



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

2017 ALBERTA LOW WAGE FACTS LETHBRIDGE 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.

More than one in five employed Lethbridge residents earn less than \$15 per hour.

- 10,600 of 56,600 employed people in Lethbridge earn \$15 per hour or less (18.7%).
- 7,400 earn the new minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour or less (13.1%).
- 4,300 earn the current minimum wage of \$12.20 per hour (7.6%).

The majority of employed Lethbridge residents earning less than \$15 per hour are women.

- 5,900 workers earning less than \$15 per hour are women (55.7%).
- 4,200 workers earning the new minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour or less are women (56.8%).
- 2,600 workers earning the current minimum wage of \$12.20 per hour are women (60.5%).

Nearly three-quarters of Lethbridge residents earning less than \$15 per hour are 20 years of age or older.

- 7,800 are 20 years of age or older (73.6%).
 - 5,500 are between 20 and 44 years old (51.9%).
 - 2,300 are 45 years of age or older (21.7%).

