

# Labour Force Survey, February 2026

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## Highlights

Employment declined by 84,000 (-0.4%) in February and the employment rate fell 0.2 percentage points to 60.6%. The unemployment rate increased 0.2 percentage points to 6.7%.

Employment fell among youth aged 15 to 24 years old (-47,000; -1.7%) and men in the core working age of 25 to 54 years old (-41,000; -0.6%). Employment was little changed for core-aged women and people aged 55 years and older.

Employment declines in February were recorded in services-producing industries (-56,000; -0.3%) and goods-producing industries (-28,000; -0.7%). The largest declines were in wholesale and retail trade (-18,000; -0.6%), and 'other services' such as personal and repair services (-14,000; -1.8%).

Employment declined in Quebec (-57,000; -1.2%), British Columbia (-20,000; -0.7%), Saskatchewan (-5,500; -0.9%) and Manitoba (-4,000; -0.5%). Employment increased in Newfoundland and Labrador (+2,100; +0.8%) and was little changed in the other provinces.

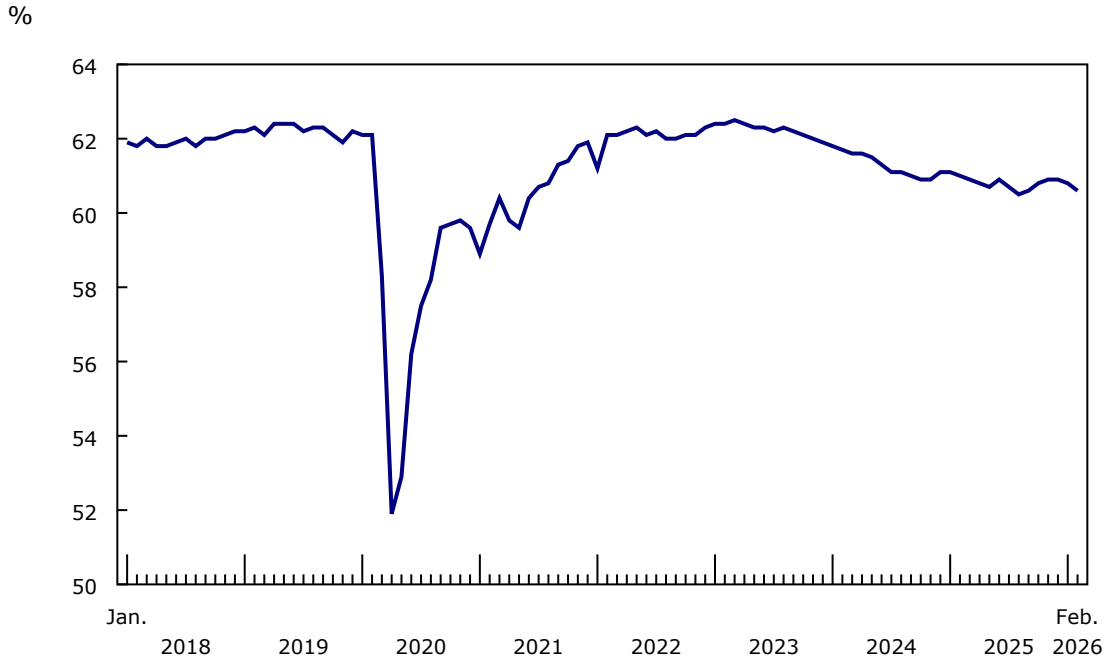
Average hourly wages among employees were up 3.9% (+\$1.42 to \$37.56) on a year-over-year basis in February, following growth of 3.3% in January (not seasonally adjusted).

## Employment falls in February

Employment declined by 84,000 (-0.4%) in February, after edging down in January (-25,000; -0.1%). These cumulative declines partially offset the upward trend observed in the fall of 2025. On a year-over-year basis, employment was little changed in February 2026.



**Chart 1**  
**Employment rate falls in February**



Source(s): Labour Force Survey (3701), table 14-10-0287-01.

In February, the employment rate—the proportion of the population aged 15 and older who are employed—fell 0.2 percentage points to 60.6%, the second consecutive monthly decline. The employment rate in February was just above the recent low of 60.5% observed in August 2025, and was down 0.4 percentage points on a year-over-year basis.

**Infographic 1 – Employment rate by age group, February 2026**

— Employment rate  
 - - - - 2017 to 2019 average

**Total (15 years and older)**



**Youth (15 to 24 years old)**



**Core-age (25 to 54 years old)**



**People 55 to 64 years old**



Source(s): Labour Force Survey (3701), table 14-10-0287-01.

