



# 2019 Alberta Low Wage Facts

## Medicine Hat

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 Medicine Hat and the surrounding area in this period was 29,900. The minimum wage is currently \$15 per hour, except for youth, who can now be paid \$2 per hour less.

**More than 6,200 minimum wage workers in Medicine Hat 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**

- 6,200 employed Albertans in Medicine Hat earn the current minimum wage of \$15 per hour or less (20.7%).

**The majority of workers in Medicine Hat who earn minimum wage are women.**

- 3,700 employed Albertans in Medicine Hat earning \$15 per hour or less are women (59.7%).

**Three-quarters of Medicine Hat workers earning minimum wage are between the ages of 20 and 64.**

- 4,700 employed Albertans in Medicine Hat are between 20 and 64 years of age (75.8%).
  - 2,900 are between 20 and 44 years old (46.8%).
  - 1,800 are between 45 and 64 years old (29%).

