

UNION = YOUNG WORKER POWER

Young Workers Hit Hardest By Economic Downturn. The Solution? A Union.

A recent study released by the Center for Economic Policy Research found that unionized young workers earn better wages and have better benefits over non-union young workers.

Some of the most important findings:

- ✓ **Unionized young workers earn 12.4 percent more in wages or \$1.75 more per hour than non-union young workers.**
- ✓ **Unionized young workers are 17 percent more likely to have employer-provided health insurance than non-union young workers.**
- ✓ **Unionized young workers are 24 percent more likely to have a pension plan than similar non-union young workers.**
- ✓ **For young workers who work in low-wage occupations, unionization raised wages 10.2 percent, and they were 27 percent more likely to have health insurance and 26 percent more likely to have a pension plan.**

Some facts about young workers wages:

- ✓ **Wages for the typical 18 to 29 year old worker was 10 percent lower in 2007 than it has been in 1979.**
- ✓ **Young workers have been the most affected group by the stagnant wage growth over the last three decades.**
- ✓ **Only when young workers come together and speak with one voice, they can fight for higher wages and better benefits.**

Click [here](#) to see the Center for Economic and Policy Research report.