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## Employment declines concentrated in full-time work and among private sector employees

In February, the number of people working full-time declined by 108,000 (-0.6%), offsetting growth recorded over the previous two months. At the same time, there was little variation in the number of people working part-time in February. On a year-over-year basis, there was little change in the number of people working full-time or part-time.

The number of employees in the private sector fell by 73,000 (-0.5%) in February, the second consecutive monthly decline. These declines offset gains observed in October and November 2025. Compared with 12 months earlier, the number of private sector employees was virtually unchanged in February.

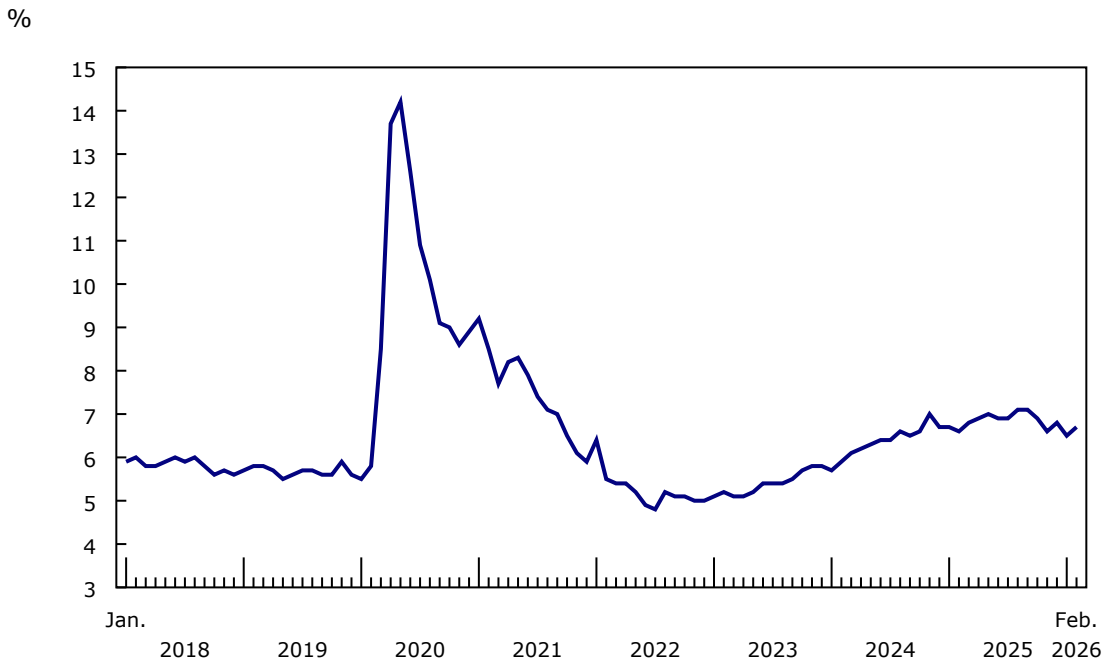
The number of public sector employees and the number of self-employed workers were both little changed in February.

## Unemployment rate rises to 6.7%

The unemployment rate rose 0.2 percentage points to 6.7% in February, as employment fell and more people searched for work. The unemployment rate was virtually unchanged from 12 months earlier (when it was 6.6%) and remained below the recent high of 7.1% reached in August and September 2025.

### Chart 2 Unemployment rate increases to 6.7% in February

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Source(s): Labour Force Survey (3701), table 14-10-0287-01.

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Among the 1.5 million people who were unemployed in February, 22.8% were in long-term unemployment, meaning they had been continuously searching for work for 27 weeks or more. This proportion was little changed from February 2025 (23.0%) but remained significantly above the pre-COVID-19 pandemic average of 17.1% recorded during the period from 2017 to 2019.

The participation rate—the proportion of the population aged 15 and older who were employed or looking for work—fell by 0.1 percentage points to 64.9% in February. It was down 0.4 percentage points on a year-over-year basis.

### **Unemployment rate up among youth**

Among youth aged 15 to 24, the unemployment rate rose 1.3 percentage points to 14.1% in February, as employment for this group fell by 47,000 (-1.7%). The increase brings the youth unemployment rate closer to the recent high of 14.6% reached in September 2025, which was the highest since 2010 (excluding 2020 and 2021). On a year-over-year basis, the youth unemployment rate was up 1.0 percentage points.

