



**1 IN 5 EMPLOYED ALBERTANS ARE
LOW-WAGE WORKERS**

2017 ALBERTA LOW WAGE FACTS EDMONTON REGION

Public Interest Alberta obtained the following information from Statistics Canada's monthly Labour Force Survey. It indicates the average number of employed Albertans in each category for the year ending June 30, 2017. The minimum wage will increase from \$12.20 per hour to \$13.60 per hour on October 1, 2017. A living wage in Edmonton, according to research from the Edmonton Social Planning Council, is \$16.31 per hour.

More than one in five employed Edmontonians earn less than a living wage.

- 139,800 of 650,600 employed people in the region earn Edmonton's living wage of \$16.31 per hour or less (21.5%).
- 120,300 earn \$15 per hour or less (18.5%).
- 477,900 earn the new minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour or less (7.9%).
- 2,400 earn the current minimum wage of \$12.20 per hour (6.5%).

The majority of employed Edmontonians earning less than a living wage are women.

- 84,200 workers earning less than a living wage are women (60.2%).
- 23,500 workers earning the current minimum wage of \$12.20 per hour are women (55.4%).
- 46,800 workers earning the new minimum wage (\$13.60 per hour) or less are women (60.1%).

More than four in five Edmontonians earning less than a living wage are 20 years of age or older.

- 113,300 are 20 years of age or older (81.0%).
 - 82,900 are between 20 and 44 years old (59.3%).
 - 30,400 are 45 years of age or older (21.7%).

