



1 IN 5 EMPLOYED ALBERTANS ARE
LOW-WAGE WORKERS

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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 Medicine Hat residents earn less than \$15 per hour.

- 8,900 of 34,100 employed people in Medicine Hat earn \$15 per hour or less (26.1%).
- 6,000 earn the new minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour or less (17.6%).
- 3,500 earn the current minimum wage of \$12.20 per hour (10.3%).

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

- 5,500 workers earning less than \$15 per hour are women (61.8%).
- 3,700 workers earning the new minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour or less are women (61.7%).
- 2,000 workers earning the current minimum wage of \$12.20 per hour are women (57.1%).

Nearly one in five Medicine Hat residents earning less than \$15 per hour are 20 years of age or older.

- 7,100 are 20 years of age or older (79.8%).
 - 4,600 are between 20 and 44 years old (51.7%).
 - 2,500 are 45 years of age or older (28.1%).

