

# Wal-Mart Wage Hike to \$15 an Hour Would Cost It \$4.95 Billion, Study Says



Wal-Mart Stores Inc. would have to spend an additional \$4.95 billion if it were to raise the minimum wage for its hourly employees in the United States to \$15 per hour from the current \$10 per hour, according to an estimate by the UC Berkeley Center for Labor Research, **Reuters is reporting.**

Study found that 1.1 million of the big retailer's 1.5 million employees are paid hourly wages. An estimated 979,000 employees would get an increase if Wal-Mart went to \$15 per hour.

Labor groups have been demanding a \$15 minimum wage for the company's workers, and the "Fight for Fifteen" movement has been a topic of discussion during the U.S. presidential campaign, reports **Nandita Bose.**

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