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Low Wage Workers in Nova Scotia, 2023

Workers earning below \$15	13%
Workers earning \$20 or less	35%
Number of workers earning \$20/hr or less	154,825
Total Paid Employees	440,793

Which industries have the highest percentage of workers paid \$20 or less?

Accommodation and Food Services	83
Retail Trade	70
Agriculture	67
Business, Building and Other Support Services	62
Forestry and Logging	50

Who are the workers paid \$20 or less an hour?

Women	56%
Not Students	82%
Over the age of 20	85%
Where do they work?	
Work at Firms with 100+ Employees	55%
What kind of jobs?	
Full time jobs	65%
Permanent	79%