



2018 ALBERTA LOW WAGE FACTS - CALGARY 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, 2018.

The total number of employed Albertans in Calgary and the surrounding area in this period was 696,100. A living wage in Calgary, according to research from Vibrant Communities Calgary, is \$18.15 per hour. Alberta's minimum wage will increase from \$13.60 per hour to \$15.00 per hour on October 1, 2018.

More than 110,000 Calgary workers will receive a raise on October 1st because of the minimum wage increase.

- 114,400 employed Albertans in Calgary and area earn less than the incoming minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour (16.4%).
- 57,400 earn the current minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour (8.2%).

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

- 70,700 employed Albertans in Calgary and area earning less than the incoming minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour are women (61.8%).
- 35,500 earning the current minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour are women (61.8%).

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

- 90,900 employed Albertans in Calgary and area earning less than the incoming minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour are 20 years of age or older (79.5%).
 - 65,700 are between 20 and 44 years old (57.4%).
 - 21,800 are between 45 and 64 years old (19.1%).
 - 3,400 are 65 years of age or older (3.0%).

More than 180,000 Calgary workers still earn less than a living wage.

- 183,800 employed Albertans in Calgary and area earning less than the city's living wage of \$18.15 per hour (26.4%).
- 109,900 of Calgary's workers earning less than a living wage are women (60.0%).

