

## Welfare Pays Even Better Than Working

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If you're having trouble making ends-meet with your job, you might want to go on welfare.

Apparently, thanks to the wasteful programs of the federal government, welfare pays even better than working!

A shocking study from the free market think tank, Cato Institute, revealed that, in the vast majority of states, welfare pays higher than the federal minimum wage.

But, even more surprising, a number of states pay even higher than the average national household income of \$50,500—putting welfare recipients in the top 50% of wage "earners" in America.

That means, if you make roughly what the average middle-class American makes, people on welfare may be taking home more money than you—and they're making wages that the middle class can only dream of.

Hawaii leads the pack—handing out a whopping \$60,590 a year to people on welfare. That's the equivalent of \$29.13 per hour, if welfare was a job that required a 40-hour work week (it doesn't.) More than 4 times the minimum wage.

\$60,590 a year for doing absolutely nothing, other than sitting on a beach in Hawaii all day, doesn't sound too shabby.

But Hawaii isn't alone: if you're a welfare recipient in the District of Columbia or Massachusetts, you're also making more than the national average, at \$50,820 and \$50,540, respectively.

In fact, 35 states pay a welfare recipient more than the federal minimum wage of \$7.25, enabling them to take home more money than many people who actually put in a full day of honest work.

So if you're looking for a new "job," without all of that pesky "working" involved, government handouts may be for you!