

Between fiscal year 2014 and 2016, the department's Wage and Hour Division conducted 668 investigations of employers in the garment industry, almost all in and around Los Angeles, and found \$8,098,988 in unpaid wages for 5,158 workers. The following chart shows the breakdown by year:

Year	Investigations	Unpaid Wages	Workers
2014	225	\$3,034,432	1,558
2015	186	\$1,480,741	1,238
2016	257	\$3,583,815	2,362
Totals:	668	\$8,098,988	5,158

In fiscal year 2016, the Wage and Hour Division conducted 77 investigations of randomly selected garment contractors in the Southern California area, in order to estimate the prevalence of violations within this industry. WHD found violations in 85% of these cases, resulting in more than \$1.3 million in back wages and liquidated damages for 865 workers. The division also assessed more than \$65,000 civil money penalties.

This chart shows the breakdown by county:

County	Back Wages and Liquidated Damages	Affected Workers	Number of Cases
Los Angeles	\$1,302,312	819	65
Orange	\$31,436	42	10
San Bernardino	\$1,4940	4	1
San Diego	0	0	1
Grand Total	\$1,348,688	865	77

Ross, TJ Maxx, and Forever 21 were the three retailers whose garments were found most frequently at contractor shops with wage violations. Additionally, the following retailers also had garments sewn at contractors found in violation:

- Burlington
- Windsor
- A'gaci
- Fashion Nova
- Bealls
- Charlotte Russe
- Nordstroms
- Macy's
- Cornerstone
- Dillards

The following table shows the number of times garments of each retailer were found at the sewing shop of a contractor with wage violations during the survey.

Retailer	Contractors With Wage Violations
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Ross	11
Forever 21	7
TJ Maxx	7