

Summary Characteristics of Tacoma Residents' by Wages

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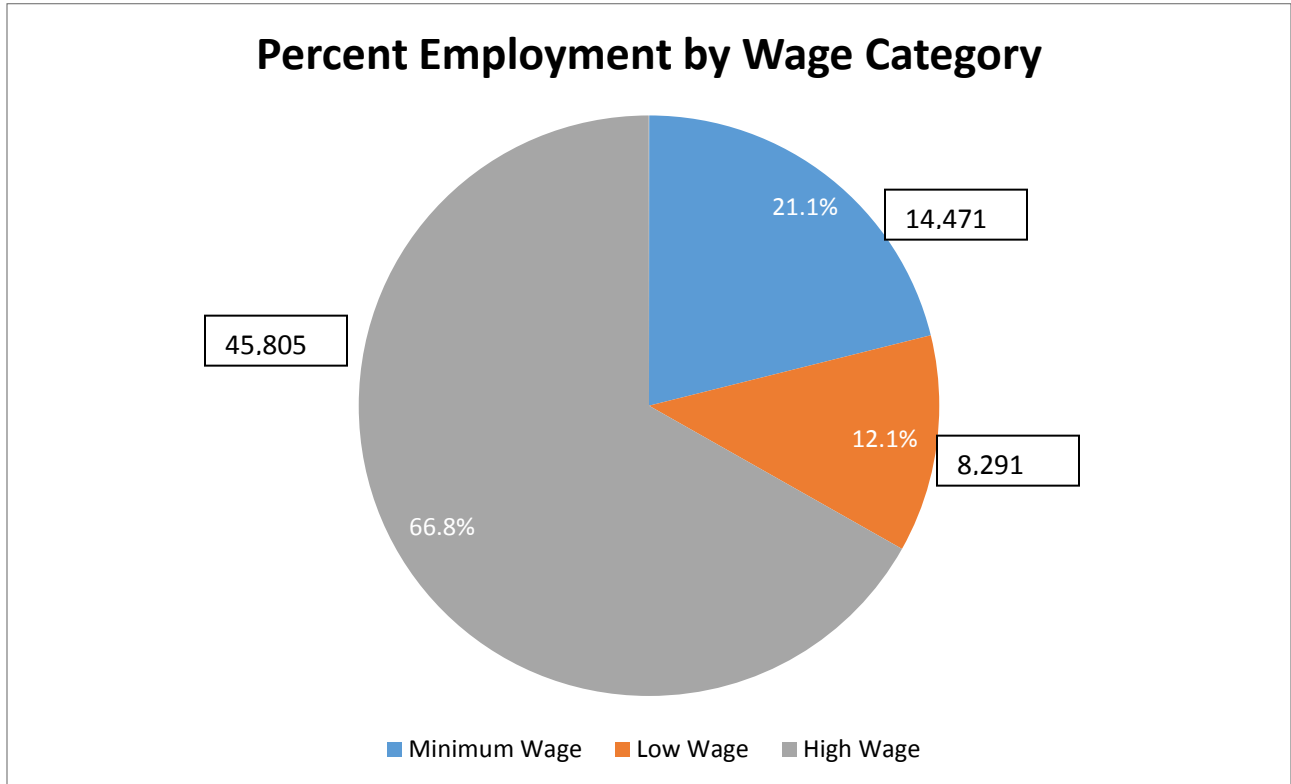
Definition:

- Minimum wage: Workers making less than \$10.47/hour (minimum wage was \$7.93 in 2007)
- Low wage: \$10.47-\$15/hour
- High Wage: above \$15/hour