**Infographic 2 – Unemployment rate by age group, February 2026**

— Unemployment rate  
 - - - - 2017 to 2019 average

**Total (15 years and older)**



**Youth (15 to 24 years old)**



**Core-age (25 to 54 years old)**



**People 55 years and older**



**Source(s):** Labour Force Survey (3701), table 14-10-0287-01.

Unemployment rates for racialized youth were notably higher compared with non-racialized, non-Indigenous youth. For Black youth, the unemployment rate was 23.2% in February, up 4.6 percentage points from 12 months earlier (three-month moving averages, not seasonally adjusted). Among the other largest racialized population groups, the unemployment rate was 17.4% among Chinese youth and 13.0% among South Asian youth. In comparison, the unemployment rate for non-racialized and non-Indigenous youth was 11.2% in February.

### **Unemployment rate rises for core-aged men**

Among core-aged men, the unemployment rate rose 0.3 percentage points to 5.7% in February. This remained below the recent high of 6.3% recorded in August for this group. Employment fell by 41,000 (-0.6%) among core-aged men in February, driven by a decline in full-time work (-54,000; -0.8%). Among core-aged women, the unemployment rate was little changed at 5.8% and employment held steady in February.

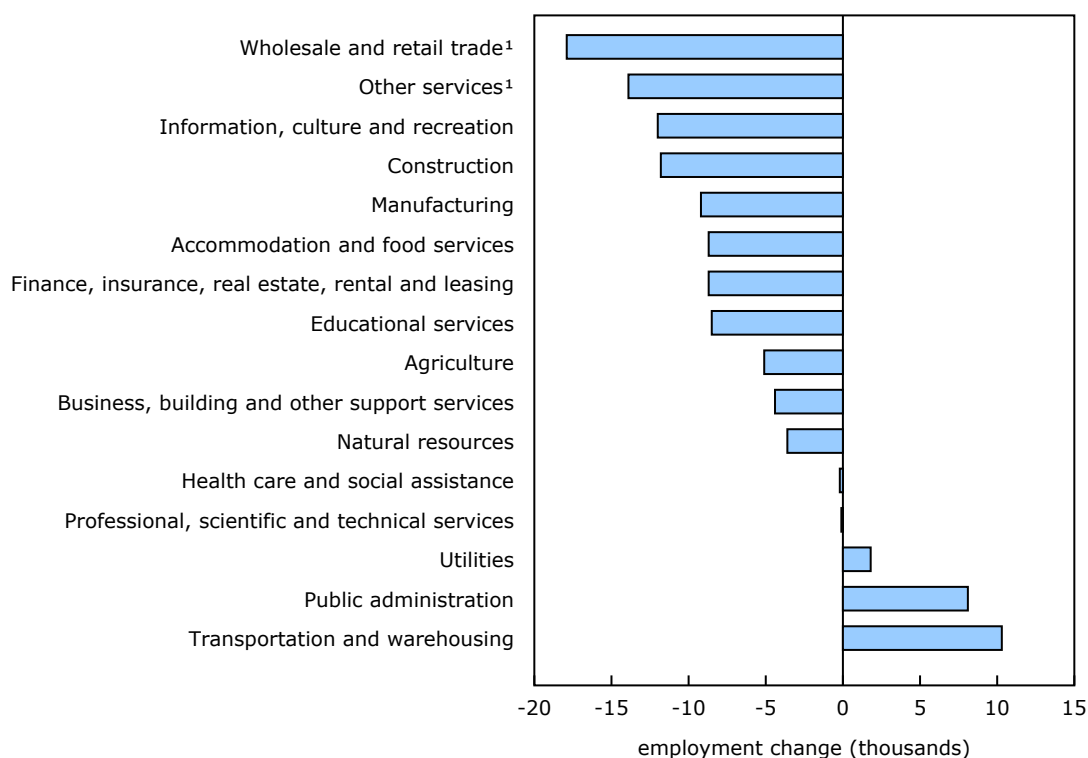
The unemployment rate for people aged 55 and older fell 0.2 percentage points to 4.9% in February, the second decrease in the past three months. On a year-over-year basis, the unemployment rate of people aged 55 and older was down 0.3 percentage points.

### **Employment declines in both services-producing and goods-producing industries**

The employment decline in February was spread across services-producing industries (-56,000; -0.3%) and goods-producing industries (-28,000; -0.7%).

In services-producing industries, the largest decline was in wholesale and retail trade (-18,000; -0.6%). Employment in this industry has trended down since October 2025, with a cumulative decline of 52,000 (-1.7%) over this period.

**Chart 3**  
**Employment change by industry, February 2026**



1. Change is statistically significant.

Source(s): Labour Force Survey (3701), table 14-10-0355-01.

