



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

## **2018 ALBERTA LOW WAGE FACTS LETHBRIDGE 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 Lethbridge and the surrounding area in this period was 51,200. Alberta's minimum wage will increase from \$13.60 per hour to \$15.00 per hour on October 1, 2018.

### **Nearly 10,000 Lethbridge workers will receive a raise on October 1st because of the minimum wage increase.**

- 9,900 employed Albertans in Lethbridge and area earn less than the incoming minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour (19.3%).
- 5,400 workers earn the current minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour (10.5%).

### **The majority of Lethbridge workers receiving a minimum wage raise are women.**

- 5,400 employed Albertans in Lethbridge and are earning less than the incoming minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour are women (54.5%).
- 3,000 workers earning the current minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour or less are women (55.6%).

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

- 7,500 employed Albertans in Lethbridge and area earning less than the incoming minimum wage of \$15 per hour are 20 years of age or older (75.8%).
  - o 5,400 are between 20 and 44 years old (54.5%).
  - o 2,100 are 45 years of age or older (21.2%).