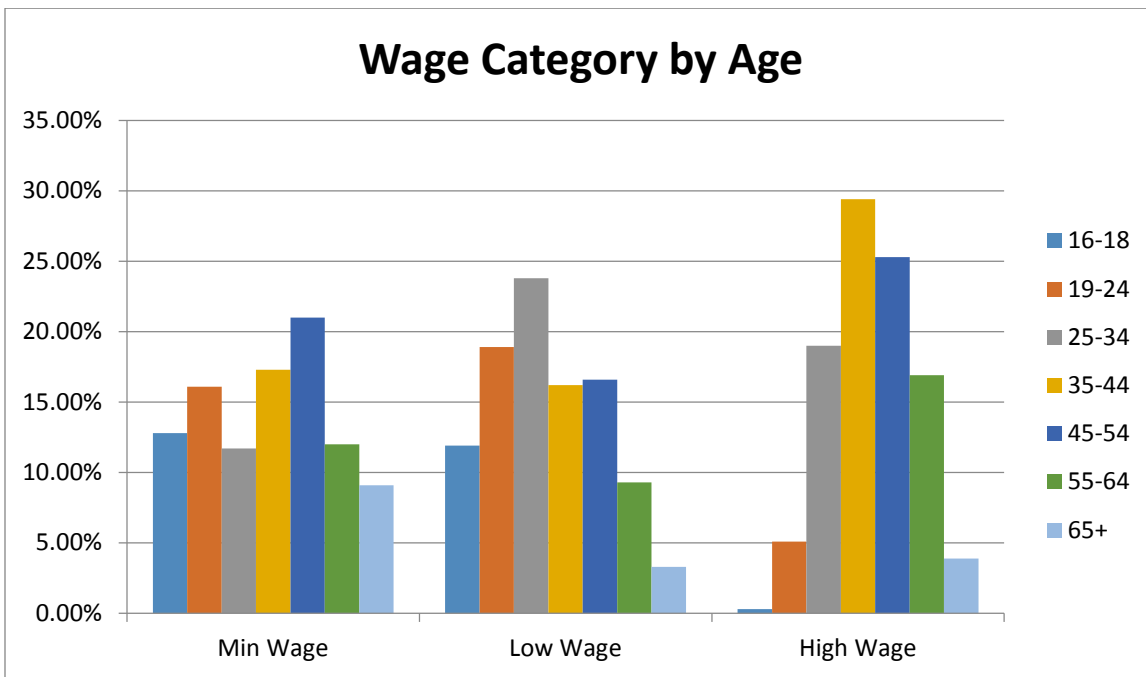
Universe: Data is about Tacoma residents. Many of these residents work outside of Tacoma, but we do not have information on who they are or how many of them there are. (Similarly, many non-residents work in Tacoma, but they are not represented here.)

In 2007, the PUMS data identifies 92,000 residents who were employed in the last five years. This analysis is based on those who worked in the last 12 months, of which there are 68,567 (about 75%). When providing information on family income, the analysis dropped individuals who lived alone, and only looked at those who lived with at least one other family member (49,184 individuals, which means 28 % of those in this analysis, live as single individuals).

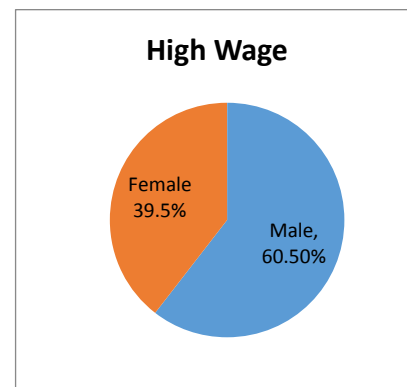
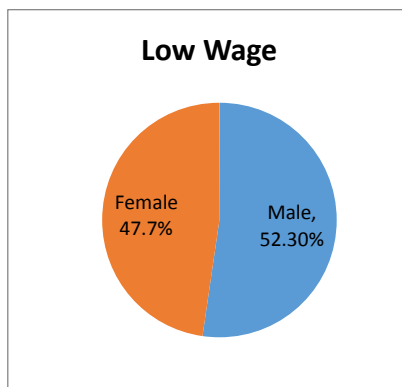
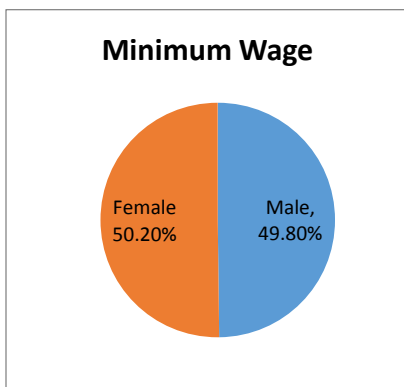
Main findings:



Wage Category by Age						
	Minimum Wage		Low Wage		High Wage	
16-18	1,850	12.8%	989	11.9%		0.3%
19-24	2,324	16.1%	1,564	18.9%		5.1%
25-34	1,696	11.7%	1,971	23.8%		19.0%
35-44	2,508	17.3%	1,346	16.2%		29.4%
45-54	3,043	21.0%	1,374	16.6%		25.3%
55-64	1,730	12.0%	770	9.3%		16.9%
65+	1,320	9.1%	277	3.3%		3.9%

