

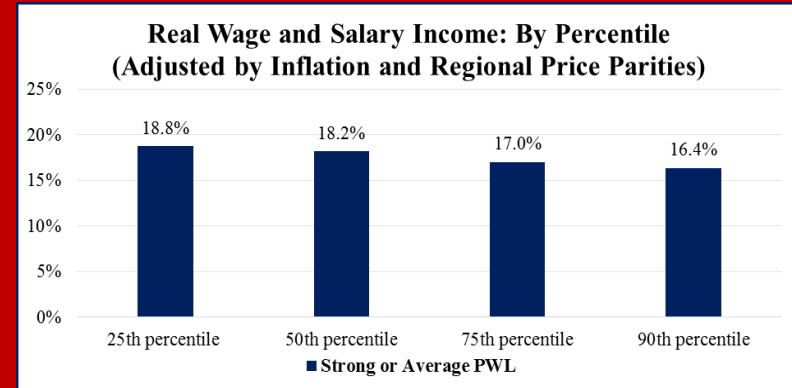
Prevailing Wage and Economic Development

ALL 10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PREVAILING WAGE AND... ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 1. The Truth:** Prevailing wage strengthens state and local economies.
- 2. Fast Fact:** States with weak/no prevailing wage have 2 percent more construction work completed by out-of-area contractors.
- 3. Fast Fact:** By supporting local contractors, prevailing wage keeps public funds in the local market, with ripple effects throughout the economy.
- 4. Fast Fact:** Repeal of prevailing wage would cost California 17,500 jobs and Michigan 11,000 jobs.
- 5. Fast Fact:** Every dollar spent on a prevailing wage project generates \$1.50 in economic activity.
- 6. This Quote:** *“Prevailing wage supports a dynamic, ‘high road’ economy that promotes worker productivity and boosts economic activity.”*
–Kevin Duncan, Alex Lantsberg, Frank Manzo IV (2015)

10. The Takeaway: Prevailing wage generates benefits to workers, contractors, families, and the economy.

7. This Chart:



Prevailing wage laws raise construction worker incomes, but benefit the poorest workers most.

- 8. This Study:** [*Building the Golden State: The Economic Impacts of California's Prevailing Wage Policy*](#) by Kevin Duncan and Alex Lantsberg at Smart Cities Prevail (2015).
- 9. This Study:** [*A Weakened State: The Economic and Social Impacts of Repeal of the Prevailing Wage Law in Illinois*](#) by Alison Dickson Quesada, Frank Manzo IV, Dale Belman, and Robert Bruno at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2013).