

Table 12.36-- MINIMUM WAGE CHRONOLOGY: 1942 TO 2009

[Dollars per hour. As of July 1, unless otherwise specified. Since January 1, 1970, tip credit allowed under certain circumstances]

Effective date	Oahu	Other islands	Effective date	State	Effective date	State
1942 1/	0.25	0.20	1962	1.15	1981	3.35
1943	0.30	0.25	1964 2/	1.25	1988 2/	3.85
1945	0.40	0.40	1969	1.40	1992 3/	4.75
1953	0.65	0.55	1970 2/	1.60	1993 2/	5.25
1955	0.75	0.65	1974	2.00	2002 2/	5.75
1957	0.90	0.85	1975 2/	2.40	2003 2/	6.25
1958	1.00	1.00	1978	2.65	2006 4/	6.75
			1979	2.90	2007 4/	7.25
			1980	3.10		

1/ At inception of minimum wage law, April 1, 1942.

2/ As of January 1.

3/ As of April 1.

4/ The 2005 Legislature passed Senate Bill 294, Senate Draft 3, House Draft 1, Conference Draft 1 "Relating to Employment" which raises the minimum wage to \$6.75 effective January 1, 2006, and to \$7.25 effective January 1, 2007. Governor Linda Lingle had indicated that she would allow it to become law without her signature. Act 240 became law on July 12, 2005. There is no increase in 2008 nor 2009. The federal minimum wage of \$5.15 was in effect from September 1, 1997 rose to \$5.85 on July 24, 2007 and to \$6.55 and \$7.25 on that day respectively in 2008 and 2009. As of July 24, 2009 the federal wage will rise to equal the State, the first time that has happened since January 1, 1988.

Source: Hawaii State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Research and Statistics Office <<http://hawaii.gov/labor/rs/a-short-history-of-the-minimum-wage>> accessed June 12, 2009 and records.