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## Low Wage Statistics - 2010 Fact Sheet

Statistics Canada data of average hourly wage distribution for Alberta and major metropolitan areas for the 12 month period April 2009 – March 2010.

There were 1,630,500 people employed in Alberta during this time period.

### **There are many employed Albertans earning low-wages**

- There were 112,200 people earning less than \$10/hour (6.9%)
- There were 223,600 people earning less than \$12/ hour (13.7%)
- There were 413,700 people earning less than \$15/hour (25.4%)

### **It is not just young people living with their parent who are earning low-wages**

- 42.9% of people earning less than \$10/ hour are under the age of 20
- 17.2% are between the ages of 20 – 24
- 25.5% are between the ages of 25 – 45
- 17.0 % are older than 45

### **Low wages impact women more than men**

- 37.9% of people earning less than \$10/hour are men and 62.1% are women
- The low wage gender gap increases with age. 75% of people over 45 years of age earning less than \$10/hour are women

### **Some cities have a higher percentage of their work force earning low wages**

- 38,900 (7.35%) people from Edmonton earn less than \$10/hour (76,100 < \$12/hr)
- 32,200 (5.52%) people from Calgary earn less than \$10/hour (69,000 < \$12/hr)
- 3400 (8.46%) people from Red Deer earn less than \$10/hour (6900 < \$12/hr)
- 3000 (9.12 %) people from Lethbridge earn less than \$10/hour (5600 < \$12/hr)
- 7500 (7.2%) people from Athabasca, Grand Prairie, Peace River (13,800 < \$12/hr)
- 3300 (5.48%) people from Wood Buffalo earn less than \$10/hour (6500 < \$12/hr)