

Bargaining Update

Bargaining Update is a monthly summary of key collective bargaining activities in Alberta and out-of-province.

There are about 1.8 million working Albertans, 338,000 of whom are covered by a union agreement. Of these, about 90% (305,000) are under the jurisdiction of Alberta labour relations legislation, and about 10% are under federal jurisdiction.

Alberta's unionization rate is 23.8%, and includes workers in both public and private sectors. The national average is 32.1%.

Other featured information includes:

- annual averages. For example, in 2003:
 - Alberta's Consumer Price Index increased by 4.4%; Edmonton's rose by 5.3%
Calgary's rose by 3.5%.
 - Over 95,000 workers ratified agreements with salary increases averaging 3.3%.
- quarterly public and private sector settlement trends
- highlights of current collective bargaining
- wage settlements in Alberta by industry over a three-year period
- recent settlements in Alberta with 100 or more employees

- recent settlements in other jurisdictions
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- Consumer Price Index changes over a three-year period.

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