

Wages Stagnate For Alberta’s Least-Paid Workers

PC Leadership candidate misinformed about how much employers pay

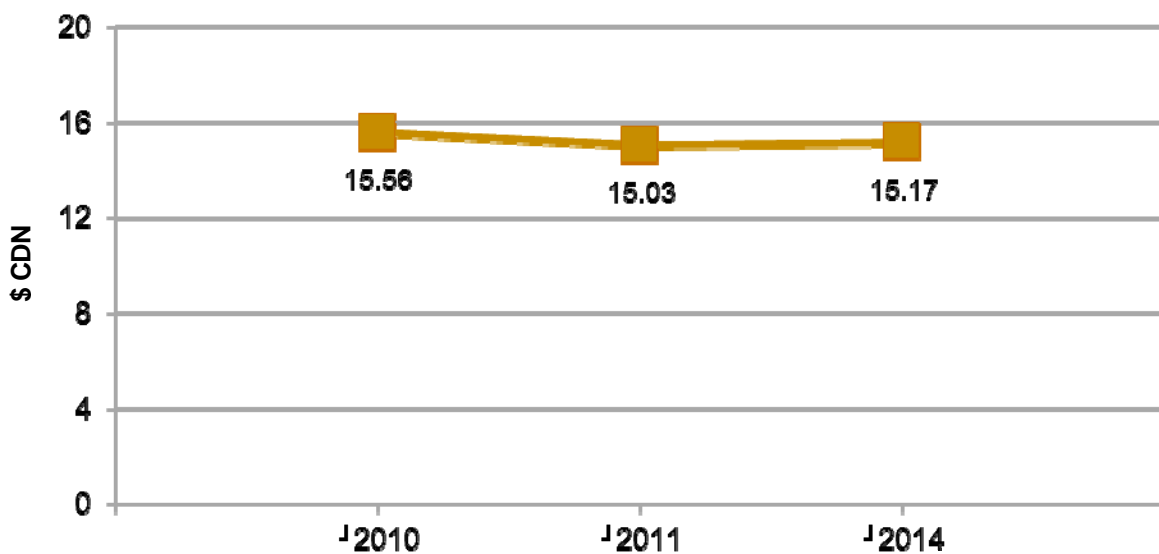
Edmonton – Tory Leadership Hopeful Thomas Lukaszuk is incorrect in his assertion that employers are offering higher wages to attract workers.

At a Calgary Stampede pancake breakfast on Monday, the former Deputy Premier said: “We do have a bona fide shortage of workers and in certain parts of the province, like Bonnyville, Cold Lake, Fort McMurray, Hinton, and Edson. No matter how much employers pay, they can’t attract workers to entry-level positions.” This quote was reported on Global News (<http://globalnews.ca/news/1437094/alberta-pc-leadership-hopefuls-work-pancake-circuit/>)

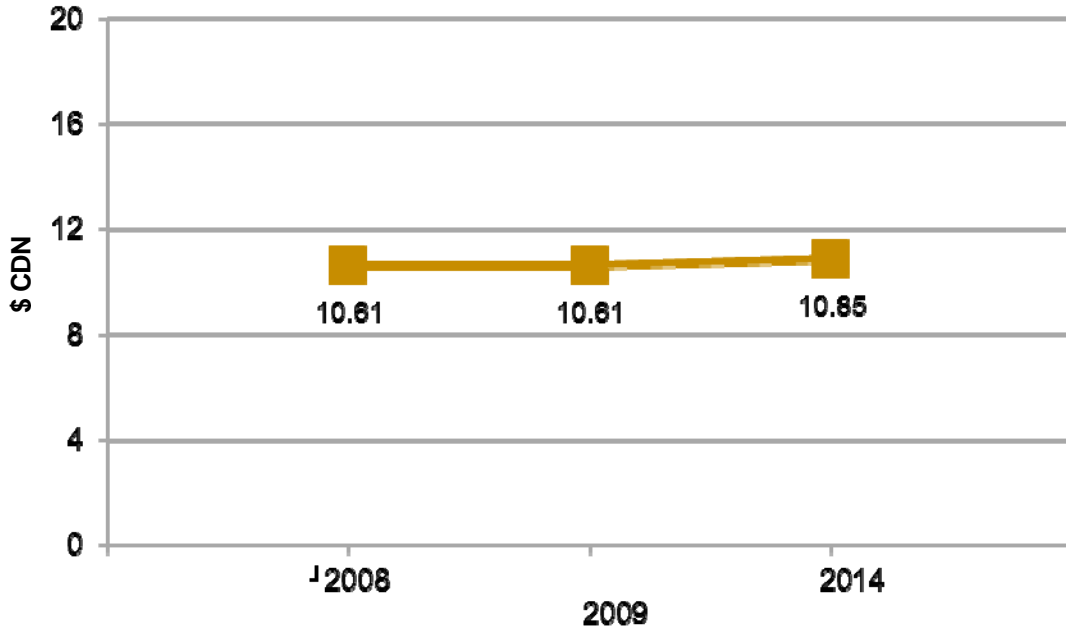
This assertion is inaccurate. Workers in Alberta’s low-wage jobs have seen their paycheques fall behind inflation, even in areas that have been thriving, such as Fort McMurray, Cold Lake and Hinton.

The Temporary Foreign Worker Program has been keeping wages low in Alberta for years. Instead of wages and benefits improving to attract workers to smaller communities, employers have had access to cheap and exploitable labour, leaving Albertans out of work and guest workers at risk.

Retail and Sales Workers In Fort McMurray Region



Service Station Attendants in Fort McMurray Region



Grocery Clerks and Shelf Stockers in Fort McMurray Region

