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## **Mexico's Real Minimum Wage Among Lowest In Latin America (s/s)**

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According to a recent study by the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean (ECLAC), the real minimum wage for Mexican urban workers is among the lowest of all Latin American countries. Real minimum wages in nations at a similar level of economic development Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Uruguay and Costa Rica outrank the Mexican wage. The study showed that Mexico's real minimum wage declined 49.3% from 1980 to 1989. Compared to the 1977 level, the 1989 wage was 55% lower. Cumulative change in real average urban minimum wage, 1980-1989 (1980=100) 1980 100.0 % 1982 92.7 1983 76.0 1984 72.0 1985 71.0 1986 65.0 1987 60.6 1988 53.4 1989 50.7 (Source: El Financiero, 11/16/90)

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