



2019 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, 2019.

The total number of employed Albertans in Edmonton and the surrounding area in this period was 689,000. A living wage in Edmonton, according to research from the Edmonton Social Planning Council, is \$16.51 per hour. The minimum wage is currently \$15 per hour, except for youth, who can now be paid \$2 per hour less.

More than 100,000 workers in Edmonton still earn less than a living wage.

- 108,100 earn less than Edmonton's living wage of \$16.51 per hour (15.7%).

More than 80,000 minimum wage workers in Edmonton 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.

- 81,900 employed Albertans in Edmonton earn the current minimum wage of \$15 per hour or less (11.9%).

Three of every five Edmonton workers earning less than a living wage are women.

- 65,100 earning less than Edmonton's living wage of \$16.51 per hour are women (60.2%).
- 48,700 employed Albertans in Edmonton and area earning the minimum wage of \$15 per hour or less are women (59.5%).

More than 80 percent of Edmonton workers earning less than a living wage are 20 years of age or older.

- 87,800 employed Albertans in Edmonton and area earning less than the city's living wage of \$16.51 per hour are 20 years of age or older (81.2%).
 - 59,100 are between 20 and 44 years old (54.7%).
 - 24,400 are between 45 and 64 years old (22.6%).
 - 4,300 are 65 years of age or older (4.0%).

