Line Graphs

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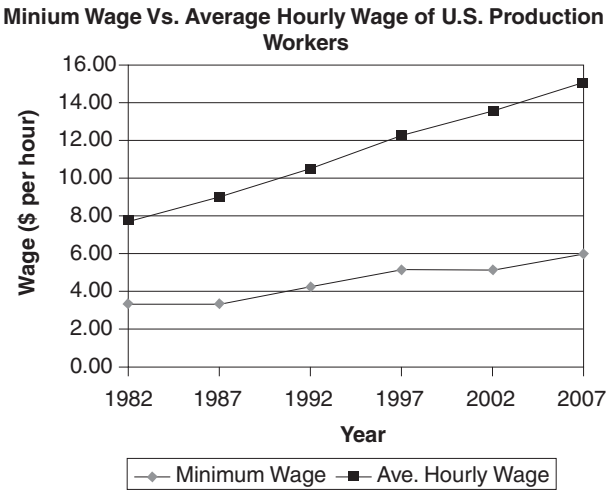
Line graphs are used to show change in values over time.

The title tells what the graph shows. The values along the vertical axis usually show the changing amounts. The values along the horizontal axis usually show the period of time.



Example 1 During which 5-year periods did the minimum wage stay the same?

Look at the line graph for the minimum wage. Find the parts of the graph that are horizontal, or flat.

The minimum wage stayed the same from 1982 to 1987 and from 1997 to 2002

Practice

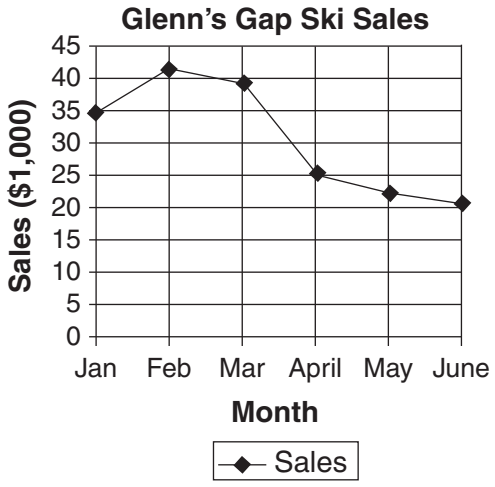
Use the line graphs above for Exercises 1–3.

1. To the nearest dollar, about how much more was the average hourly earnings of a U S. production worker in 2007 that in 1982? _____

2. About how much per hour did the minimum wage increase between 1982 and 2007? _____

3. About how much per hour did the average hourly wage of a U. S. production worker increase between 1997 and 2007? _____

To the nearest thousand dollars, what were Glenn's Gap ski sales in:



4. January? _____

5. April? _____

6. How much less were sales in May than in February? _____

7. Do you think Glenn's Gap sells snow skis or water skis? Explain.

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