



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

2017 ALBERTA LOW WAGE FACTS

ATHABASCA-GRANDE PRAIRIE-PEACE RIVER 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 Grande Prairie, according to research from the City of Grande Prairie, is \$17.35 per hour.

More than one in five employed Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River region residents earn less than \$15 per hour.

- 17,400 of 106,600 employed people in the region earn \$15 per hour or less (16.3%).
- 10,600 earn the new minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour or less (9.9%).
- 5,600 earn the current minimum wage of \$12.20 per hour (5.3%).

The majority of employed Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River region residents earning less than \$15 per hour are women.

- 9,600 workers earning less than \$15 per hour are women (55.2%).
- 5,800 workers earning the new minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour or less are women (54.7%).
- 3,100 workers earning the current minimum wage of \$12.20 per hour are women (55.4%).

Nearly three-quarters of Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River region residents earning less than \$15 per hour are 20 years of age or older.

- 12,400 are 20 years of age or older (71.3%).
 - 7,300 are between 20 and 44 years old (42.0%).
 - 5,100 are 45 years of age or older (29.3%).

