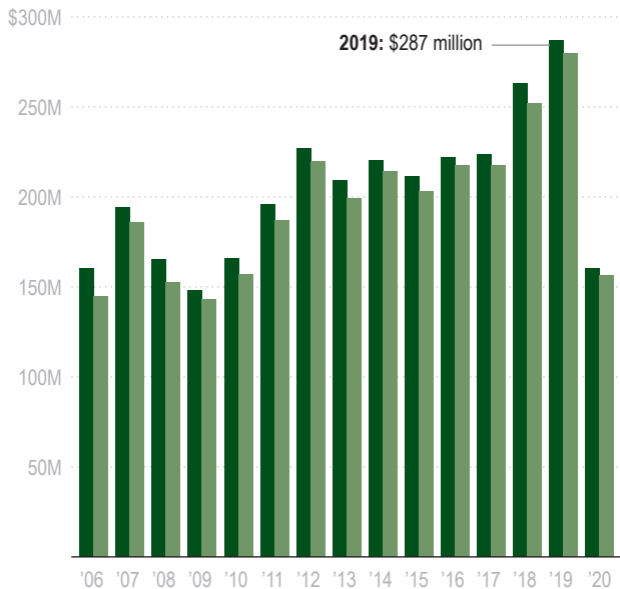


Millions kept from employees

Employers illegally withhold pay and overtime earnings – often from low-wage workers – that can add up to hundreds of millions of dollars each year. Even when the Labor Department steps in, many employers don't repay workers all of the back wages they're owed.

Wages illegally withheld and returned to employees

■ Amount withheld ■ Amount paid back



Amounts are rounded. Figures for 2020 as of Sept. 30, 2020.

Source: Center for Public Integrity analysis of Labor Department data