

How many hours at minimum wage pay the rent?

Hours a week at the state minimum wage needed to afford a 2-bedroom at HUD's FY2026 Fair Market Rent, keeping rent to 30% of income.

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metro areas need more than 40 hours a week

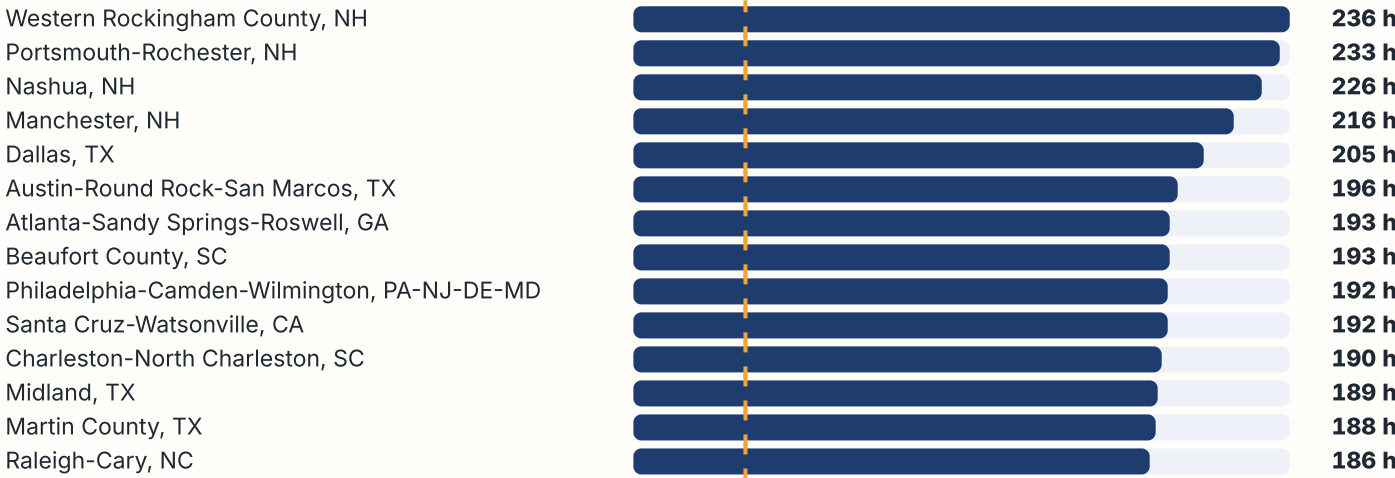
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Western Rockingham County, NH, the highest

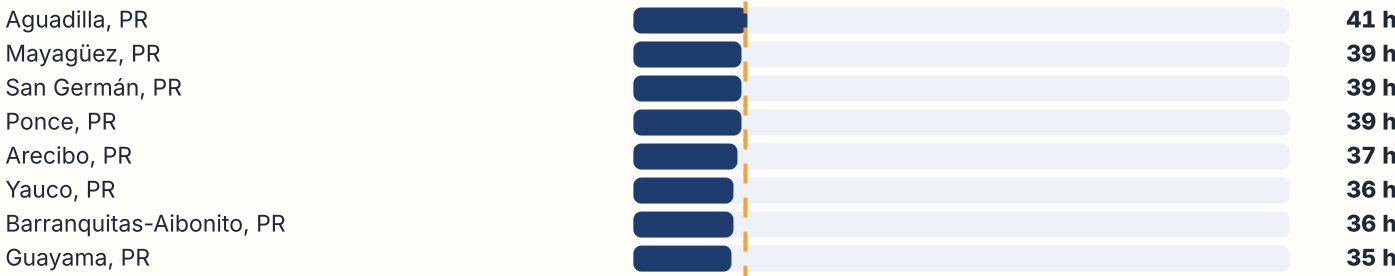
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Guayama, PR, the lowest

MOST HOURS NEEDED



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Dashed line: a 40-hour week. Wage needed = 2-bedroom Fair Market Rent x 12 / 0.3 / 2,080 hours. Minimum wages from the U.S. Department of Labor state table as of July 1, 2026 (the federal \$7.25 where a state has none or a lower one). Rents: HUD FY2026 Fair Market Rents.