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**Rising profits for companies does not translate to high worker pay**

DES MOINES, Iowa Iowans are working harder but seeing little financial gain for their effort.

That's according to a study by the Iowa Policy Project.

The study found that increased worker productivity contributed significantly to soaring corporate profits in the last 15 years, but the companies have not shared the windfall with workers.

Corporate profits increased 149 percent between 1990 and 2005, an average of about ten percent a year, while median wages have risen less than one percent a year -- from 13 dollars and 12 cents an hour in 1990 to 14 dollars and 28 cents last year.

And since 2003, the median wage for workers in the United States has actually fallen slightly.

The group says the reason worker pay hasn't kept pace with an improved economy and higher productivity is a weak job market.

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