



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

2017 ALBERTA LOW WAGE FACTS CALGARY 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 Calgary, according to research from Vibrant Communities Calgary, is \$18.15 per hour.

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

- 185,400 of 685,100 employed people in the region earn Calgary's living wage of \$18.15 per hour or less (27.1%).
- 122,700 earn \$15 per hour or less (17.9%).
- 78,300 earn the new minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour or less (11.4%).
- 46,800 earn the current minimum wage of \$12.20 per hour (6.8%).

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

- 108,400 workers earning less than a living wage are women (58.5%).
- 74,200 workers earning \$15.00 per hour or less are women (60.5%).
- 48,700 workers earning the new minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour or less are women (62.2%).
- 28,100 workers earning the current minimum wage of \$12.20 per hour are women (60.0%).

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

- 157,900 are 20 years of age or older (85.2%).
 - 114,300 are between 20 and 44 years old (61.7%).
 - 43,600 are 45 years of age or older (23.5%).

