Impact of the Repeal of Prevailing Wage on Wisconsin Blue-Collar Workers

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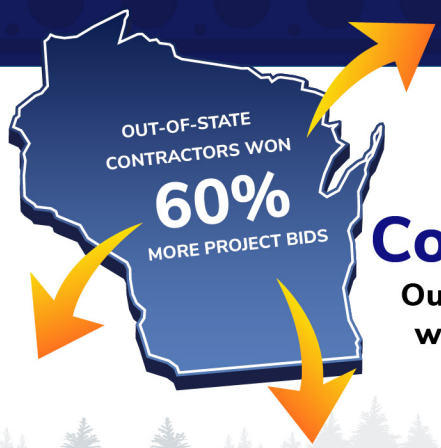
The impact of repealing Prevailing Wage has been substantial on our community, and the blue-collar workers that work hard to build our future. The importance of reinstating Prevailing Wage could not be made more clear.

Income Inequality

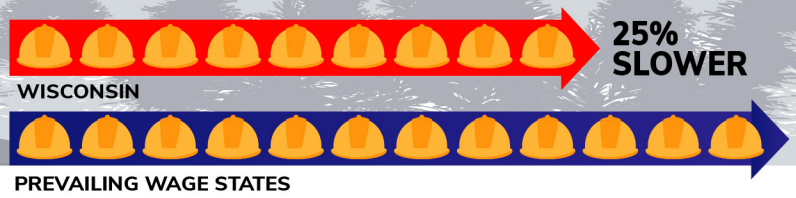
Construction worker earnings fell by 6%, meanwhile construction industry CEOs have seen incomes rise by 54%.

Wisconsin Competitiveness



Out-of-state contractors have won 60% more project bids.

Apprenticeship completion is 25% slower in Wisconsin compared to states with prevailing wage still intact.



Health Care

4% LESS

Employer-provided health insurance **coverage has decreased by 4%.**

Taxpayer Value

The cost to **resurface roads per mile have increased.**

Turnover

Due to decreased benefits, it has been harder to retain skilled workers, with **turnover increasing by 8%.**

Source: Midwest Economic Policy Institute - "The Effects of Repealing Prevailing Wage in Wisconsin: Impacts on Ten Construction Market Outcomes."