

I



Number of workers in Alberta: 1,841,700
Per cent of Albertan workers who belong to a union: 24
Per cent of Canadian workers who belong to a union: 30
Number of mediation appointments during 2003: 144
Number of strikes or lockouts: 2
Percentage of expired collective agreements settled without work stoppage: 99
Alberta unemployment rate: 4.5%
Number of years in the last 10 that Alberta led the country in GDP growth: 9
Productivity (real GDP, all industries) per hour worked in Alberta: \$40.59
Average Canada-wide productivity (real GDP, all industries) per hour worked: \$37.67
Annual productivity (real GDP) per Alberta worker: \$72,959
Annual productivity (real GDP) per Canadian worker: \$64,403
Ranking of Alberta in productivity: 1

II



Per cent of workers in Alberta with post-secondary degree or diploma: 55
Full-time employment rate among Alberta university graduates in 2000: 78%
National average for university graduates: 73%
Percentage of Alberta parents with aspirations for their children to attend university: 68%
National average: 72%
University participation rate (18- to 21-year-olds) in Alberta, 2002-03: 16%
Canadian rate (18- to 21-year-olds): 20%
Per cent increase in university fees between 1992 and 2002: 161
Rank of Alberta in Canada (1 = lowest fees; 10 = highest): 10
Per cent increase in college fees between 1992 and 2002: 293
Rank of Alberta in Canada (1 = lowest fees; 10 = highest): 9

III



Number of Albertans employed in the service sector in 1975: 206,000 (26% of workers);
in 2001: 680,000 (40%)
Number of Albertans living on low income in 2000: 395,650
(in a population of 2,875,760)
Monthly earnings of minimum wage worker: \$1,022
Monthly salary of University of Alberta graduate with BA: \$3,730; of MLA: \$6,600
Inflation rate for Alberta (12 months to July 2003): 5.8%
Per cent increase in average wages and salaries from 1995 to 2002: 2.5
Per cent change in minimum wage: 0

IV



Decrease in budget of Occupational Health and Safety dept. from 1990 to 2000: 40%
Change in number of health and safety inspectors: 69 to 58
Number of work sites those 58 were responsible for inspecting: 70,000
Number of sites actually inspected: 2,315 Orders to comply issued: 127 Convictions: 2
Number of workplace deaths in 2004: 124
Number of workers permanently disabled: 2,600
Lost wages and output, medical and other costs from incidents: \$3-billion