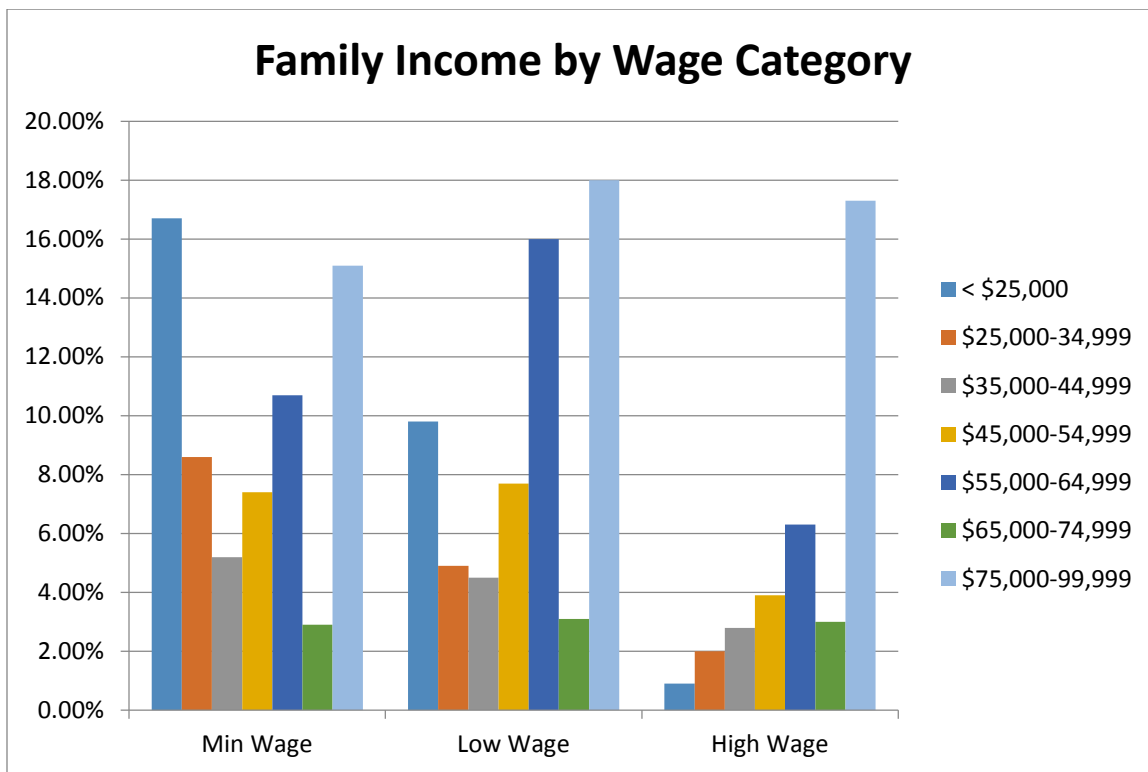


Wage Category by Sex						
	Min Wage		Low Wage		High Wage	
Male	7,211	49.8%	4,338	52.3%	27,734	60.5%
Female	7,260	50.2%	3,953	47.7%	18,071	39.5%

