

# MINIMUM WAGE

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

## 2019 Alberta Low Wage Facts Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River 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 the Athabasca-Grand Prairie-Peace River Region in this period was 108,700. The minimum wage is currently \$15 per hour, except for youth, who can now be paid \$2 per hour less.

**More than 12,000 minimum wage workers in the region 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 region's lowest wage workers.**

- 12,600 employed Albertans in the Athabasca-Grand Prairie-Peace River Region earn the current minimum wage of \$15 per hour or less (11.6%).

**More than three out of every five workers in the region earning minimum wage or less are women.**

- 7,900 employed Albertans in the region earning the minimum wage of \$15 per hour or less are women (62.7%).

**Two thirds of workers earning minimum wage in the region are 20 years of age or older.**

- 8,400 workers in the region earning the minimum wage or less are 20 years of age or older (66.7%).
  - 4,900 are between 20 and 44 years old (38.9%).
  - 2,900 are between 45 and 64 years old (23.0%).
  - 600 are 65 years of age or older (4.8%).

