




RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE: MISGUIDED POLICY, UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

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Raising the Minimum Wage: *Misguided Policy, Unintended Consequences* argues that raising the minimum wage as a way to boost wages for poor workers will not target workers in low-income households. Only 2.2 percent of minimum wage earners were unmarried heads of households with one minor child. Instead, the study found that 58.4 percent of minimum wage workers were youth aged 15-24, undercutting the idea that the

majority of minimum wage earners are single breadwinners supporting a family. Additionally, the vast majority of workers (83.4 percent) who did live below the Low Income Cut-Off were already earning above the minimum wage, suggesting that different policy options may be needed in order to improve the economic standing of low income households. 

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