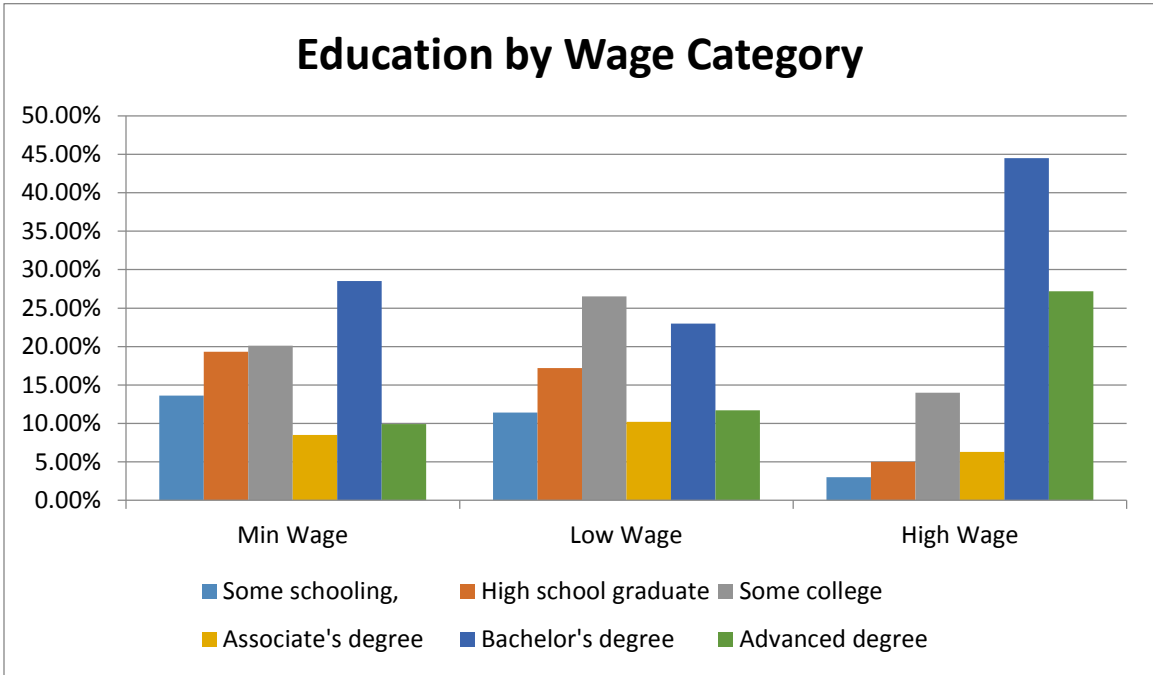


Family Income by Wage Category (Housing Weights)						
	Minimum Wage		Low Wage		High Wage	
< \$25,000	1,978	16.7%	577	9.8%	275	0.9%
\$25,000-34,999	1,020	8.6%	290	4.9%	637	2.0%
\$35,000-44,999	619	5.2%	267	4.5%	890	2.8%
\$45,000-54,999	869	7.4%	456	7.7%	1,240	3.9%
\$55,000-64,999	1,267	10.7%	946	16.0%	1,980	6.3%
\$65,000-74,999	337	2.9%	183	3.1%	937	3.0%
\$75,000-99,999	1,785	15.1%	1,067	18.0%	5,446	17.3%
\$100,000+*	3,935	33.3%	2,128	36.0%	20,055	63.7%

