



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

## **2018 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, 2018.

The total number of employed Albertans in the Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake region in this period was 74,900. Alberta's minimum wage will increase from \$13.60 per hour to \$15.00 per hour on October 1, 2018.

### **More than 8,000 Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake region workers will receive a raise on October 1st because of the minimum wage increase.**

- 8,300 employed Albertans in the Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake region earn less than the incoming minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour (11.1%).
- 9,800 workers earn less than \$16.00 per hour (13.1%).
- 4,300 workers earn the current minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour (5.7%).

### **Nearly two-thirds of Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake region workers receiving a minimum wage raise are women.**

- 5,400 employed Albertans in the Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake region earning less than the incoming minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour are women (65.1%).
- 2,600 workers earning the current minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour are women (60.5%).

### **More than three-quarters of the residents of Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake region workers receiving a minimum wage raise are 20 years of age or older.**

- 6,100 employed Albertans in the Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake region earning less than the incoming minimum wage are 20 years of age or older (73.5%).
  - 4,400 are between 20 and 44 years old (53.0%).
  - 1,500 are between 45 and 64 years old (18.1%).
  - 200 are 65 years of age or older (2.4%).

