



**Over 300,000 Albertans, nearly 1 in 6, will get a raise October 1st.**

# 2018 ALBERTA LOW WAGE FACTS

Public Interest Alberta obtained the following statistics from Statistics Canada's monthly Labour Force Survey. They indicate the average number of employed Albertans in each category for the year ending June 30, 2018. The minimum wage will increase from \$13.60 per hour to \$15.00 per hour on October 1, 2018.

## **More than 300,000 Alberta workers will receive a raise on October 1st because of the minimum wage increase.**

- 302,300 employed Albertans earn less than the incoming minimum wage of \$15 per hour (15.8%).
- 359,100 earn less than \$16 per hour (18.8%).
- 159,500 earn the minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour (8.3%).

## **More than 60 percent of workers receiving a minimum wage raise are women.**

- 189,400 workers earning less than the incoming minimum wage of \$15 per hour are women (62.7%).
- 100,100 workers earning the current minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour are women (62.8%).
- 223,200 workers earning less than \$16.00 per hour are women (62.2%).

## **More than three-quarters of workers receiving a minimum wage raise are 20 years of age or older.**

- 233,300 are 20 years of age or older (77.2%).
  - o 163,300 are between 20 and 44 years old (54.0%).
  - o 59,300 are between 45 and 64 years old (19.6%).
  - o 10,700 are 65 years of age or older (3.5%).