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2016 Low Wage Fact Sheet – Medicine Hat

Public Interest Alberta obtained the following information from Statistics Canada. It indicates 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. The minimum wage will increase from \$11.20 per hour (\$10.70 per hour for liquor servers) to \$12.20 per hour on October 1, 2016.

Medicine Hat

More than one in five employed people in the region are low-wage workers.

- 7,100 of 31,800 employed people in the region earn \$15 per hour or less (22.3%).
- 8,000 earn \$16 per hour or less (25.2%).
- 3,800 earn the new minimum wage (\$12.20 per hour) or less (11.9%).

Nearly two-thirds of low-wage workers in the region are women.

- 4,600 low-wage workers are women (64.8%).
- 2,700 workers earning the new minimum wage (\$12.20 per hour) or less are women (71.1%).

Nearly two-thirds of low-wage workers in the region are 25 years of age or older.

- 4,600 (64.8%) are 25 years of age or older.
 - 2,200 (31.0%) are between 25 and 44 years old.
 - 2,600 (33.8%) are 45 years of age or older.

Alberta

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 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.