

Almost 1 in 3 workers paid low wages are employed in just 10 occupations

Table shows the share of workers paid less than \$19.69 in common low-wage jobs in California. For example, 7.3% of all workers paid low wages are Other Agricultural Workers.

Detailed occupation	Share of low-wage workforce▼
Other Agricultural Workers	7.3%
Cashiers	5.0%
Personal Care Aides	4.2%
Retail Salespersons	3.2%
Cooks	3.1%
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	3.1%
Customer Service Representatives	2.7%
Janitors and Building Cleaners	2.6%
Driver/Sales Workers and Truck Drivers	2.6%
Stockers and Order Fillers	2.3%
Sum	31.7%

In 2022, the value of the low-wage threshold is \$19.69. The sample includes workers who live and work in California, were employed last week but not self-employed, ages 16+, and with non-zero earnings last week. To calculate the share of workers paid low wages in 2021, we inflate 2021 wages to 2022 dollars and apply the 2022 low-wage threshold.

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