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A number is never just a number

June 2011 🧀 MINIMUM VS. LIVING WAGE

\$8.75

Minimum hourly wage in B.C. Lowest in Canada, but scheduled to rise to \$10.25 in May 2012.

\$18.81

Hourly pay needed to make a living family wage in Vancouver.

25

Percentage of couples with children in Greater Vancouver who earn less than the living wage income.

3

Number of financial institutions in Canada that pay a living wage: VanCity Credit Union, Community Savings Credit Union and CCEC Credit Union.

1

Number of municipalities in Canada to adopt a living wage policy for all city staff: New Westminster, B.C. Other municipalities are considering following suit.

\$11

Minimum hourly wage in Nunavut. The highest in Canada.

\$10.25

Ontario's minimum hourly wage. The second highest in Canada.

\$16.60

Hourly wage needed in 2008 for couples with two young children living in the Greater Toronto Area to earn a living wage.

140

Number of municipal living wage policy/bylaws passed in the U.S. since 1994.

1

Number of Olympic games committed to pay a living wage: the London Olympics 2012.

1

Number of provinces or territories that index minimum wage to inflation every year: Yukon, for the city of Whitehorse.

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