

Wage Growth vs Inflation Measures

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Year to Year CPI - Jan to Jan vs. New Prague Adjustment					Growth of \$20 per Hour over the Last Ten Years					Growth of \$20 per Hour since last Comp Study (2025)				
	USA	Midwest	SS COLA	New Prague		USA	Midwest	Social Security	New Prague		USA	Midwest	Social Security	New Prague
2017	2.1%	1.6%	2.0%	3.0%	\$	20.42	\$	20.32	\$	20.40	\$	20.60	---	---
2018	1.6%	0.8%	2.8%	3.0%	\$	20.75	\$	20.48	\$	20.97	\$	21.22	---	---
2019	2.5%	2.5%	1.6%	3.0%	\$	21.27	\$	20.99	\$	21.31	\$	21.85	---	---
2020	1.4%	1.2%	1.3%	2.8%	\$	21.56	\$	21.25	\$	21.58	\$	22.46	---	---
2021	7.5%	7.9%	5.9%	2.5%	\$	23.18	\$	22.93	\$	22.86	\$	23.02	---	---
2022	6.4%	6.0%	8.7%	3.0%	\$	24.66	\$	24.30	\$	24.85	\$	23.71	---	---
2023	3.1%	2.7%	3.2%	4.0%	\$	25.43	\$	24.96	\$	25.64	\$	24.66	---	---
2024	3.00%	3.40%	2.5%	2.8%	\$	26.19	\$	25.81	\$	26.28	\$	25.35	---	---
2025	2.40%	2.40%	2.8%	4.0%	\$	26.82	\$	26.42	\$	27.02	\$	26.36	\$	20.00
2026 - YTD	2.70%	2.70%	3.6%	4.0%	\$	27.54	\$	27.14	\$	27.99	\$	27.41	\$	20.54

* CPI Data from US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Midwest (<https://www.bls.gov/regions/midwest/cpi-summary>)
* Social Security Data from Social Security Administration (<https://www.ssa.gov/cola/>). 2027 estimate comes from the Senior Citizens League

