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## **2016 Alberta Low Wage Fact Sheet**

Public Interest Alberta obtained the following statistics from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey. They indicate the number of employed Albertans in each category for the average of the year ending June 30, 2016. This document defines "low-wage workers" as those earning \$15 per hour or less.

### **Nearly one in five employed Albertans are low-wage workers.**

- 354,700 of 1,906,700 employed Albertans earn \$15 per hour or less (18.6%).
- 403,400 earn \$16 per hour or less (21.2%).
- 158,600 earn the new minimum wage (\$12.20 per hour) or less (8.3%).

### **The majority of low-wage workers in Alberta are women.**

- 213,500 low-wage workers are women (60.2%).
- 100,200 workers earning the new minimum wage (\$12.20 per hour) or less are women (63.2%).

### **More than three-quarters of low-wage workers are 20 years of age or older.**

- 273,500 (77.1%) are 20 years of age or older.
  - 77,900 (22.0%) are between 20 and 24 years old.
  - 115,800 (32.6%) are between 25 and 44 years old.
  - 79,800 (22.5%) are 45 years of age or older.