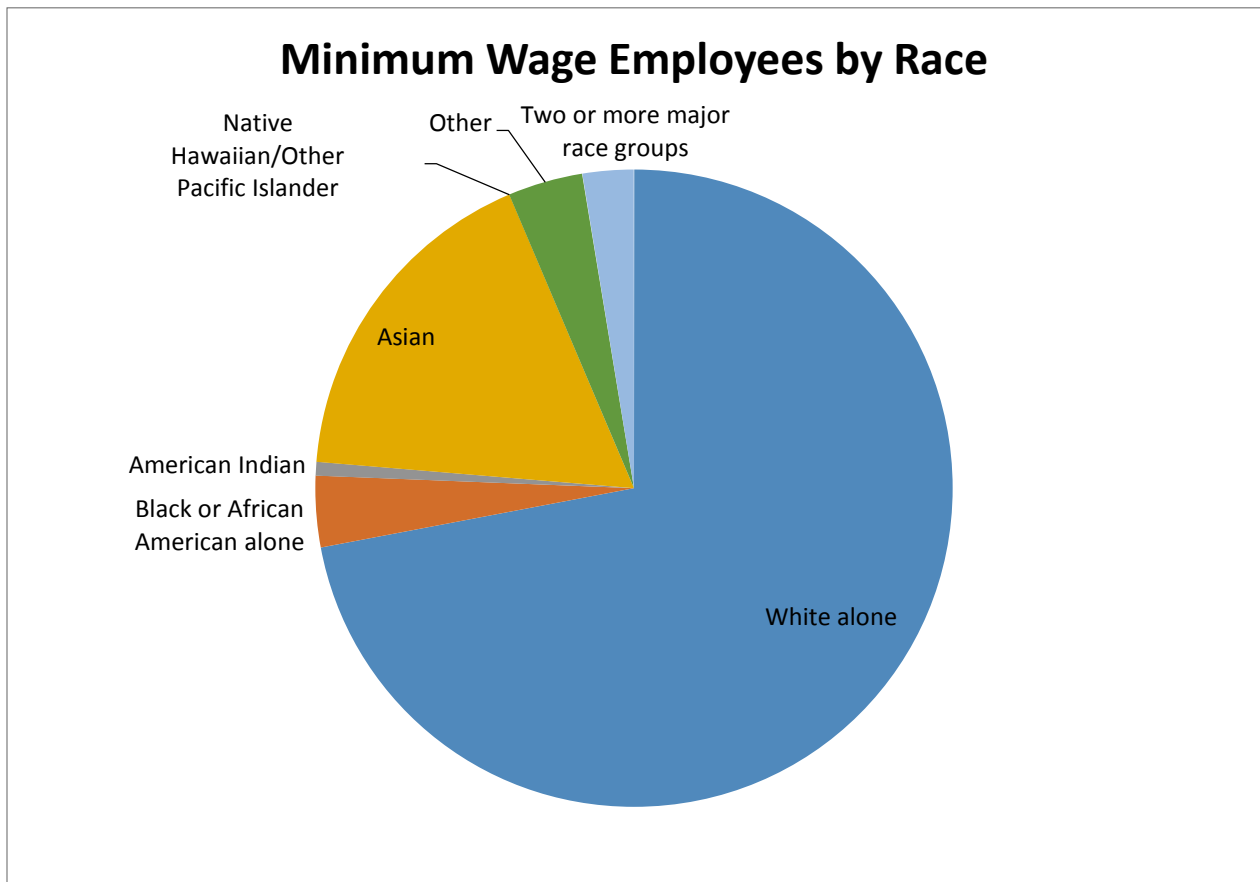
*Data set includes workers during the last year who live in families. This category includes workers who may live at home with high-income parents, such as teens. \$100,000+ was excluded in graph below.



Education by Wage Category						
	Minimum Wage		Low Wage		High Wage	
Some schooling, no HS diploma	1,969	13.6%	949	11.4%	1,376	3.0%
High school graduate	2,797	19.3%	1,422	17.2%	2,279	5.0%
Some college, no degree	2,910	20.1%	2,195	26.5%	6,417	14.0%
Associate's degree	1,237	8.5%	847	10.2%	2,885	6.3%
Bachelor's degree	4,125	28.5%	1,910	23.0%	20,388	44.5%
Advanced degree	1,433	9.9%	968	11.7%	12,460	27.2%



Wage Category by Race						
	Minimum Wage		Low Wage		High Wage	
White alone	10,434	72.1%	5,693	68.7%	31,791	69.4%
Black or African American alone	518	3.6%	555	6.7%	956	2.1%
American Indian alone	101	0.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Asian alone	2,497	17.3%	1,347	16.2%	10,777	23.5%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	349	0.8%
Some other race alone	548	3.8%	47	0.6%	1,130	2.5%
Two or more major race groups	373	2.6%	649	7.8%	802	1.8%



Wage Category by Industry						
	Minimum Wage		Low Wage		High Wage	
Administrative Services	91	0.6%	101	1.2%	927	2.0%
Construction	506	3.5%	NA	NA	1,968	4.3%
Education	1,128	7.8%	1,012	12.2%	3,554	7.8%
Entertainment	1,726	11.9%	845	10.2%	1,764	3.9%
Finance, Real Estate, and Insurance	2,080	14.4%	1,073	12.9%	3,273	7.1%
Information Services	293	2.0%	236	2.8%	4,123	9.0%
Health Care	1,496	10.3%	592	7.1%	3,533	7.7%
Manufacturing	317	2.2%	989	11.9%	5,998	13.1%
Professional services	2,188	15.1%	878	10.6%	11,970	26.1%
Retail Trade	2,155	14.9%	1,350	16.3%	3,732	8.1%
Social Services	504	3.5%	61	0.7%	515	1.1%
Personal Services, Religious	1,048	7.2%	453	5.5%	1,476	3.2%
Transportation	553	3.8%	461	5.6%	918	2.0%
Utilities	NA	NA	NA	NA	737	1.6%
Wholesale Trade	386	2.7%	240	2.9%	1,317	2.9%

Industry by Wage Category

