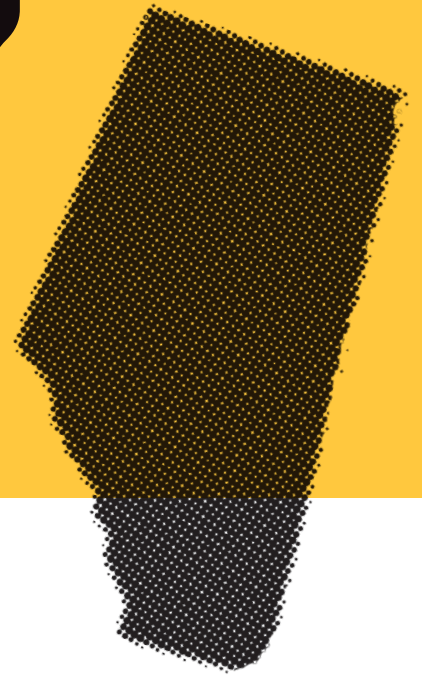


# IT'S BETTER HERE?

## LIVING AND WORKING IN ALBERTA IS NO LONGER THE ADVANTAGE IT ONCE WAS.

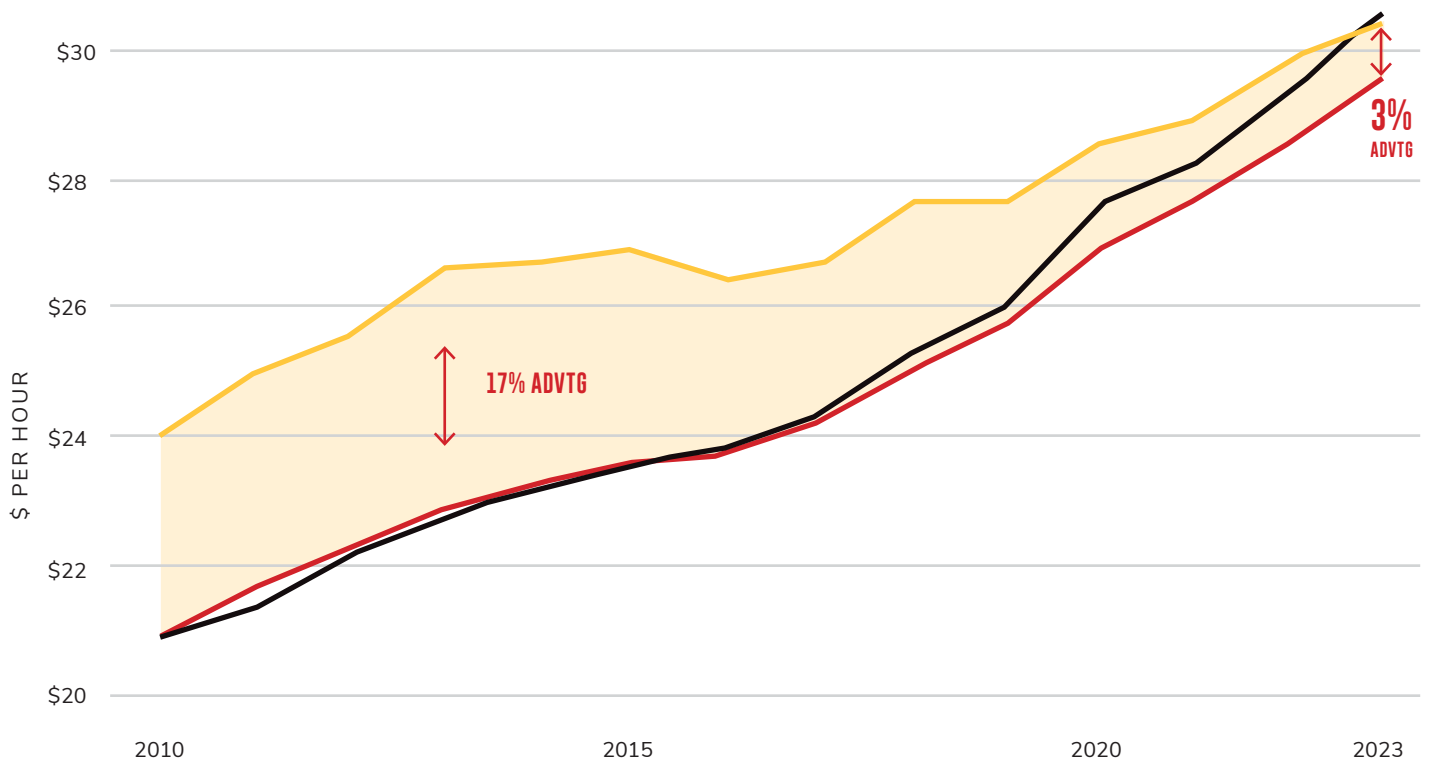
Alberta's teachers face increasing pressures, working in the least funded (per student) education system in the country, while wages fail to keep pace with inflation and other provinces.



