



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

## **2018 ALBERTA LOW WAGE FACTS MEDICINE HAT 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 Medicine Hat and the surrounding area in this period was 30,600. Alberta's minimum wage will increase from \$13.60 per hour to \$15.00 per hour on October 1, 2018.

**More than one in four employed Medicine Hat workers will receive a raise on October 1st because of the minimum wage increase.**

- 7,800 employed Albertans in Medicine Hat and area earn less than the incoming minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour (25.5%).
- 4,700 workers earn the current minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour (15.4%).

**More than two-thirds of Medicine Hat workers receiving a minimum wage raise are women.**

- 5,500 employed Albertans in Medicine Hat and area earning less than the incoming minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour are women (70.5%).
- 3,200 workers earning the current minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour are women (68.1%).

**More than 80 percent of Medicine Hat workers receiving a minimum wage raise are between 20 and 64 years old.**

- 6,500 employed Albertans in Medicine Hat and area earning less than the incoming minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour are between 20 and 64 years old (83.3%).

