

Minimum Wage & Supplemental Security Income Benefits

Washington State Minimum Wage

| Date | Washington state | Seattle | SeaTac | Tacoma |
|------|------------------|------------------|---------|--------|
| 2018 | \$11.50 | \$11.50-\$15.45* | \$15.64 | \$12 |
| 2019 | \$12.00 | \$12.00- TBD** | ** | ** |
| 2020 | \$13.50 | \$13.50-TBD** | ** | ** |

Fact: In the state of Washington, an individual receiving SSI benefits can earn at least **\$33,120** per year and still stay connected to SSI and Medicaid. Eligibility to SSI and Medicaid will continue even if the SSI check is reduced to zero dollars!

*amount varies based on size of company and amount contributed to medical benefits.

**adjusted annually for inflation

\$33,120

2018



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

Fact: \$750 is the maximum monthly SSI payment for 2018.

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

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

Example Calculations at 20 hours per week

| | \$11.50 hr | \$15.64 hr |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Monthly Gross wages | \$995.00 | \$1355.00 |
| General Exclusion | -\$85.00 | -\$85.00 |
| Sub total | \$910.00 | \$1270.00 |
| Divide by 2 | | |
| Countable Income | \$455.00 | \$635.00 |
| SSI Full Benefit Rate: | \$750.00 | \$750.00 |
| -countable income: | -455.00 | -635.00 |
| Adjusted SSI Amount | \$295.00 | \$115.00 |
| Wages | \$995.00 | \$1355.00 |
| Total Income | \$1290.00 | \$1470.00 |

It pays to work!