



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

# 2017 ALBERTA LOW WAGE FACTS WOOD BUFFALO-COLD LAKE 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 ten employed residents of the Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake region earn less than \$15 per hour.**

- 8,500 of 72,900 employed people in the region earn \$15 per hour or less (11.7%).
- 4,900 earn the new minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour or less (6.7%).
- 2,500 earn the current minimum wage of \$12.20 per hour (3.4%).

## **The majority of employed residents of the Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake region earning less than \$15 per hour are women.**

- 5,300 workers earning less than \$15 per hour are women (62.4%).
- 2,900 workers earning the new minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour or less are women (59.2%).
- 1,600 workers earning the current minimum wage of \$12.20 per hour are women (64.0%).

## **More than three-quarters of the residents of Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake region earning less than \$15 per hour are 20 years of age or older.**

- 6,400 are 20 years of age or older (75.3%).
  - 4,700 are between 20 and 44 years old (55.3%).
  - 1,700 are 45 years of age or older (20.0%).

