

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
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VIRGIN ISLAND WAGE ORDER

A wage order providing for a minimum wage of 35 cents an hour in the Liquor Industry in the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John and 30 cents in the Municipality of St. Croix, and setting rates for other Virgin Islands industries was announced today by L. Metcalfe Walling of the U. S. Department of Labor, Administrator of the federal Wage and Hour Law. These rates, which follow recommendations by industry committees, become effective August 1. In the absence of a wage order, the minimum would have risen to 40 cents an hour next October.

Following is a tabulation of the new rates for the various industries as compared with the rates now in effect:

	<u>Wages now in effect</u>	<u>Wage rates effective Aug. 1, 1945</u>
<u>Liquor Industry</u>		
Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John	.30	.35
Municipality of St. Croix	.30	.30
<u>Shipping Industry</u>		
Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John	.30	.32
Municipality of St. Croix	.30	.30
<u>Property Motor Carrier Industry</u>		
Virgin Islands	.30	.30
<u>Wholesaling Industry</u>		
Virgin Islands	.30	.30
<u>Communications Industry</u>		
Virgin Islands	.30	.30
<u>Electric Power Industry</u>		
Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John	.30	.32
Municipality of St. Croix	.30	.25
<u>Meat Packing Industry</u>		
Municipality of St. Croix	.30	.25
<u>Bay, Oil, Bay Rum, and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries</u>		
Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John	.30	.25
<u>Other Industries</u>		
Municipality of St. Croix	.30	.25