



# Liberal's 9 year minimum wage freeze great for McDonald's profits



**McDonald's workers in British Columbia work as hard as anybody. They live in one of the most expensive provinces in Canada. They earn the lowest starting wage in Canada.**

- McDonald's in Vancouver pay starting workers as little as **\$6.75** an hour (Big Mac costs \$4.19)
- McDonald's in St John's Newfoundland pay new workers **\$10.25** an hour (Big Mac costs \$4.19)
- McDonald's global profits for 2009 were \$4.5 US billion, up from \$4.3 US billion in 2008

- BC has the lowest minimum wage in Canada
  - \$6 an hour for new workers (less than 500 hours worked)
  - \$8 an hour for all others
- BC's minimum wage has been frozen since 2001
- In BC: about 60,000 people earn minimum wage and 253,000 people earn less than \$10 an hour
- BC is the only province in Canada that has not raised its minimum wage in the last year

### McDonalds worker: Annual Salary Comparison

	Vancouver (\$6.75/hr. -1 <sup>st</sup> 500 hrs. then \$8.00/hr.)	St John's (\$10.25/hr)	Difference
Part time worker (20 hours per week) first 500 hrs.	\$3,375	\$5,125	<b>\$1,750</b>
Annual salary for part time worker (20 hours per week)	\$7,695	\$10,660	<b>\$2,965</b>

### BC's dead last: Provincial and Territorial Minimum Wages

PROVINCE	MIN WAGE	EQUIVALENT SPENDING POWER IN BC*
Ontario	\$10.25	\$9.85
Newfoundland	\$10.00	\$13.21
Nunavut	\$10.00	n/a
Quebec	\$9.50	\$12.72
Saskatchewan	\$9.25	\$11.72
Nova Scotia	\$9.20	\$10.53
Manitoba	\$9.00	\$12.15
NWT	\$9.00	n/a
Yukon	\$8.93	n/a
Alberta	\$8.80	\$9.03
PEI	\$8.70	\$11.51
New Brunswick	\$8.50	\$11.92
<b>BC</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>	

**“Cash strapped fast-food lovers are helping McDonalds serve up tasty profits.”**

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*\*this column shows the salary required in BC to match the spending power of a minimum wage earner in another province after adjusting for cost of living. For example: someone in BC would need to earn \$13.21 an hour to match the spending power of a minimum wage earner in Newfoundland.*

**The Liberal government should kill the \$6 training wage and raise the minimum wage to \$10.**

What you can do:

1. Write and phone your MLA and tell them to raise the wage.
2. Tell McDonald's to stop using the training wage and pay \$10 now.