States with “Right-To-Work” Laws Have

More Low-Wage Occupations

• In states with "right to work" laws, 26.7 percent of jobs are in low-wage occupations, compared with 19.5 percent of jobs in other states.¹

Higher Poverty and Infant Mortality Rates

• Poverty rates are higher in states with "right to work" laws (15.3 percent overall and 21.5 percent for children), compared with poverty rates of 13.1 percent overall and 18.1 percent for children in states without these laws.²

• The infant mortality rate is 15 percent higher in states with these laws.³

Less Investment in Education

• States with "right to work" laws spend $3,392 less per pupil on elementary and secondary education than other states, and students are less likely to be performing at their appropriate grade level in math and reading.⁴


