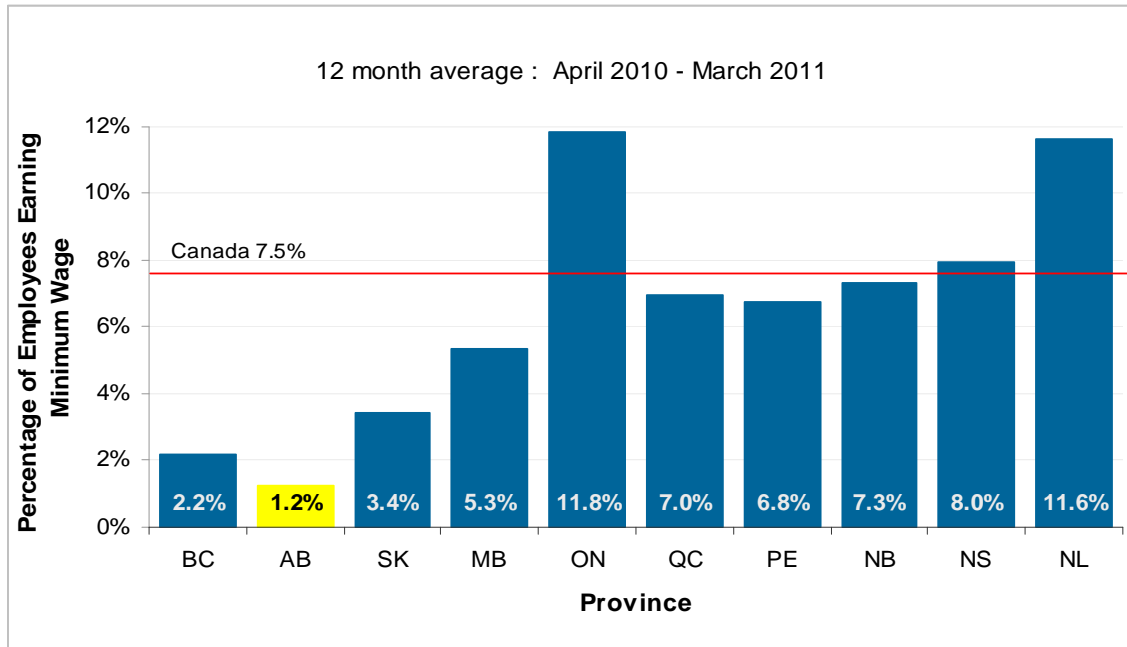


New statistics show decrease in minimum wage workers in Alberta

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Edmonton... The number of Alberta employees working at minimum wage remains well below the national average, according to the latest report from Employment & Immigration.

The percentage of Alberta employees working at minimum wage dropped from 1.4 to 1.2 per cent, while the national average rose from 5.9 to 7.5 per cent of employees.



The report indicates that 18,780 Alberta employees earned minimum wage, a decrease of approximately 2.7 per cent from 2009-2010.

Statistics relating to minimum wage earners are now available in the [2010-2011 Alberta Minimum Wage Profile](#).

Alberta recently announced [changes to minimum wage](#) that will take effect September 1, 2011. The general minimum wage will increase to \$9.40 per hour, from the current \$8.80 per hour. After taxes, the new general minimum wage will rank third highest in Canada as of September 1.

At the same time, a new minimum wage of \$9.05 will come into effect for employees who serve liquor as a regular part of their jobs. This differential rate recognizes that liquor servers generally supplement their income through tips. For information, visit the [Employment & Immigration newsroom](#).

Further information on Alberta's employment standards is available at <http://employment.alberta.ca/es> or by calling the Employment Standards Contact Centre at 780-427-3731 or 1-877-427-3731.