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The current Utah minimum wage of $\$ 7.25$ per hour is the lowest amount a non-exempt employee in Utah can
legally be paid for hourly work.


The living wage for Salt Lake City is set at $\$ 10.63$ per single working adult and $\$ 14.75$ per two working adults with two children.

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When it comes to housing, earning minimum wage is simply not enough. Especially with Utah's affordable housing shortage (\$) It is generally recommended to spend about $30 \%$ of your gross monthly income on housing.


57,000 of all rental households in Utah dedicate at least 50 percent of their income toward rent payments, that is 20\% more than the recommended.

Utah anticipates needing 58,619 affordable housing options for people by 2020, and Utah is already short by about 40,000.

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hours per week, the lowest wage that could afford a two-bedroom apartment in Utah is $\$ 17.02$ per hour on average

## UTAH'S POPULATION BY INCOME



Utah Population by Income Class, Selected Year 2016

BUT NO ONE IS ACTUALLY PAYING YOU "MINIMUM WAGE"?
Though jobs are not exactly paying you $\$ 7.25$, if you are needing a $\$ 10.63$ wage to live off and a $\$ 17.02$ wage to afford yourself a two bedroom apartment, we have allowed a gap to form and it may continue to grow.

## AFFORDABLE HOUSTNG IS A MAJOR ISSUE



The state of Utah is home to 276,708 household renters which accounts for $31 \%$ of residents in the whole state.


According to research, Utah rent can range anywhere between $\$ 685$ to $\$ 990$ for a two bedroom apartment, and in some cities in Utah it can even be more than that range.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?

In order of an individual to be able to afford a rent of $\$ 990$ in Salt Lake City, they must have 2.6 FULL TIME JOBS to afford a two bedroom apartment!


## THE RHCKR PICTURE

When analyzing Utah minimum wage it is an issue that affects all, no matter what income bracket you are in. When an issue is depriving individuals and or families from providing themselves with basic necessities it is a call for change. The gap between minimum wage and livable wage is bigger than our society realizes and that gap can get bigger if we don't start fighting for change.

## NEED HELP? WHERE TO START?

Visit https://unphc.org/
Utah Non-Profit Housing Corporation mission is to improve the quality of life by providing decent, safe, affordable housing.
https://www.deseretnews.com/article/865683214/Report-94-hour-workweek-required-at-minimum-wage-to-afford-2-bedroom-apartment-in-Utah.html
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[^0]:    Research suggests that, on average, families need an income of about twice the federal poverty threshold to meet their most basic needs.

