

The Job Gap Economic Prosperity Series:

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How Public Investment in Infrastructure Can Help Address Racial, Gender and LGBTQI Wealth Gaps

Living Wages, Job Openings, and Job Seekers by State

State	Single Adult Hourly Living Wage	Total Job-Seekers	Total Openings	Percent of Openings Greater than Living Wage	Job Gap Ratio (Seekers to Living Wage Openings)
Alabama	\$15.49	284,000	65,780	48%	9 to 1
Alaska	\$17.92	43,000	10,060	53%	8 to 1
Arizona	\$16.18	442,000	118,850	48%	8 to 1
Arkansas	\$14.58	130,000	43,250	47%	6 to 1
California	\$19.90	2,526,000	651,030	42%	9 to 1
Colorado	\$17.48	254,000	123,900	52%	4 to 1
Connecticut	\$19.57	290,000	54,300	51%	10 to 1
Delaware	\$18.33	40,000	13,950	44%	6 to 1
District of Columbia	\$21.92	38,000	20,570	63%	3 to 1
Florida	\$17.29	1,127,000	356,970	38%	8 to 1
Georgia	\$16.48	589,000	148,370	43%	9 to 1
Hawaii	\$21.73	54,000	20,030	34%	8 to 1
Idaho	\$14.90	62,000	17,527	57%	6 to 1
Illinois	\$17.57	754,000	187,470	46%	9 to 1
Indiana	\$15.46	313,000	106,320	47%	6 to 1
Iowa	\$15.10	106,000	57,950	52%	4 to 1
Kansas	\$15.23	124,000	42,120	47%	6 to 1
Kentucky	\$15.03	183,000	83,060	52%	4 to 1
Louisiana	\$15.87	270,000	65,950	48%	9 to 1
Maine	\$16.27	72,000	17,200	44%	10 to 1
Maryland	\$20.40	361,000	110,190	52%	6 to 1
Massachusetts	\$19.98	354,000	106,120	50%	7 to 1
Michigan	\$15.78	503,000	139,490	49%	7 to 1
Minnesota	\$16.52	240,000	85,820	53%	5 to 1

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Mississippi	\$15.18	173,000	35,910	40%	12 to 1
Missouri	\$15.39	306,000	86,630	48%	7 to 1
Montana	\$14.93	48,000	14,050	44%	8 to 1
Nebraska	\$15.03	66,000	34,680	51%	4 to 1
Nevada	\$16.62	217,000	61,960	38%	9 to 1
New Hampshire	\$17.68	58,000	20,940	43%	6 to 1
New Jersey	\$20.08	613,000	129,380	44%	11 to 1
New Mexico	\$15.60	96,000	26,170	42%	9 to 1
New York	\$20.42	1,060,000	357,430	43%	7 to 1
North Carolina	\$15.88	549,000	158,540	46%	8 to 1
North Dakota	\$14.98	24,000	15,360	55%	3 to 1
Ohio	\$14.96	705,000	168,300	51%	8 to 1
Oklahoma	\$14.96	177,000	57,090	50%	6 to 1
Oregon	\$16.49	204,000	68,140	49%	6 to 1
Pennsylvania	\$16.73	689,000	183,190	47%	8 to 1
Rhode Island	\$17.33	60,000	15,180	49%	8 to 1
South Carolina	\$15.79	278,000	66,160	42%	10 to 1
South Dakota	\$14.50	38,000	13,970	44%	6 to 1
Tennessee	\$15.27	275,000	101,520	49%	6 to 1
Texas	\$15.91	1,068,000	543,510	48%	4 to 1
Utah	\$16.06	116,000	67,890	50%	3 to 1
Vermont	\$17.89	28,000	9,530	45%	6 to 1
Virginia	\$18.95	405,000	128,070	44%	7 to 1
Washington	\$17.59	358,000	144,770	54%	5 to 1
West Virginia	\$15.00	104,000	20,220	40%	13 to 1
Wisconsin	\$15.69	249,000	95,200	50%	5 to 1
Wyoming	\$15.05	28,000	8,350	55%	6 to 1