

Technical Advisory



Oregon Housing and Community Services

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Dear OHCS Partners,

On October 10th, 2019, the Social Security Administration announced that Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits will increase 1.6 percent in 2020.

The 1.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 63 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2020. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2019. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits). The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

<https://www.ssa.gov/cola/>

In addition, the minimum wage rate will increase again in July of 2020. Enacted by the 2016 Oregon Legislature, Senate Bill 1532 establishes a series of annual minimum wage rate increases beginning July 1, 2016 through July 1, 2022. Beginning July 1, 2023, the minimum wage rate will be indexed to inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), a figure published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

<https://www.oregon.gov/boli/whd/omw/pages/minimum-wage-rate-summary.aspx>

Current Rate Effective July 1, 2019 (based on work location)

\$11.25 Standard

\$12.50 Portland Metro

\$11.00 Nonurban Counties



New Rate Effective July 1, 2020 (based on work location)

\$12.00 Standard

\$13.25 Portland Metro

\$11.50 Nonurban Counties

Annual Household Gross Income is the gross income the household will receive in the 12-month period following the effective date of the income certification. In order to properly calculate annual income for applicants and residents, it is important that these rate increases are included in your income calculations.

Best regards,

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