

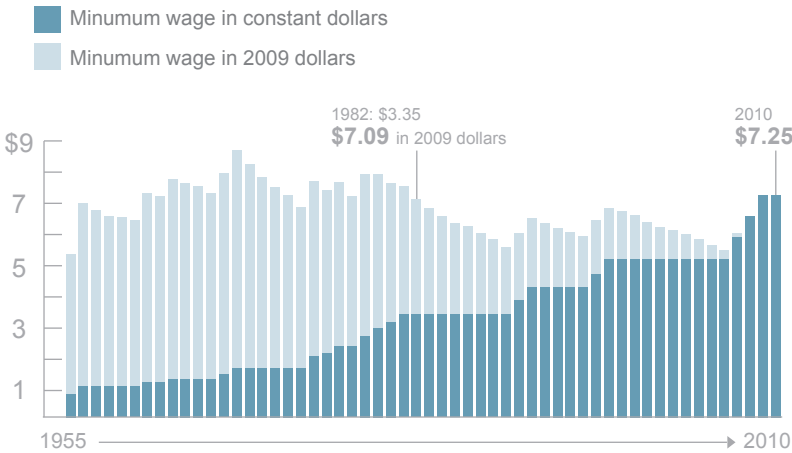


WAGES

MINIMUM WAGE

Federal minimum wage rises, but buys less

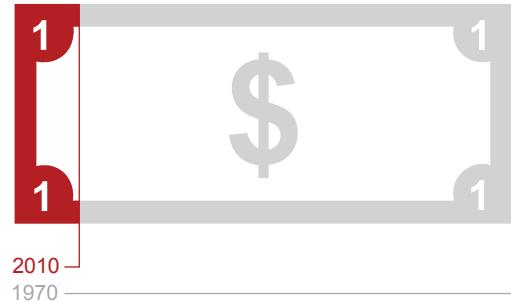
The federal minimum wage is the highest it has been since 1982, at \$7.25 an hour, but has far less purchasing power.



PURCHASING POWER

American dollar at an all-time low

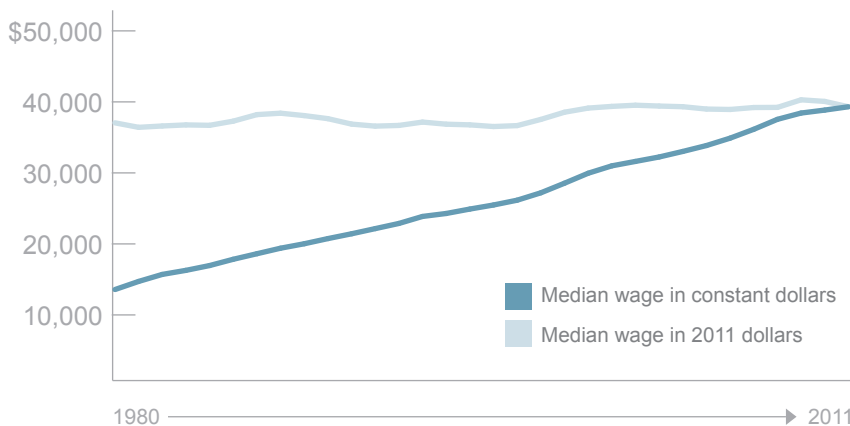
In 2010, a U.S. dollar bought 18 percent of what it bought in 1970.



MEDIAN WAGE

Costs go up, wages not so much

The U.S. annual median wage rose by 1.1 percent in 2010, the lowest increase in 30 years. But adjusted for inflation, median wages have varied little over the past 30 years.



“The net increase in dollars has not kept pace with what a middle-class family would need to take care of the basics — just maintaining that lifestyle.”

Steve Schnapp,
United for a Fair Economy

CEO-WORKER PAY RATIO

Workers see fewer returns of corporate profits

During the last 40 years, the gap between the pay of CEOs and the average worker has changed dramatically.



SOURCE: Economic Policy Institute, Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, AFL-CIO Calculations, paywatch.com BusinessWeek magazine

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