

# 2015 MOST EXPENSIVE JURISDICTIONS

<b>States<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Housing Wage for Two-Bedroom FMR</b>
Hawaii	\$31.61
District of Columbia	\$28.04
California	\$26.65
New York	\$25.67
New Jersey	\$25.17
Massachusetts	\$24.64
Maryland	\$24.64
Connecticut	\$24.29
Alaska	\$22.55
Washington	\$21.69

<b>Counties<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Housing Wage for Two-Bedroom FMR</b>
Marin County, CA	\$39.65
San Francisco County, CA	\$39.65
San Mateo County, CA	\$39.65
Honolulu County, HI	\$34.81
Santa Clara County, CA	\$34.79
Santa Cruz County, CA	\$33.77
Nassau County, NY	\$33.04
Suffolk County, NY	\$33.04
Monroe County, FL	\$31.44
Orange County, CA	\$30.92

<b>Metropolitan Areas</b>	<b>Housing Wage for Two-Bedroom FMR</b>
San Francisco, CA HMFA <sup>3</sup>	\$39.65
Stamford-Norwalk, CT HMFA	\$37.37
Honolulu, HI MSA <sup>4</sup>	\$34.81
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA HMFA	\$34.79
Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA MSA	\$33.77
Nassau-Suffolk, NY HMFA	\$33.04
Orange County, CA HMFA	\$30.92
Westchester County, NY	\$30.60
Oakland-Fremont, CA HMFA	\$30.48
Danbury, CT HMFA	\$30.44

<b>Combined Nonmetro Areas</b>	<b>Housing Wage for Two-Bedroom FMR</b>
Massachusetts	\$27.68
Hawaii	\$23.25
Alaska	\$20.59
New Hampshire	\$19.78
Connecticut	\$19.15
Delaware	\$18.98
Maryland	\$18.94
California	\$18.44
Vermont	\$17.94
Colorado	\$16.62

- 1: Includes District of Columbia.
- 2: Excludes metropolitan counties in New England.
- 3: HMFA = HUD Metro Fair Market Rent (FMR) Area. This term indicates that a portion of the Office of Management & Budget (OMB) defined core-based statistical area is in the area to which the income limits and FMRs apply. HUD is required by OMB to alter the name of the metropolitan geographic entities it derives from the Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA) when the geography is not the same as that established by the OMB. CBSA is a collective term meaning both metro and micro.
- 4: MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area. Geographic entities defined by OMB for use by the federal statistical agencies in collecting, tabulating, and publishing federal statistics. A metro area contains an urban core of 50,000 or more in population.

# 2014 STATES RANKED BY TWO-BEDROOM HOUSING WAGE

States are ranked from most expensive to least expensive.

Rank	State <sup>1</sup>	Housing Wage for Two-Bedroom FMR <sup>2</sup>
1	Hawaii	\$31.61
2	District of Columbia	\$28.04
3	California	\$26.65
4	New York	\$25.67
5	New Jersey	\$25.17
6	Massachusetts	\$24.64
7	Maryland	\$24.64
8	Connecticut	\$24.29
9	Alaska	\$22.55
10	Washington	\$21.69
11	Virginia	\$21.10
12	Delaware	\$21.09
13	Vermont	\$20.68
14	New Hampshire	\$20.50
15	Colorado	\$19.89
16	Florida	\$19.47
17	Illinois	\$18.78
18	Rhode Island	\$18.49
19	Nevada	\$18.24
20	Pennsylvania	\$17.57
21	Minnesota	\$17.20
22	Arizona	\$16.87
23	Maine	\$16.71
24	Texas	\$16.62
25	Oregon	\$16.61
26	Georgia	\$15.71

