Debunking 5 Myths About California’s Low-Wage Workers

MYTH vs FACT

1. THEY ARE JUST A SMALL GROUP OF CALIFORNIA’S WORKFORCE
   ONE IN THREE WORKING CALIFORNIANS HAS A LOW-WAGE JOB

2. LOW-WAGE WORKERS ARE YOUNG
   THE AVERAGE AGE IS 36
   ONLY 6% ARE TEENS

3. LOW-WAGE WORKERS ARE UNEDUCATED
   45% HAVE AT LEAST SOME COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

4. LOW-WAGE WORKERS ARE SINGLE AND CHILDLESS
   NEARLY 60% ARE MARRIED AND/OR HAVE CHILDREN

5. THIS PROBLEM WILL GO AWAY IF WE TRAIN MORE PEOPLE TO CODE
   THE NEED FOR HOME HEALTH CARE & RESTAURANT WORKERS IS INCREASING

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Based on research by the UC Berkeley Labor Center. For more information and to use the new interactive Data Explorer on low-wage work in California, please visit http://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/low-wage-work-in-california/