Fewer people living in poverty

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	16%	20%	15%	17%
Probably	20%	19%	17%	22%
Possibly	28%	28%	30%	28%
Probably not	22%	18%	21%	22%
Definitely not	12%	12%	14%	10%
Definitely/Probably (Net)	36%	39%	32%	39%
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	34%	30%	35%	33%

Reduce pay inequality for women

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	12%	12%	9%	13%
Probably	18%	21%	15%	18%
Possibly	30%	26%	33%	34%
Probably not	23%	22%	23%	22%
Definitely not	14%	16%	17%	12%
Definitely/Probably (Net)	30%	33%	24%	30%
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	37%	38%	40%	34%

j) Reduce pay inequality for Black people

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	14%	14%	11%	15%
Probably	19%	20%	16%	21%
Possibly	30%	29%	33%	30%
Probably not	22%	18%	23%	20%
Definitely not	14%	17%	15%	12%
Definitely/Probably (Net)	32%	34%	27%	36%
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	35%	35%	38%	32%

Reduce pay inequality for Hispanic people

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	13%	15%	10%	14%
Probably	19%	20%	16%	22%
Possibly	31%	28%	34%	32%
Probably not	21%	20%	21%	19%
Definitely not	13%	14%	16%	12%
Definitely/Probably (Net)	32%	35%	26%	36%
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	33%	35%	37%	30%

Reduce pay inequality for Asian people

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	9%	11%	8%	8%
Probably	15%	15%	12%	16%
Possibly	34%	31%	37%	37%
Probably not	24%	24%	24%	25%
Definitely not	14%	17%	16%	13%
Definitely/Probably (Net)	25%	26%	20%	24%
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	38%	41%	41%	38%

Reduce pay inequality for White people

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	8%	11%	5%	5%
Probably	12%	14%	11%	12%
Possibly	31%	28%	32%	34%
Probably not	29%	21%	29%	30%
Definitely not	17%	23%	19%	16%
Definitely/Probably (Net)	20%	25%	16%	18%
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	46%	45%	48%	46%

Improve employees' satisfaction with their job

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Definitely	19%	23%	16%	19%
Probably	25%	26%	25%	27%
Possibly	30%	31%	31%	30%
Probably not	15%	12%	17%	17%
Definitely not	7%	7%	8%	6%
Definitely/Probably (Net)	45%	49%	42%	46%
Probably not/Definitely not (Net)	23%	19%	25%	23%

Q36. In your opinion, how much of a role should each of the following groups play in increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15?

The American people

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Large role	59%	64%	58%	62%
Small role	25%	24%	27%	25%
No role at all	13%	10%	13%	12%

Politicians and policymakers

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Large role	48%	48%	43%	54%
Small role	25%	29%	28%	24%
No role at all	24%	23%	27%	21%

Advocacy groups

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Large role	37%	40%	34%	39%
Small role	32%	36%	33%	31%
No role at all	28%	22%	30%	27%

The media

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Large role	28%	31%	24%	27%
Small role	23%	25%	24%	25%
No role at all	46%	42%	49%	46%

Large sized employers (500 employees or more)

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Large role	51%	50%	49%	52%
Small role	29%	29%	30%	30%
No role at all	17%	19%	18%	16%

Medium sized employers 101-499 employees)

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Large role	42%	44%	42%	45%
Small role	40%	41%	38%	39%
No role at all	14%	13%	17%	14%

Small sized employers (100 employees or less)

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Large role	40%	41%	42%	41%
Small role	39%	43%	35%	41%
No role at all	18%	15%	19%	16%

Q37. What actions do you think businesses should be taking with regard to the federal minimum wage? Please select all that apply.

	Total	Less than \$15	\$15 or more	Salaried
Set their own minimum wage at \$15 an hour	44%	44%	41%	53%
Advocate for the federal government to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour	37%	39%	32%	40%
Advocate for other companies to increase their minimum wage to \$15 an hour	28%	33%	30%	32%
None of these	33%	25%	37%	31%

Thank you.



