



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

## 2019 Alberta Low Wage Facts Calgary 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 Calgary and the surrounding area in this period was 721,900. 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.**

- 92,600 employed Albertans in Calgary earn the minimum wage of \$15 per hour or less (12.8%).

**More than three of every five Calgary workers earning minimum wage are women.**

- 57,800 employed Albertans in Calgary and area earning the minimum wage of \$15 per hour or less are women (62.4%).

**More than three-quarters of Calgary workers earning minimum wage are 20 years of age or older.**

- 71,700 employed Albertans in Calgary and area earning minimum wage or less are 20 years of age or older (77.4%).
  - 48,000 are between 20 and 44 years old (51.8%).
  - 20,500 are between 45 and 64 years old (22.1%).
  - 3,200 are 65 years of age or older (3.5%).

