

Wage Growth vs Inflation Measures

Year to Year CPI - Jan to Jan vs. New Prague COLA					Growth of \$20 per Hour over the Last Ten Years					Growth of \$20 per Hour since last Comp Study (2021)				
	USA	Midwest	SS COLA	NP COLA		USA	Midwest	Social Security	New Prague		USA	Midwest	Social Security	New Prague
2015	-0.1%	-0.3%	1.7%	3.00%	\$	19.98	\$	19.94	\$	20.34	\$	20.60	---	---
2016	1.4%	0.8%	0.0%	2.50%	\$	20.26	\$	20.10	\$	20.34	\$	21.12	---	---
2017	2.5%	2.2%	0.3%	2.75%	\$	20.77	\$	20.54	\$	20.40	\$	21.70	---	---
2018	2.1%	1.6%	2.0%	3.00%	\$	21.20	\$	20.87	\$	20.81	\$	22.35	---	---
2019	1.6%	0.8%	2.8%	3.00%	\$	21.54	\$	21.04	\$	21.39	\$	23.02	---	---
2020	2.5%	2.5%	1.6%	3.00%	\$	22.08	\$	21.56	\$	21.73	\$	23.71	---	---
2021	1.4%	1.2%	1.3%	2.75%	\$	22.39	\$	21.82	\$	22.02	\$	24.36	\$	20.28
2022	7.5%	7.9%	5.9%	2.50%	\$	24.07	\$	23.55	\$	23.32	\$	24.97	\$	21.80
2023	6.4%	6.0%	8.7%	3.00%	\$	25.61	\$	24.96	\$	25.34	\$	25.72	\$	23.20
2024	3.1%	2.7%	3.2%	4.00%	\$	26.40	\$	25.63	\$	26.15	\$	26.75	\$	23.92
2025 YTD - July	2.30%	2.30%	2.63%	2.80%	\$	27.01	\$	26.22	\$	26.84	\$	27.50	\$	24.47

* 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/>)

