



The good things they don't tell you about unions ...

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Working union means better pay



- Union jobs pay an average of \$202 a week more than nonunion jobs. That's like a pay raise of \$5 an hour – or \$10,500 a year.
- Men in union jobs earn \$173 a week more than nonunion men.
- Women in union jobs earn \$212 a week more than women working nonunion.
- Young workers – ages 25-34 – earn \$162 a week more in a union job. That's \$8,400 more a year.

That's what workers can achieve when we stand as a union and get

things done together that we can't accomplish on our own.

That kind of earning power benefits all workers, too. In states with full collective-bargaining rights, workers earn \$1,558 a year more than workers in so-called "right to work" states, where workers' voices are silenced.

Sources:

- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Median weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers by union affiliation and selected characteristics," Table 2. January 2015.
- Economic Policy Institute, "Right to Work States Still Have Lower Wages," April 2015.

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