



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

# 2017 ALBERTA LOW WAGE FACTS RED DEER 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 Red Deer, according to research from the Central Alberta Poverty Reduction Alliance, is \$13.81 per hour.

## **More than one in five employed Red Deer residents earn less than \$15 per hour.**

- 9,800 of 46,500 employed people in the region earn \$15 per hour or less (21.1%).
- 6,500 earn the new minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour or less (14.0%).
- 3,500 earn the current minimum wage of \$12.20 per hour (7.5%).

## **The majority of employed Red Deer residents earning less than \$15 per hour are women.**

- 5,900 workers earning less than \$15 per hour are women (60.2%).
- 4,000 workers earning the new minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour or less are women (61.5%).
- 2,200 workers earning the current minimum wage of \$12.20 per hour are women (62.9%).

## **More than three-quarters of Red Deer residents earning less than \$15 per hour are 20 years of age or older.**

- 7,400 are 20 years of age or older (75.5%).
  - 6,000 are between 20 and 44 years old (61.2%).
  - 1,400 are 45 years of age or older (14.3%).

