

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
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FORTY-CENT MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE RATE ESTABLISHED IN INDUSTRIES EMPLOYING
1,500,000 UNDER WAGE-HOUR ACT

Three wage orders setting a 40-cent minimum hourly wage effective March 20 in industries employing about 1,500,000 workers subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act of whom an estimated 75,000 will thereby receive direct wage increases, were announced today by L. Metcalfe Walling, as Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor.

The affected industry groups, as defined under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, are the Bakery, Beverage, and Miscellaneous Food Industries, with about 300,000 covered workers, of whom an estimated 15,000 will be directly affected by the order raising the hourly minimum to 40 cents; the Meat, Poultry, and Dairy Products Industries, with about 450,000 covered workers, of whom an estimated 50,000 will be directly affected; and the Metal Ore, Coal, Petroleum, and Natural Gas Extraction Industries with about 750,000 covered workers, of whom an estimated 10,000 will be directly affected.

The three wage orders were issued, after a public hearing in each case, in accordance with recommendations of Industry Committees for the several industries. Copies may be obtained through any Regional Branch or Field Office of the Division, or through the National Office, 165 West 46th Street, New York 19, New York.