### OUR DISAPPEARING "ADVANTAGE"

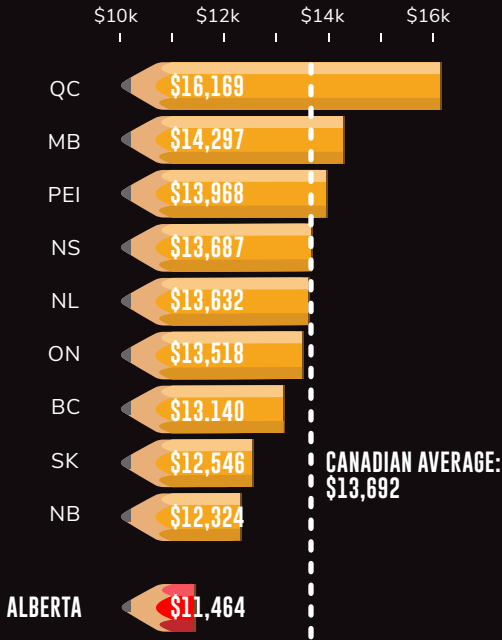
Over the past five years, Alberta's wages have grown **more slowly** than anywhere else in Canada. Alberta's previous 17% wage advantage over the rest of Canada has dropped to just 3% in 2023, with British Columbia now **surpassing Alberta**.

- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Canada average



# ALBERTA IS THE RICHEST PROVINCE, YET WE FUND PUBLIC EDUCATION THE LEAST

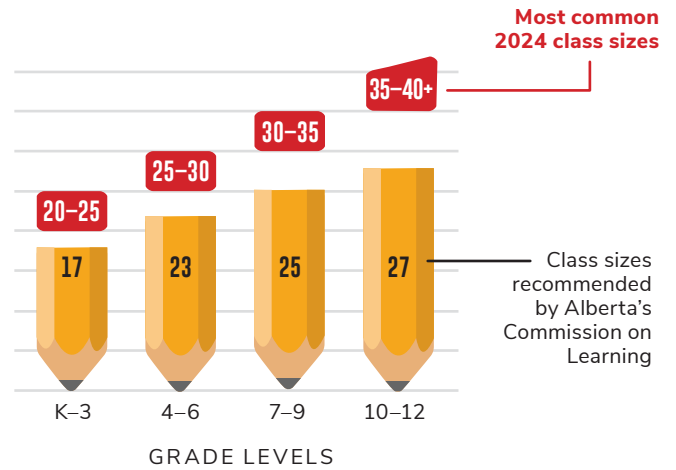
FUNDING PER STUDENT BY PROVINCE



Per-student operating expenditures 2022/23 (Statistics Canada 2025, Tables 37-10-0064, 37-10-0065, and 37-10-0007). Amount for Canada excludes Yukon, NWT and Nunavut.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR STUDENTS?

A lack of funding has resulted in **record-high** class sizes and insufficient resources to support student needs.



**86%**

of teachers reported an increase in students with complex needs, yet classroom supports have **decreased**.

Areas of greatest classroom complexity:

**SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL**  
**BEHAVIOURAL**  
**COGNITIVE**

Research from Beyond Capacity: Large Class Sizes and Complex Needs in Alberta Schools.

**\$11.6 BILLION**

Alberta government's 2022/23 surplus

**\$1.55 B**

Amount needed to bring Alberta's per-student funding up to the national average

## WE CAN AFFORD TO INVEST IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

Today's students are Alberta's future workforce. Investing just 13% of Alberta's surplus into our public education would bring Alberta's per-student funding to the national average, addressing a critical need for the province's future.

**StopTheExcuses.ca**



The Alberta Teachers' Association