



A QUARTER-MILLION ALBERTANS CAN HAVE THEIR WAGES FROZEN THIS YEAR

2019 Alberta Low Wage Facts

Red Deer

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 Red Deer and the surrounding area in this period was 46,600. 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 Red Deer 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 city's lowest wage workers.

- 6,500 employed Albertans in Red Deer earn the current minimum wage of \$15 per hour or less (13.9%).

The majority of workers in Red Deer who earn minimum wage are women.

- 3,600 employed Albertans in Red Deer earning \$15 per hour or less are women (55.4%).

More than 70 percent of Red Deer workers earning minimum wage 20 years of age or older.

- 4,700 employed Albertans in Red Deer earning minimum wage or less are 20 years of age or older (72.3%).
 - 3,400 are between 20 and 44 years old (52.3%).
 - 1,300 are over 45 years old (20%).

