



California Ballot: Should the Minimum Wage Be \$18?

Description

California is asking voters if the minimum wage should increase. In November, people will vote on whether to raise the minimum wage to \$18 per hour by 2026. This would make it the highest minimum wage in the United States.

Currently, the minimum wage in California is \$16. If voters agree, it will go up to \$17 next year for big businesses and \$18 in 2025. Small businesses will also raise wages but later. Some say this will help workers pay for their needs in an expensive state.

However, some business owners are worried. They think that raising wages quickly will be hard for them. They fear that it could lead to higher prices for customers or even job losses.

Many workers in low-paying jobs are not students. Some are older adults who need good pay. Workers are asking for better wages to support their families.

Some say the new wage might still not be enough to live in California. Many people are worried about money. They want to earn enough to live well.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Minimum** /'mɪ.nɪ.məm/ (adjective): The least amount or lowest level possible.
2. **Increase** /ɪn'kri:s/ (verb): To make something greater in size amount or degree.
3. **Expensive** /ɪk'spɛnsɪv/ (adjective): Requiring a lot of money; costly.
4. **Support** /sə'pɔ:rt/ (verb): To provide assistance or help to someone or something.
5. **Wages** /'weɪ.dʒɪz/ (noun): The money paid to workers for their labor.
6. **Concerns** /kən'sɜ:rnz/ (noun): Worries or issues that need attention.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice



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1. What is the current minimum wage in California?
 - Option: \$15
 - Option: \$16
 - Option: \$17
 - Option: \$18
 2. What is the proposed minimum wage in California by 2026?
 - Option: \$15
 - Option: \$16
 - Option: \$17
 - Option: \$18
 3. When will the minimum wage in California be raised to \$17 for big businesses if voters agree?
 - Option: 2022
 - Option: 2023
 - Option: 2024
 - Option: 2025
 4. Who are some of the individuals worried about the potential increase in minimum wage?
 - Option: Workers
 - Option: Business owners
 - Option: Students
 - Option: Voters
 5. What are workers asking for to support their families?
 - Option: Higher taxes
 - Option: Better wages
 - Option: Reduced work hours
 - Option: Free healthcare
 6. What is one concern raised about the new wage increase in California?
 - Option: Job security
 - Option: Low unemployment rates
 - Option: Decreased cost of living
 - Option: Increased business profits

True-False



7. California is considering increasing the minimum wage to \$18 per hour by 2026.
8. All workers in low-paying jobs are students.
9. Some business owners are concerned that raising wages quickly may lead to job losses.
10. The new proposed wage in California is expected to be the lowest in the United States.
11. Many people in California are worried about money and want to earn enough to live well.
12. If voters agree, small businesses will raise their wages at the same time as big businesses.

Gap-Fill

13. Currently, the minimum wage in California is \$ _____.
14. Small businesses will raise wages but _____.
15. Many workers in low-paying jobs are not _____.
16. The new wage increase might still not be enough to live in California. Many people are worried about _____.
17. Some business owners are worried that raising wages quickly will be hard for _____.
18. Some say the new wage increase might lead to higher prices for customers or even _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. \$16 2. \$18 3. 2023 4. Business owners 5. Better wages 6. Job security

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. 16 14. later 15. students 16. money 17. them 18. job losses

Vocabulary quizzes



Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the least amount required?

- Option: A. Maximum
- Option: B. Optimum
- Option: C. Minimum
- Option: D. Average

2. What is a severe tropical storm?

- Option: A. Blizzard
- Option: B. Monsoon
- Option: C. Typhoon
- Option: D. Hurricane

3. Who establishes a company?

- Option: A. Investor
- Option: B. CEO
- Option: C. Shareholder
- Option: D. Founder

4. Situations requiring immediate action are called?

- Option: A. Disasters
- Option: B. Contingencies
- Option: C. Emergencies
- Option: D. Crises

5. What is something of great worth?

- Option: A. Ordinary
- Option: B. Inexpensive
- Option: C. Common
- Option: D. Valuable

6. What refers to the scientific knowledge used in practical ways?

- Option: A. Machinery
- Option: B. Technology
- Option: C. Equipment
- Option: D. Tools

7. Assistance or encouragement is known as?

- Option: A. Denial
- Option: B. Support
- Option: C. Opposition



Option: D. Disapproval

8. Who studies weather patterns and makes forecasts?

- Option: A. Geologists
- Option: B. Astronomers
- Option: C. Biologists
- Option: D. Meteorologists

9. Who is the highest-ranking executive in a company?

- Option: A. Manager
- Option: B. CFO
- Option: C. CTO
- Option: D. CEO

10. Which gemstone is the hardest natural material?

- Option: A. Ruby
- Option: B. Sapphire
- Option: C. Emerald
- Option: D. Diamond

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

- 11. Rolex watches are known for being very _____ .
- 12. It is important to maintain a _____ between work and personal life.
- 13. The company plans to _____ its market share by 20% next year.
- 14. Elon Musk is considered a _____ entrepreneur for his innovative ideas.
- 15. Cybersecurity measures are essential to prevent data _____ .
- 16. The traditional wedding _____ was held in a beautiful garden.
- 17. It is the duty of the security guard to _____ the premises from unauthorized access.
- 18. The water in the lake was so cold it felt like _____ temperatures.
- 19. The new computer software provides many _____ features for the users.
- 20. The CCTV cameras are used to _____ activity around the building.



Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. Employees receive payment for their work known as salaries or wages.
22. Anxiety or worry about something troubling is termed as concerns.
23. Having links or relationships with people or organizations is referred to as connections.
24. Grouping objects or individuals based on shared characteristics defines a category.
25. Companies or individuals providing goods or services to other businesses are called suppliers.
26. Guiding or directing a group of people towards a common goal is known as leadership.
27. A chest of drawers or a government office or department can be referred to as a bureau.
28. The distinct characteristics or personality that defines an individual is their identity.
29. Maintaining stability or equilibrium between different factors is keeping a balance.
30. To safeguard from harm or damage is to protect.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. C. Minimum 2. D. Hurricane 3. D. Founder 4. C. Emergencies 5. D. Valuable 6. B. Technology 7. B. Support 8. D. Meteorologists 9. D. CEO 10. D. Diamond

Gap-Fill: 11. expensive 12. balance 13. increase 14. visionary 15. breaches 16. ceremony 17. protect 18. freezing 19. practical 20. monitor

Matching sentence: 1. Wages 2. Concerns 3. Connections 4. Category 5. Suppliers 6. Leadership 7. Bureau 8. Identity 9. Balance 10. Protect

CATEGORY

1. Business - LEVEL1

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