

Wages and Child and Family Poverty in Alberta: Fact Sheet

How many children are living below the Low Income Cut Off in Alberta?

According to the latest Statistics Canada figures, there are 64,000 children in Alberta in families with income below the LICO After Tax. (8.6% - or one in twelve of all Children in Alberta)¹

How many of these children have parents working full time, all year long?

49% of all the children living in families with income below the Statistics Canada low-income cut off have at least one family member who has worked full time full year.

How many people are making less than \$12/hour?

There are 343,400 employed Albertans making less than \$12/hour (April 1, 2007). This is 21.9% of all employed Albertans.²

How do Alberta's major cities compare?

Municipality	Total workforce	Earning less than \$12.00/hour	Earning less than \$12.00/hour (% of total)	Earning less than \$12.00/hour, age 25+	Women earning less than \$12.00/hour
Alberta	1,568,300	343,400	21.9%	177,600	219,600
Edmonton	493,800	113,200	22.9%	58,600	73,300
Calgary	556,900	107,500	19.3%	57,600	65,900
Red Deer	38,800	9600	24.74%	4400	5900
Lethbridge	36,500	10,600	29.04%	5700	5900
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River	102,600	22,100	21.5%	11,000	15,100
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake	53,400	9300	17.4%	4800	6400

Are the majority of low wage workers young people?

There are 177,600 people in Alberta who are older than 24 years of age making less than \$12/hour. In other words 52% of all people working in this low wage jobs are older than 24 years of age.

How do women compare to men when it comes to earning low wages?

There are 219,600 women earning less than \$12/hour – this is 64% of the total number of people earning less than \$12/hour.

Notes

1 – Statistics Canada measures the number of children in families living below the low-income cut off both before tax and after tax is taken into consideration. The following is the amounts used for the LICO after tax depending upon the size of the community.

Low Income Cut-offs 2005 (1992 Base) After Tax

Size of Family	Community Size				
	Rural Areas	Urban Areas			
		Less than 30,000	30,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 499,999	500,000 and over
1 person	11,264	12,890	14,380	14,562	17,219
2 persons	13,709	15,690	17,502	17,723	20,956
3 persons	17,071	19,535	21,794	22,069	26,095
4 persons	21,296	24,373	27,190	27,532	32,556
5 persons	24,251	27,754	30,962	31,351	37,071

7 or more persons	29,539	33,806	37,713	38,187	45,155
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2 – All the data that measures the number of low-wage workers in Alberta were purchased by Public Interest Alberta from Statistics Canada and is the average annual salaries for the year ending April 1, 2007.