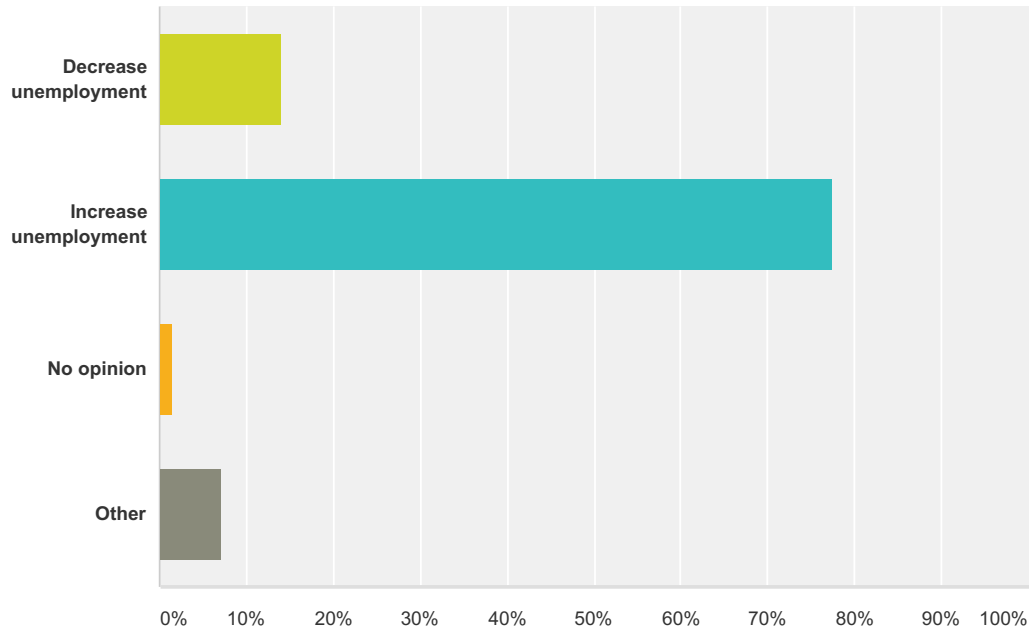


Q4 How do you believe increased government-mandated wages (minimum wage increase) would affect New Mexico's employment rate?

Answered: 213 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses
Decrease unemployment	14.08% 30
Increase unemployment	77.46% 165
No opinion	1.41% 3
Other	7.04% 15
Total	213

#	If you answered "other," or would like to comment further on your response, please share your insight on this issue in the space provided.	Date
1	Government can't dictate what a business especially small mom and pop shops what they pay employees because the don't know the bottom line of that business. Government doesn't help with payroll, layoffs, or any other business decision.	12/27/2016 12:01 PM
2	Seems to be no conclusive data. Gov mandates on wages are mostly bad. If the mandated cost of hiring gets too high, hiring will surely fall.	12/26/2016 8:08 PM
3	A modest increase in the minimum wage might be acceptable, but not a major one.	12/22/2016 11:55 AM
4	It would hurt businesses.	12/20/2016 10:23 PM
5	Minimum wage is a learning compensation. If that is a starting wage for beginners & they learn and progress. They usually progress and do not remain at minimum wage. Business have a difficult time managing with highly increased minimum wage. I feel this causes few hires at highly increased wage.	12/17/2016 7:29 PM

