



2018 ALBERTA LOW WAGE FACTS - EDMONTON 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 Edmonton and the surrounding area in this period was 666,100. A living wage in Edmonton, according to research from the Edmonton Social Planning Council, is \$16.48 per hour. The minimum wage will increase from \$13.60 per hour to \$15.00 per hour on October 1, 2018.

Nearly 100,000 Edmonton workers will receive a raise on October 1st because of the minimum wage increase.

- 98,800 employed Albertans in Edmonton and area earn less than the incoming minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour (14.8%).
- 54,800 workers earn the current minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour (8.2%).

Nearly two-thirds of Edmonton workers receiving a minimum wage raise are women.

- 63,200 employed Albertans in Edmonton and area earning less than the incoming minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour are women (64.0%).
- 36,600 workers earning the current minimum wage of \$13.60 per hour are women (66.8%).

More than 80 percent of Edmonton workers receiving a minimum wage raise are 20 years of age or older.

- 79,300 employed Albertans in Edmonton and area earn less than the incoming minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour are 20 years of age or older (80.3%).
 - 56,700 are between 20 and 44 years old (57.4%).
 - 19,800 are between 45 and 64 years old (20.0%).
 - 2,800 are 65 years of age or older (2.8%).

More than 115,000 Edmonton workers still earn less than a living wage.

- 117,300 employed Albertans in Edmonton and area earn less than Edmonton's living wage of \$16.48 per hour (17.6%).
- 74,700 workers earning less than Edmonton's living wage are women (63.7%).