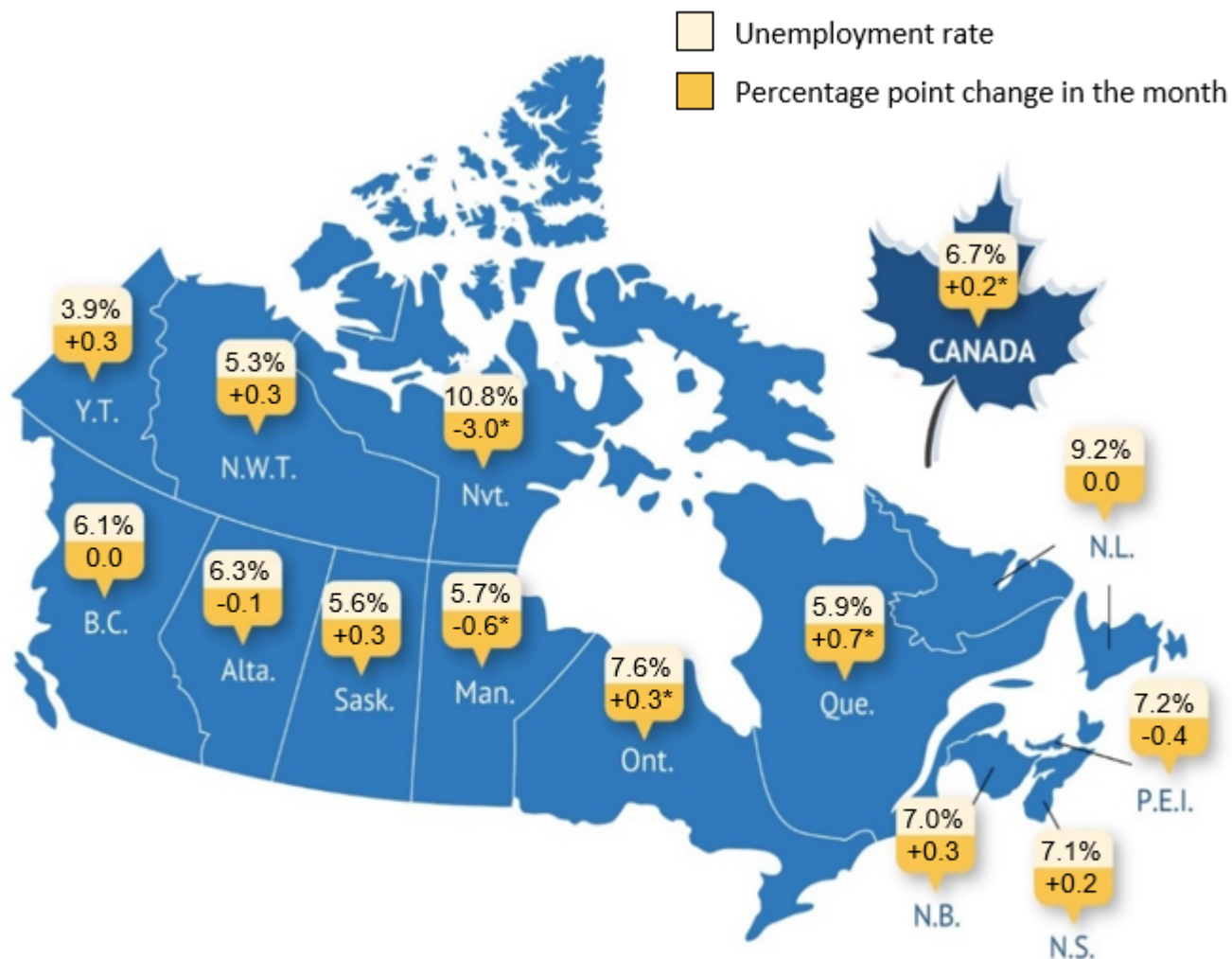
There were also fewer people working in 'other services' (-14,000; -1.8%) in February. This industry includes repair and maintenance services, personal care and laundry services, as well as religious and advocacy activities. Employment in 'other services' was little changed on a year-over-year basis.

In goods-producing industries, employment edged down in construction (-12,000; -0.7%) and manufacturing (-9,200; -0.5%) in February. On a year-over-year basis, employment was little changed in construction, while it was down by 52,000 (-2.8%) in manufacturing.

### Employment down in Quebec, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba

Employment in Quebec declined by 57,000 (-1.2%) in February, following three consecutive months of little change. This was the first significant employment decrease in the province since January 2022. The unemployment rate in Quebec rose 0.7 percentage points to reach 5.9% in February, but remained below the recent peak of 6.2% observed in June 2025.

