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2014 Statistics of Low-Wage Workers in Alberta

The following statistics were purchased from Statistics Canada by Public Interest Alberta with the support of the Alberta College of Social Workers. The statistics are the number of employed Albertans in each category for the average of the year ending June 30, 2014.

Alberta Statistics

More than one out of every five workers earns less than \$15/hour

- There are 383,900 Albertans earning less than \$15/hour out of a total of 1,870,100 employed Albertans (20.5%).
- There are 431,500 Albertans earning less than \$16/hour (23%).
- There are 42,200 people earning between \$9.95 and \$10.20.

The majority of low-wage workers are women

- 234,400 low-wage workers are women (61%)

Most low-wage workers are in their prime earning years

- **77% of low wage workers are over the age of 20**
- 78,500 (20.4%) are between 20 – 24 years old.
- 135,100 (35.2%) are between 25 – 44 years old.
- 82,100 (21.4%) are 45 years and older.

Athabasca- Grande Prairie – Peace River Statistics

Close to one in five employed people in the region are low-wage workers

- There are 19,700 people earning less than \$15/hour out of a total of 107,900 employed people in the region. (18.3%)
- There are 22,300 people earning less than \$16/hour (20.7%)
- There are 2900 people earning between \$9.95 – \$10.20/hour

The majority of low-wage workers in the region are women

- 13,100 low-wage workers are women (66.5%). (the highest percentage in Alberta)

The majority of low-wage workers are in their prime earning years.

- **67% of low-wage workers are over the age of 20.**
- 3900 (20%) are between 20 – 24 years old.
- 5300 (27%) are between 25- 45 years old.
- 3900 (20%) are 45 years old or older.