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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.

Lethbridge Statistics

Lethbridge has second highest percentage of low-wage workers of major Alberta cities

- There are 9800 people earning less than \$15/hour out of a total of 34,700 employed people in Lethbridge. (28.2%)
- There are 11,500 people earning less than \$16/hour (33.1%)
- There are 1700 people earning between \$9.95 – \$10.20/hour

The majority of low-wage workers in Lethbridge are women

- 5700 low-wage workers are women (58.2%).

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

- **79.4% of low-wage workers are over the age of 20.**
- 2500 (25.5%) are between 20 – 24 years old.
- 2400 (24.4%) are between 25- 45 years old.
- 3000 (30.6%) are 45 years old or older.