Low-wage workers' paychecks make up over half of their family's total earnings

The bars show how much low-wage workers, on average, contribute to their family's total earnings. For example, low-wage workers' earnings make up 57.2% of the family's total earnings on average.

Average contribution to family earnings

Low-wage workers 57.2%

All workers 66.4%

In 2022, the value of the low-wage threshold is \$19.69. The sample includes workers who live in California, were employed last week but not self-employed, ages 16+, and with non-zero earnings last week.

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