6	Usually those in favor or increased minimum wage have never run a business. Is the minimum wage supposed to be a living wage or a starting wage for a young person? I don't see how raising the minimum wage helps, because the prices of everything go up. How does that help? You earn more but now everything costs more.	12/16/2016 4:16 PM
7	I am responsible for \$23 million dollars in assets for a nonprofit charitable organization. A \$15/hr minimum wage would be 65% of what I earn. I don't think any fast food line employees are responsible for anything even close, so how can they be worth 65% of what I earn. Very little skill necessary for those jobs.	12/16/2016 3:51 PM
8	I believe it would have a negative impact on the community because cost of goods and services would have to go up to be able to pay higher wages	12/15/2016 12:16 PM
9	minimum wage increases that are substantial would hurt young workers trying to come into the workforce. They would be the ones most hurt by an increase of the minimum wage. Maybe a tiered process would help, if an increase were to occur.	12/15/2016 9:56 AM
10	Kill entry level jobs for teenagers. Minimum wage was never suppose to living wage.	12/15/2016 6:32 AM
11	Minimum wage should be regulated at the county/municipal level as opposed to the state level. Mandating a state wide minimum wage could have a negative impact on those parts of the state where normal wages are below the state average.	12/14/2016 9:48 PM
12	As I see it, this mandating of the government will not bring out the innovation, involvement, or ownership of the work force. Instead of creating self reliance, self development, and building for the future the employee will become excessively dependent upon the government to mandate more laws to get the employee something that has not been earned. Minimum wage is designed to show the employee ways to develop for more, allows the negotiation process (free enterprise), and the employee will learn responsibility to increase in the organization. It is also a way for the business owner to examine employees to incrementally increase responsibility, to probe for ownership, and to allow for negotiation to grow in the organization.	12/14/2016 10:30 AM
13	Minimum wages of \$9.00 would not have an effect, above that we will lose jobs to automation.	12/14/2016 9:39 AM
14	Employers will look to the most skilled, trainable, worthy and reliable. Those folks are not normally entry-level skill or entry-level age. Younger opportunity seekers who are truly enthusiastic will be over looked. Both business and employee pools would suffer.	12/13/2016 9:29 PM
15	In the short run it will decrease employment and drive businesses from New Mexico. In the long run the system will stabilize at a higher level and there won't be a need gain for the unskilled. The winner will be the tax collector caused by the progressive tax code.	12/13/2016 8:41 PM
16	Higher wages benefits us all.	12/13/2016 8:41 PM
17	government entities SHOULD NOT be able to determine minimum wages. I strongly oppose raising the minimum wage as ALL it does is increase prices so there is absolutely NO BENEFIT TO EMPLOYEES. Let supply and demand and free enterprise take care of it--and it will IF NO ONE INTERFERES WITH COMPANIES. I know this from both a government worker side, and regular employee side and from the employers side. As an employer I could have done much more for my 100+ employees except for the fact the I was mandated what I had to pay for inexperienced help. I COULD NOT GIVE GENEROUS RAISES TO THOSE WHO HAD EARNED THEM BECAUSE OF WHAT I HAD TO PAY NEW INEXPERIENCED EMPLOYEES. MADE ME VERY UNHAPPY! I am no longer in business for myself. So, 100+ employees lost their income by not having a job at all.	12/13/2016 7:55 PM
18	A month after Seattle put in their \$15 minimum wage 1K jobs lost. Six month in over \$11K jobs lost. Fast food restaurants putting in automated ordering systems.	12/13/2016 6:18 PM
19	Prices go up, small businesses move to part time workers or fold up, people lose jobs, big businesses leave the area for easier payrolls	12/13/2016 5:15 PM
20	If small business's can't afford to pay the minimum wage of \$15 per hour than there is no job at all therefore unemployment will on the rise and residents will not have any money so they go to the state for money and the state pays out for them.	12/13/2016 4:40 PM
21	It will VERY likely lead to "unintended" consequences. It will be hugely difficult for this 40 year struggling small business with 10 employees and \$125,000 payroll. We've had to dig in cash reserves, cash out IRAs, AND run up credit card debt to keep the doors open during the last 8 years of the Obama/Democrat/RINO/NM depression. I am unable to imagine how we'd survive something on the order of a \$50 to 75,000 increase in our operating costs. I'd think it will result in at least 1 fewer business paying no gross receipts taxes, paying no payroll and related taxes, one more vacant building, with one owner figuring out what to do next.	12/13/2016 4:29 PM
22	If I have to comply, I will not have any freelancers working for me! And my business, as a result, will go away!	12/13/2016 1:21 PM

23	Moving us at lightening speed toward socialist/communist/marxist government. Socialism is failing all around the world, but being fast tracked into our country because of the morons running is at every gov't level, right down to local gov't. Redistribution of wealth is what is taught in public schools now under the guise of "fairness in the workplace" for crying out loud!!!	12/13/2016 12:38 PM
24	Increasing minimum wages always results in the less skilled having more trouble, or being completely unable to, find work.	12/13/2016 12:30 PM
25	I have the opinion that minimum wage is unconstitutional and should be abolished.	12/13/2016 12:20 PM
26	Abolish the minimum wage--the economy takes care of all regulation better than government ever has. Government has always creates poverty and war and freedom creates prosperity and peace. We are very far along the same road to destruction that Rome took-for the same reasons.	12/13/2016 10:44 AM
27	The impact would be to reduce poverty and would not impact employment	12/13/2016 9:54 AM
28	We have seen this time and time before. Everyone wants more compensation for the same job. Just look at Puerto Rico, Chili, and Greece. A no skilled labor job will always be just that. A person working a job like this cannot expect to be paid the same way a skilled labor job would demand. If you are upset with jobs moving across the USA boarder increasing the minimum wage will not help protect those unskilled labor jobs. Skilled labor and service jobs will not be impacted by such a decision since they already currently make more than minimum wage. The direct impact would be lost jobs in the manufacturing sector. Though NM doesn't have much of a manufacturing sector anyway.	12/13/2016 9:51 AM
29	No change	12/13/2016 9:41 AM
30	those new to the workforce would have fewer opportunities. I would not pay someone with no experience that much.	12/13/2016 9:11 AM
31	It would make employers cut employees hours to under 30 per week, making employees have to find additional work thereby working 60 hours per week with no overtime.	12/13/2016 8:58 AM
32	Not only that, but it will raise prices negating any increase in wages.	12/13/2016 8:37 AM
33	Small incremental increases that are in line with #1 economic growth rate and #2 cost of living can be absorbed by small businesses. But when there are huge increases out of political wind blowing will have adverse affects on the economy.	12/13/2016 7:54 AM
34	The government unfortunately has to step in because less affluent people do not as strong a voice in government	12/13/2016 7:35 AM
35	I don't support any mandated min wage....the market should dictate. Min wage was never intended to be a "living wage"...outgrown its usefulness.	12/13/2016 6:37 AM
36	A higher minimum wage will allow employers to implement robotics. This will drastically increase un employment within 6 months or less by double digits.	12/13/2016 6:32 AM