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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.

Wood Buffalo – Cold Lake Statistics

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

- There are 10,600 people earning less than \$15/hour out of a total of 74,900 employed people in the region. (14%)
- There are 12,200 people earning less than \$16/hour (16.3%)

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

- 6700 low-wage workers are women (63.2%).

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

- **78% of low-wage workers are over the age of 20.**
- 2200 (20.6%) are between 20 – 24 years old.
- 4000 (37.7%) are between 25- 45 years old.
- 2100 (19.8%) are 45 years old or older.