



Boosting The Economy by Giving Bucks County Families a Raise: The Benefits of an Increase in the Minimum Wage to \$10.10 per hour

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In our statewide analysis we find that an increase in the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour would, raise the wages of 1,266,000 workers in Pennsylvania boosting total wages by \$1.8 billion which through increased consumer spending would lead to the creation of 6,000 jobs in Pennsylvania.

In Bucks County we find that a minimum wage increase would boost the wages of 16% or 48,430 of county's resident workforce.

As illustrated in Table 1 the majority of Bucks County workers that would get a raise as a result of a statewide minimum wage increase are adults (88.3%), work full time (57.7%), and are women (55%).

Table 1.

The demographic characteristics of the 48,430 Bucks County workers who see their hourly wage rise as a result of an increase in the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour

Category	Bucks County
Sex	
Female	55.0%
Male	45.0%
Age	
20 +	88.3%
Under 20	11.7%
Race/ethnicity	
White	82.5%
Black	3.3%
Hispanic	7.2%
Asian	7.0%
Family status	
Married parent	22.0%
Single parent	8.4%
Married, no kids	17.0%
Unmarried, no kids	52.6%
Family income	
less than \$40,000	28.0%
\$40,000 to \$74,999	29.6%
\$75,000 or more	42.4%
Work hours	
Part time (< 19h)	14.9%
Mid time (20-34)	27.3%
Full time (35+)	57.7%
Education	
Less than high school	13.1%
High School	35.3%
Some college	32.6%
Bachelor's or higher	19.0%

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