

Minimum Wage and Supplemental Security Income SSI Benefits

About the Oregon Minimum Wage Increase:

- Starting July 2016, Oregon's minimum wage will begin to increase
- Separate rates will apply to different areas of Oregon (see back page)
- By 2022 the minimum wage will range from \$12.50 to \$14.75 per hour

Fact: In the state of Oregon, an individual receiving SSI benefits can earn at least \$33,221 per year and still stay connected to SSI and Medicaid (OHP). Eligibility to SSI and Medicaid will continue even if the SSI check is reduced to zero dollars!

\$33,221
2016

The annual amount that can be earned and stay connected to SSI and Medicaid. More can possibly be earned depending on the person's circumstances.

Fact: \$733 is the maximum monthly SSI payment for 2016.

Fact: For every \$2 that a beneficiary earns the SSI check will be reduced by about \$1. The 2 for 1 reduction ensures that a working beneficiary will always have more monthly income than on SSI alone.

It pays to work!

This information only applies to those beneficiaries receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI). This information does NOT apply to individuals who are receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).

Example Calculations at 20hrs per week

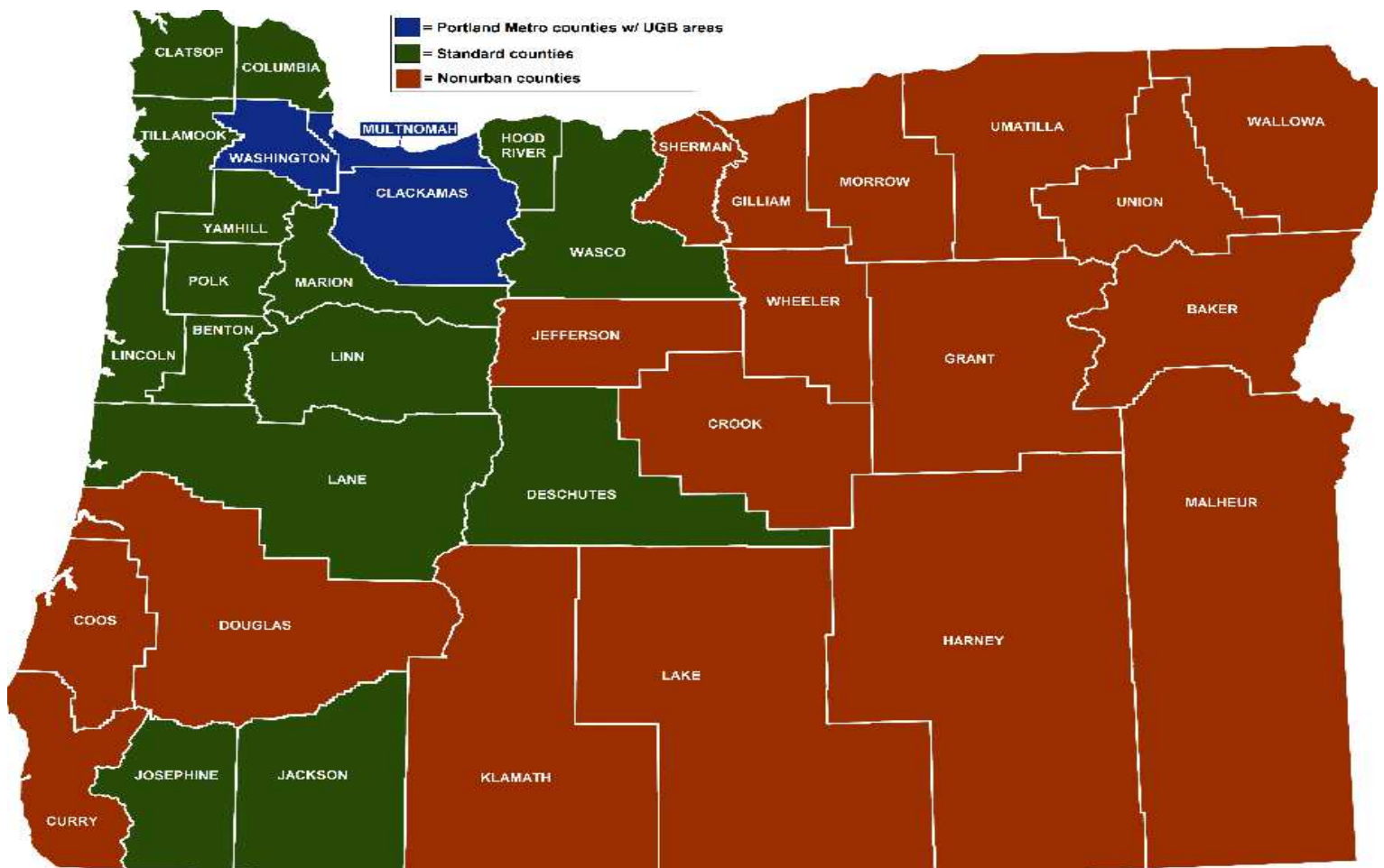
	<u>\$9.25/Hr</u>	<u>\$14.75/Hr</u>
Monthly Earnings	\$801	\$1,277
Cash Deduction	-\$85.00	-\$85.00
Remaining Balance	\$716	\$1,192
50% Deduction	Divide by 2	Divide by 2
TOTAL Countable	\$358	\$596
Estimated SSI Check (\$733-TOTAL Countable)	\$375	\$137
Total Monthly Income	\$1,176	\$1,414

Minimum Wage Rate by Area

Date	Standard	Portland Metro	Nonurban counties
January 1, 2016	\$9.25	\$9.25	\$9.25
July 1, 2016	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.50
July 1, 2017	\$10.25	\$11.25	\$10.00
July 1, 2018	\$10.75	\$12.00	\$10.50
July 1, 2019	\$11.25	\$12.50	\$11.00
July 1, 2020	\$12.00	\$13.25	\$11.50
July 1, 2021	\$12.75	\$14.00	\$12.00
July 1, 2022	\$13.50	\$14.75	\$12.50
July 1, 2023	Adjusted annually based on the increase, if any, to the US City average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers	\$1.25 over the standard minimum wage	\$1 less than the standard minimum wage

Rate schedule is subject to change!

<http://www.oregon.gov/boli/WHD/OMW/Pages/Minimum-Wage-Rate-Summary.aspx>



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