What Happened After Indiana Repealed Prevailing Wage?

Blue-collar construction workers' wages decreased by 8.5% after repeal of Indiana's prevailing wage law.

Repeal of Indiana's prevailing wage law has contributed to income inequality in construction.

After repeal there was a 15.1% drop in wages for the lowest-paid construction workers.

Less-skilled workers joined Indiana’s construction industry after repeal of the prevailing wage law.

After repeal there was a 4.5% increase in the share of workers without a high school diploma.


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Following repeal of Indiana's prevailing wage law, construction worker productivity growth was

5.3% slower than in Illinois, Ohio, & Michigan.

Construction worker turnover increased following repeal of Indiana’s prevailing wage law.

Veterans are more likely to be employed in construction than non-veterans.

After repeal of Indiana's prevailing wage law, veteran employment dropped in the construction sector.

After repealing Indiana's prevailing wage law, public works employment growth was 1.5% slower than in neighboring states with prevailing wage.

Did Indiana's prevailing wage law only favor union contractors?

No, union market share stayed the same after repeal.

There was **NO change** in the number of bidders on public projects after repeal of Indiana's prevailing wage law.

"We got rid of prevailing wage and so far it hasn't saved a penny."

- Republican Indiana State Representative, Ed Soliday

**FACT:** Repeal has had no impact on school construction costs in northern Indiana.