Map 1 – Unemployment rate by province and territory, February 2026



**Note(s):** Statistically significant changes denoted with \* symbol. Data are seasonally adjusted. Data for the territories are three-month moving averages and are not directly comparable with the provinces.

**Source(s):** Labour Force Survey (3701), tables 14-10-0287-02 and 14-10-0292-02.

In British Columbia, employment fell by 20,000 (-0.7%) in February. Despite the employment decline, the unemployment rate held steady at 6.1%, as the number of people searching for work held steady. Compared with the same month in 2025, the unemployment rate in British Columbia was virtually unchanged in February.

Employment also declined in Saskatchewan (-5,500; -0.9%) and Manitoba (-4,000; -0.5%) in February, while it increased by 2,100 (+0.8%) in Newfoundland and Labrador. The unemployment rate was little changed in both Saskatchewan (at 5.6%) and Newfoundland and Labrador (at 9.2%). Despite the employment decrease in Manitoba, the unemployment rate in the province fell by 0.6 percentage points to 5.7%, as fewer people searched for work.

In Ontario, employment held steady in February, following a decline of 67,000 (-0.8%) in the previous month. The number of people in Ontario who searched for work increased by 28,000 (+4.3%) in February and the unemployment rate rose by 0.3 percentage points to 7.6%.

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## Focus on Canada and the United States: Unemployment rate in Canada remains higher than in the United States

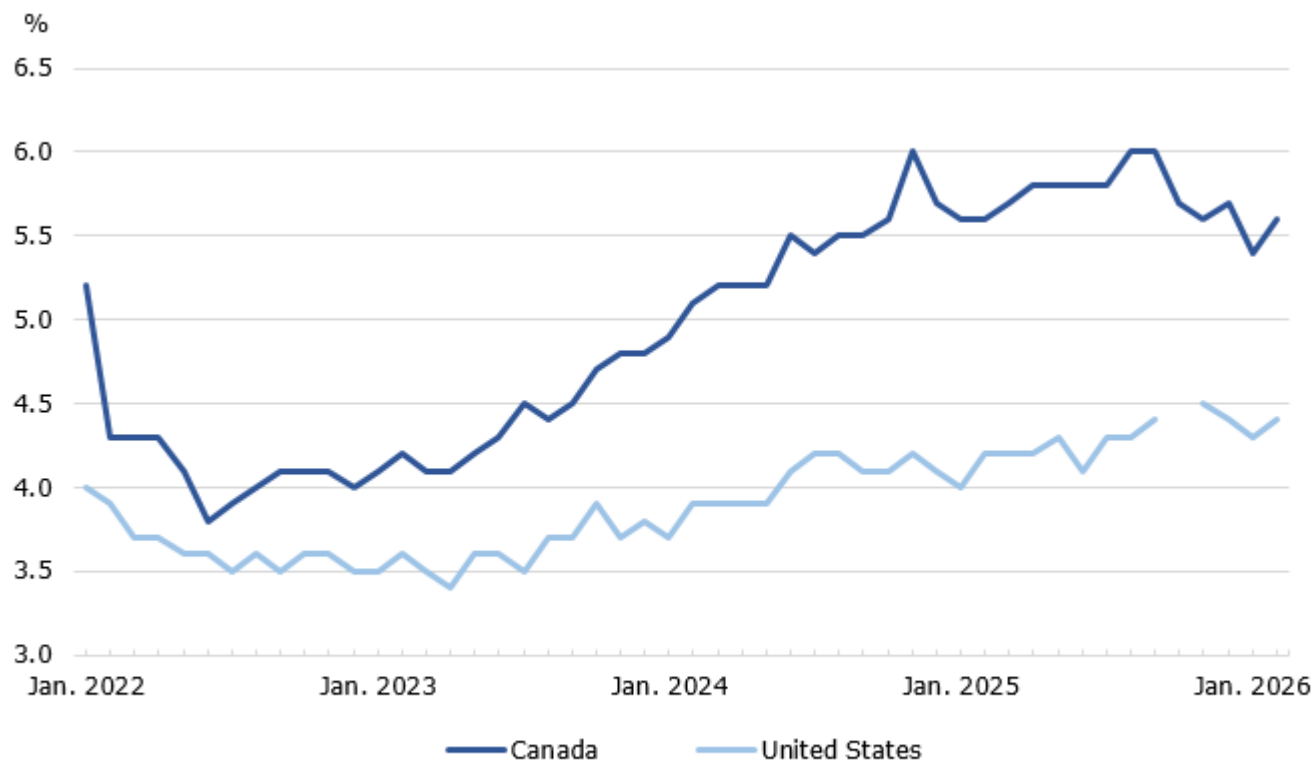
Due to the highly integrated nature of the Canadian and US economies, [trade uncertainty and disruptions can have significant impacts on the labour markets of both countries](#). By adjusting Canadian data to US concepts, direct comparisons can be made between the labour market situations in Canada and the United States. Adjustments to US concepts typically lower the unemployment rate in Canada by approximately 1.0 percentage points, as certain groups of people considered unemployed in Canada are considered not participating in the labour force in the United States. For more information, see "[Measuring Employment and Unemployment in Canada and the United States – A comparison](#)."