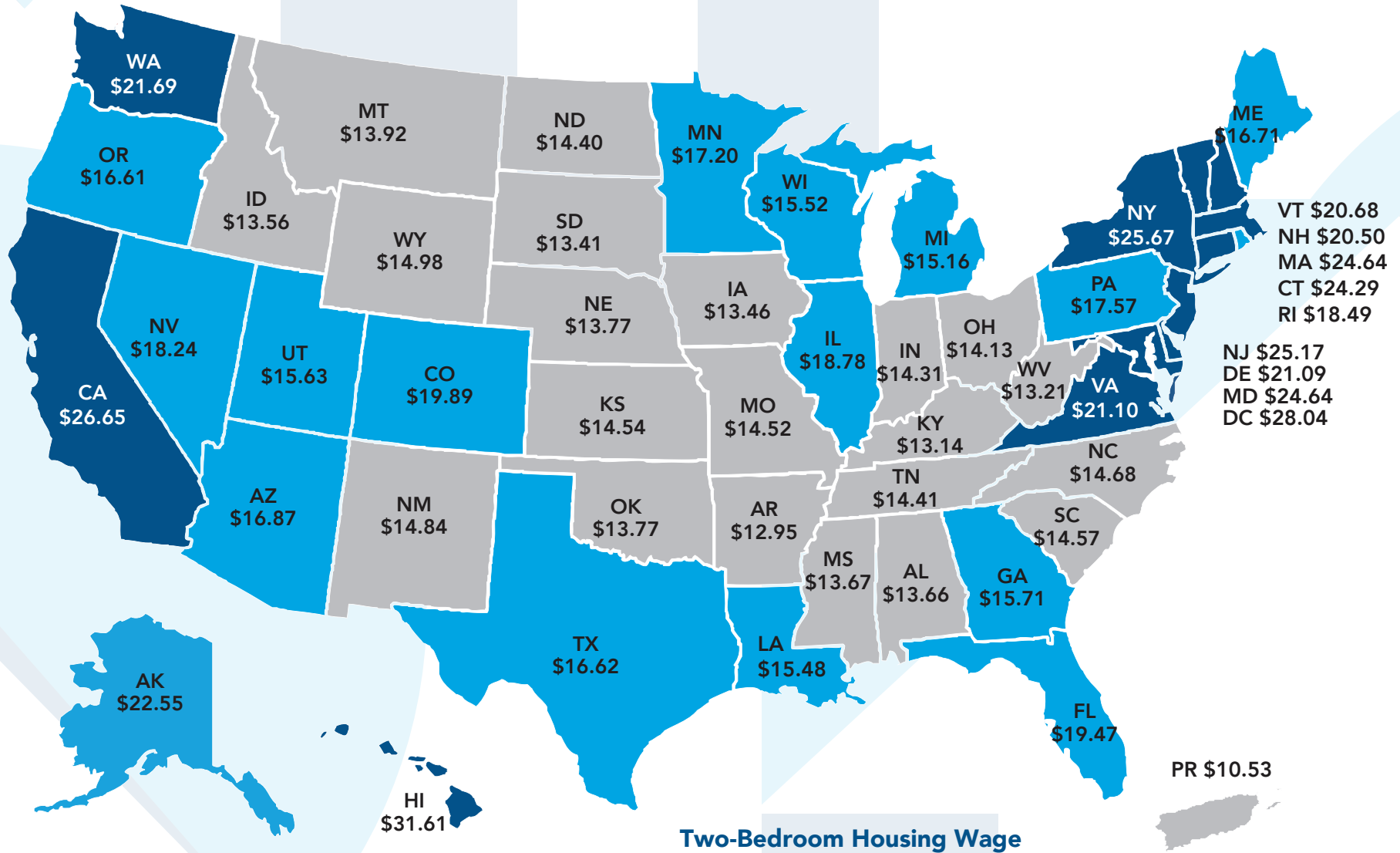
Rank	State	Housing Wage for Two-Bedroom FMR
27	Utah	\$15.63
28	Wisconsin	\$15.52
29	Louisiana	\$15.48
30	Michigan	\$15.16
31	Wyoming	\$14.98
32	New Mexico	\$14.84
33	North Carolina	\$14.68
34	South Carolina	\$14.57
35	Kansas	\$14.54
36	Missouri	\$14.52
37	Tennessee	\$14.41
38	North Dakota	\$14.40
39	Indiana	\$14.31
40	Ohio	\$14.13
41	Montana	\$13.92
42	Nebraska	\$13.77
43	Oklahoma	\$13.77
44	Mississippi	\$13.67
45	Alabama	\$13.66
46	Idaho	\$13.56
47	Iowa	\$13.46
48	South Dakota	\$13.41
49	West Virginia	\$13.21
50	Kentucky	\$13.14
51	Arkansas	\$12.95
52	Puerto Rico	\$10.53

1 Includes District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

2 FMR = Fair Market Rent.

# 2015 TWO-BEDROOM RENTAL UNIT HOUSING WAGE

Represents the hourly wage that a household must earn (working 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year) in order to afford the Fair Market Rent for a two-bedroom rental unit, without paying more than 30% of their income.

