CONCEPT: MONOPSONY

• A *monopsony* is a market with a single ______. In the case of a labor market, there is only one _____

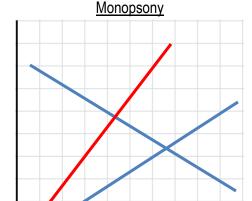
□ Example: A small town that exclusively produces lumber. A small town where Walmart is the main employer

☐ A monopsony acts in many ways similar to a monopoly:

> Maximize profit by hiring the quantity of workers that make MC_L = MRP

> In a competitive labor market, Wage = MC_L. For a monopsony, MC_L > Wage

- Hiring one more worker, monopsony must offer a higher wage, increase wage for all employees



• In a monopsony, a minimum wage law will cause the equilibrium wage and quantity to ______

Monopsony with Minimum Wage