The unemployment rate in Canada (adjusted to US concepts) was 5.6% in February, unchanged from the rate recorded in January 2025. In comparison, the unemployment rate in the United States has increased slightly over this period. In February 2026, it was 4.4%, up 0.4 percentage points from January 2025. As a result, the gap between the unemployment rates in both countries was slightly lower in February than it was at the beginning of 2025.

The unemployment rate in Canada, even after adjusting to US concepts, has typically been higher than in the United States. For example, the gap between the unemployment rates in the two countries had averaged 0.9 percentage points from 2017 to 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more data and insights on areas touched by the socio-economic relationship between Canada and the United States, see the [Focus on Canada and the United States webpage](#).

### Infographic 3 – Unemployment rate for Canada (adjusted to US concepts) and the United States



**Source(s):** Labour Force Survey (3701), U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Population Survey.

#### In the spotlight: Women in the labour force

March 8th was International Women's Day, a global day to recognize the achievements of women and girls and reflect on the progress made towards gender equality, while acknowledging the challenges and barriers that still exist.

In February 2026, there were 10 million women employed in Canada, accounting for 47.3% of total employment. This proportion has risen markedly from when comparable data first became available in the Labour Force Survey 50 years ago. In February 1976, women comprised 36.9% of total employment. Much of the increase occurred in the 1980s.

Among core-aged women (25 to 54 years old), 80.1% were employed in February 2026. In comparison, less than half (48.2%) of core-aged women were employed in 1976. In February 2026, the employment rate for core-aged women was highest in Prince Edward Island (86.6%) and Quebec (83.6%), while it was lowest in Ontario (78.5%).

While men continue to earn more than women on average, [the gender wage gap in Canada](#) has declined over time. This reduction is largely explained by changes in the distribution of men and women across occupations; higher levels of educational attainment among women; and the decline in the share of men in unionized employment. In February 2026, women earned on average \$0.88 on the dollar compared with men. The average hourly wage for women aged 25 to 54 was \$37.62, which was \$4.93 (or 11.6%) less than the average hourly wage for men (\$42.55) (not seasonally adjusted).

Core-aged women were more likely to work part-time (15.6%) compared with men in this age group (6.4%) in February 2026. Among core-aged women, the most commonly cited main reason for working part-time (24.4%) was caring for children (not seasonally adjusted). Another 23.9% of women worked part-time because they were not able to find full-time hours due to economic or business conditions.

## Sustainable Development Goals

On January 1, 2016, the world officially began implementation of the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)—the United Nations' transformative plan of action that addresses urgent global challenges over the next 15 years. The plan is based on 17 specific sustainable development goals.

The Labour Force Survey is an example of how Statistics Canada supports the reporting on the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. This release will be used in helping to measure the following goals:



### Note to readers

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates for February reflect labour market conditions during the reference week of February 15 to 21, 2026.

The sample size of the LFS is approximately 65,000 households, representing over 100,000 respondents each month. For more information, see the [Guide to the Labour Force Survey](#).

This analysis focuses on differences between estimates that are statistically significant at the 68% confidence level. Monthly estimates may show more sampling variability than trends observed over longer periods. For more information, see "[Interpreting Monthly Changes in Employment from the Labour Force Survey](#)."

LFS estimates at the Canada level do not include the territories.

The LFS estimates are the first in a series of labour market indicators released by Statistics Canada, which includes indicators from programs such as the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH); Employment Insurance Statistics; and the Job Vacancy and Wage Survey. For more information on the conceptual differences between employment measures from the LFS and those from the SEPH, refer to [section 8 of the Guide to the Labour Force Survey](#).

The **employment rate** is the number of employed people as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and older. The rate for a particular group (for example, youth aged 15 to 24 years) is the number employed in that group as a percentage of the population for that group.

The **unemployment rate** is the number of unemployed people as a percentage of the labour force (employed and unemployed).

The **participation rate** is the number of employed and unemployed people as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and older.