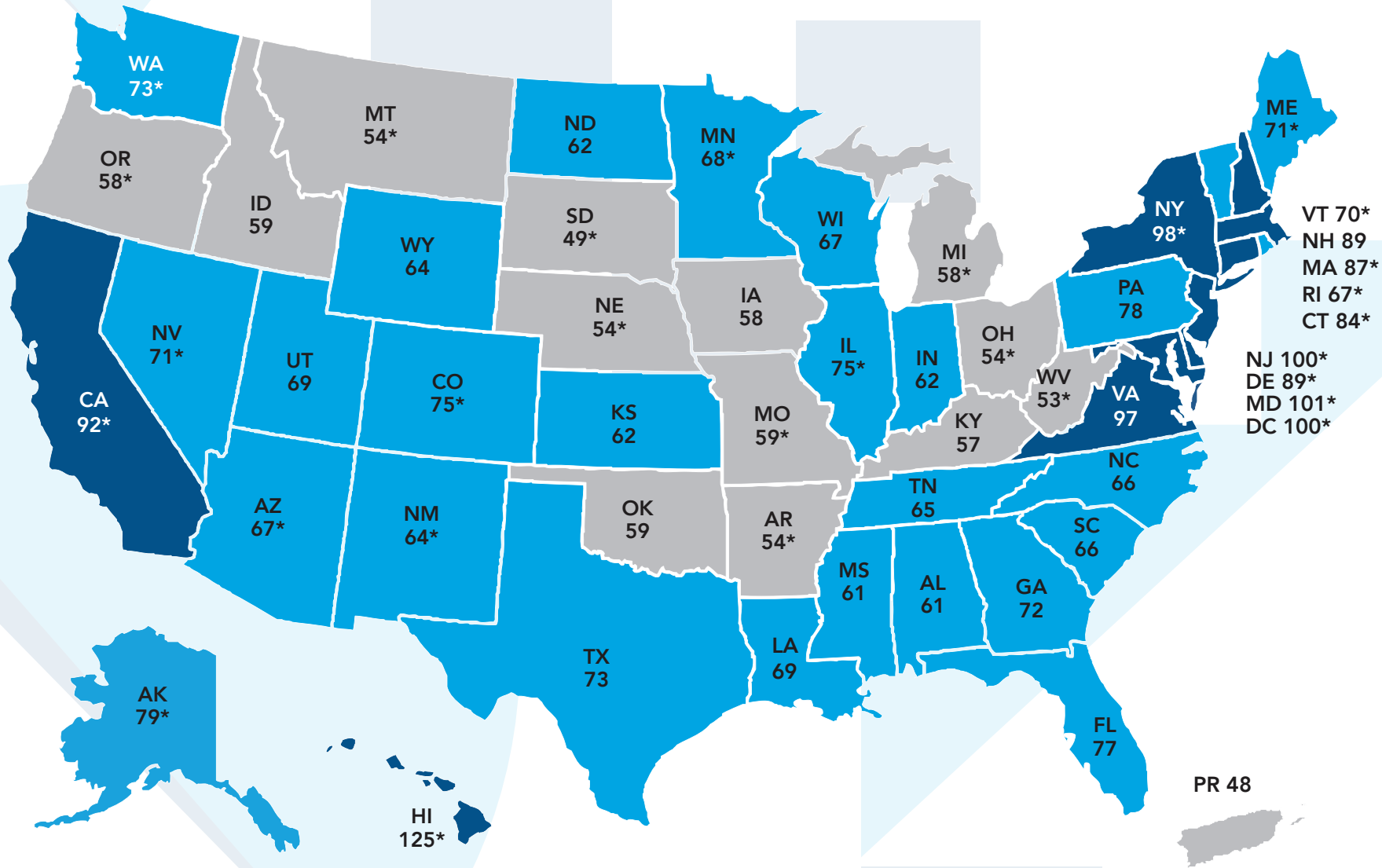


### Two-Bedroom Housing Wage

- Less than \$15.00
- Between \$15.00 and \$20.00
- \$20.00 or More

# 2015 HOURS AT MINIMUM WAGE NEEDED TO AFFORD RENT

In no state can a minimum wage worker afford a one-bedroom rental unit at Fair Market Rent, working a standard 40-hour work week, without paying more than 30% of their income.



## Hours needed at minimum wage to afford a one-bedroom unit

60 hours per week or less
  Between 61-79 hours per week
  80 hours per week or more

\*This state's minimum wage exceeds the federal minimum wage