

# **\$8.60 MISSOURI MINIMUM WAGE** **IN EFFECT FOR PRIVATE EMPLOYERS FOR 2019**

The minimum wage rate will increase 85 cents each year through 2023 for all private, non-exempt businesses. Missouri law does not apply to public employers, nor does it allow the state's minimum wage rate to be lower than the federal minimum wage rate.



## **TIPPED EMPLOYEES**

Employers are required to pay tipped employees at least 50 percent of the minimum wage, \$4.30 per hour, plus any amount necessary to bring the employee's total compensation to a minimum of \$8.60 per hour.



## **OVERTIME COMPENSATION**

Overtime compensation must also be paid at a rate of at least one and one-half times a covered employee's regular rate for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek.



## **EXCEPTIONS**

All businesses are required to pay at minimum, the \$8.60 per hour rate, except retail and service businesses whose annual gross sales are less than \$500,000.

The law does not apply to certain exempt employees/employers defined in Section 290.500(3), RSMo, and employees/employers pertaining to agriculture in Section 290.507, RSMo, nor does it supersede more favorable laws or interfere with collective bargaining agreement rights.



## **EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

An employee not being paid the correct wages, can file a minimum wage complaint at [labor.mo.gov/DLS/MinimumWage](http://labor.mo.gov/DLS/MinimumWage) and is entitled to pursue a private legal right of action to collect any wages due.

An employer who unlawfully pays sub-minimum wages will be liable for the full amount of wages due (plus twice the amount left unpaid as liquidated damages) less any amount actually paid. The employer is also liable for costs and reasonable attorney fees as may be allowed by the court or jury.

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