**Full-time employment** consists of persons who usually work 30 hours or more per week at their main or only job.

**Part-time employment** consists of persons who usually work less than 30 hours per week at their main or only job.

**Total hours worked** refers to the number of hours actually worked at the main job by the respondent during the reference week, including paid and unpaid hours. These hours reflect temporary decreases or increases in work hours (for example, hours lost due to illness, vacation, holidays or weather; or more hours worked due to overtime).

This release refers to the [gender of a person](#). The category "men" includes men, as well as some non-binary persons. The category "women" includes women, as well as some non-binary persons. Given that the non-binary population is small, data aggregation to a two-category gender variable is necessary to protect the confidentiality of responses provided.

#### **Seasonal adjustment**

Unless otherwise stated, estimates presented in this release are seasonally adjusted, which facilitates comparisons by removing the effects of typical seasonal variations. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see [Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions](#).

#### **Population growth in the Labour Force Survey**

The LFS target population includes all persons aged 15 years and older whose usual place of residence is in Canada, with some exceptions (those living on reserves, full-time members of the regular Armed Forces and persons living in institutions). The target population includes temporary residents—that is, those with a valid work or study permit, their families, and refugee claimants—as well as permanent residents (landed immigrants) and the Canadian-born.

Information gathered from LFS respondents is weighted to represent the survey target population using population calibration totals. These totals are updated each month, using the most recently available information on population changes derived from Canada's official population estimates, with minor adjustments being made to reflect the LFS target population.

While the LFS population totals are generally aligned with official demographic estimates, the official estimates should be considered the official measure of population change in Canada. More information on how population totals in the LFS are calculated can be found in the article "[Interpreting population totals from the Labour Force Survey](#)."

Data for the Labour Market Indicators program are now available for February 2026.

#### **Next release**

The next release of the LFS will be on April 10, 2026. March 2026 data will reflect labour market conditions during the week of March 15 to 21.

**Table 1**  
**Labour force characteristics by age group and gender<sup>1</sup>, seasonally adjusted**

	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>2</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
	thousands (except rates)			change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
<b>15 years and over, total - gender</b>							
Population	34,728.2	34,735.5	...	7.3	347.3	0.0	1.0
Labour force	22,578.7	22,551.5	32.5	-27.2	82.2	-0.1	0.4
Employment	21,121.2	21,037.3	31.8	-83.9	51.8	-0.4	0.2
Full-time employment	17,324.6	17,216.2	42.0	-108.4	59.9	-0.6	0.3
Part-time employment	3,796.6	3,821.1	38.8	24.5	-8.1	0.6	-0.2
Unemployment	1,457.5	1,514.2	27.8	56.7	30.4	3.9	2.0
Participation rate	65.0	64.9	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.7	0.1	0.2	0.1	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	60.6	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	...	...
<b>15 to 24 years, total - gender</b>							
Population	4,989.8	4,981.2	...	-8.6	-23.9	-0.2	-0.5
Labour force	3,120.3	3,112.8	19.3	-7.5	-10.6	-0.2	-0.3
Employment	2,722.2	2,675.3	17.4	-46.9	-39.2	-1.7	-1.4
Full-time employment	1,365.8	1,328.8	21.0	-37.0	-32.2	-2.7	-2.4
Part-time employment	1,356.4	1,346.5	22.0	-9.9	-7.0	-0.7	-0.5
Unemployment	398.1	437.5	16.0	39.4	28.6	9.9	7.0
Participation rate	62.5	62.5	0.4	0.0	0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.8	14.1	0.5	1.3	1.0	...	...
Employment rate	54.6	53.7	0.3	-0.9	-0.5	...	...
<b>25 years and over, total - gender</b>							
Population	29,738.3	29,754.3	...	16.0	371.2	0.1	1.3
Labour force	19,458.4	19,438.6	26.1	-19.8	92.7	-0.1	0.5
Employment	18,399.0	18,362.0	26.4	-37.0	91.0	-0.2	0.5
Full-time employment	15,958.8	15,887.4	36.4	-71.4	92.1	-0.4	0.6
Part-time employment	2,440.2	2,474.6	31.9	34.4	-1.0	1.4	-0.0
Unemployment	1,059.3	1,076.7	22.4	17.4	1.7	1.6	0.2
Participation rate	65.4	65.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.5	0.1	0.1	-0.1	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	61.7	0.1	-0.2	-0.5	...	...
<b>25 years and over, men+</b>							
Population	14,670.5	14,677.4	...	6.9	175.0	0.0	1.2
Labour force	10,314.1	10,291.4	17.2	-22.7	12.3	-0.2	0.1
Employment	9,754.5	9,718.1	18.3	-36.4	34.7	-0.4	0.4
Full-time employment	8,902.5	8,848.5	24.5	-54.0	24.4	-0.6	0.3
Part-time employment	852.0	869.7	20.7	17.7	10.4	2.1	1.2
Unemployment	559.6	573.3	16.2	13.7	-22.4	2.4	-3.8
Participation rate	70.3	70.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.8	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.6	0.2	0.2	-0.2	...	...
Employment rate	66.5	66.2	0.1	-0.3	-0.6	...	...
<b>25 years and over, women+</b>							
Population	15,067.9	15,077.0	...	9.1	196.3	0.1	1.3
Labour force	9,144.3	9,147.3	18.5	3.0	80.5	0.0	0.9
Employment	8,644.5	8,643.9	18.3	-0.6	56.3	-0.0	0.7
Full-time employment	7,056.3	7,038.9	26.1	-17.4	67.7	-0.2	1.0
Part-time employment	1,588.3	1,604.9	24.3	16.6	-11.4	1.0	-0.7
Unemployment	499.7	503.4	15.3	3.7	24.1	0.7	5.0
Participation rate	60.7	60.7	0.1	0.0	-0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.5	0.2	0.0	0.2	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, total - gender</b>							
Population	16,814.8	16,813.3	...	-1.5	152.9	-0.0	0.9
Labour force	14,831.1	14,820.9	25.2	-10.2	52.6	-0.1	0.4
Employment	14,008.8	13,971.4	26.8	-37.4	40.7	-0.3	0.3
Unemployment	822.3	849.5	20.8	27.2	11.9	3.3	1.4
Participation rate	88.2	88.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.7	0.1	0.2	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	83.3	83.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, men+</b>							
Population	8,508.5	8,507.6	...	-0.9	75.9	-0.0	0.9
Labour force	7,781.8	7,758.7	16.3	-23.1	-4.7	-0.3	-0.1
Employment	7,357.9	7,316.5	18.3	-41.4	11.2	-0.6	0.2
Unemployment	423.9	442.3	15.0	18.4	-15.8	4.3	-3.4
Participation rate	91.5	91.2	0.2	-0.3	-0.9	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.7	0.2	0.3	-0.2	...	...
Employment rate	86.5	86.0	0.2	-0.5	-0.6	...	...

