



# 2019 Alberta Low Wage Facts

## Lethbridge

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 Lethbridge and the surrounding area in this period was 53,400. The minimum wage is currently \$15 per hour, except for youth, who can now be paid \$2 per hour less.

**More than 90,000 minimum wage workers in Calgary 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.**

- 7,400 employed Albertans in Lethbridge earn the current minimum wage of \$15 per hour or less (13.9%).

**The majority of minimum wage workers in Lethbridge are women.**

- 4,300 workers earning minimum wage or less in Lethbridge are women (58.1%).

**More than 70 percent of Lethbridge workers earning minimum wage are 20 years of age or older.**

- 5,200 employed Albertans in Lethbridge earning minimum wage are 20 years of age or older (70.3%).
  - 3,600 are between 20 and 44 years old (48.6%).
  - 1,600 are over 45 years old (21.6%).

