



2019 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, 2019.

The total number of employed Albertans in the Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake Region in this period was 72,600. The minimum wage is currently \$15 per hour, except for youth, who can now be paid \$2 per hour less.

More than 6,000 minimum wage workers in the region can legally have their wages frozen this year, missing a key opportunity to boost the economy by putting more money in the pockets of the region's lowest wage workers.

- 6,200 employed Albertans in the region earn the current minimum wage of \$15 per hour or less (8.5%).

Over 70 percent of workers workers in the region who earn minimum wage are women.

- 4,400 earning less than the minimum wage or less in the region are women (71.0%).

Nearly 70 percent of workers in the region earning minimum wage are 20 years of age or older.

- 4,300 employed Albertans in the area earning minimum wage or less are 20 years of age or older (69.4%).
 - 2,900 are between 20 and 44 years old (46.8%).
 - 1,400 are over 45 years old (22.6%).