**Table 1 - continued**  
**Labour force characteristics by age group and gender<sup>1</sup>, seasonally adjusted**

	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>2</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
<b>25 to 54 years, women+</b>							
Population	8,306.2	8,305.7	...	-0.5	77.0	-0.0	0.9
Labour force	7,049.3	7,062.2	18.2	12.9	57.3	0.2	0.8
Employment	6,650.9	6,654.9	18.8	4.0	29.4	0.1	0.4
Unemployment	398.4	407.3	14.2	8.9	27.9	2.2	7.4
Participation rate	84.9	85.0	0.2	0.1	-0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.8	0.2	0.1	0.4	...	...
Employment rate	80.1	80.1	0.2	0.0	-0.4	...	...
<b>55 years and over, total - gender</b>							
Population	12,923.6	12,941.0	...	17.4	218.3	0.1	1.7
Labour force	4,627.3	4,617.7	21.2	-9.6	40.1	-0.2	0.9
Employment	4,390.3	4,390.6	21.1	0.3	50.4	0.0	1.2
Unemployment	237.0	227.1	11.0	-9.9	-10.3	-4.2	-4.3
Participation rate	35.8	35.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.9	0.2	-0.2	-0.3	...	...
Employment rate	34.0	33.9	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	...	...
<b>55 years and over, men+</b>							
Population	6,161.9	6,169.7	...	7.8	99.0	0.1	1.6
Labour force	2,532.3	2,532.7	14.1	0.4	17.0	0.0	0.7
Employment	2,396.6	2,401.7	14.3	5.1	23.5	0.2	1.0
Unemployment	135.7	131.0	8.0	-4.7	-6.6	-3.5	-4.8
Participation rate	41.1	41.1	0.2	0.0	-0.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	...	...
Employment rate	38.9	38.9	0.2	0.0	-0.3	...	...
<b>55 years and over, women+</b>							
Population	6,761.7	6,771.3	...	9.6	119.3	0.1	1.8
Labour force	2,095.0	2,085.1	14.6	-9.9	23.2	-0.5	1.1
Employment	1,993.7	1,988.9	14.5	-4.8	26.8	-0.2	1.4
Unemployment	101.3	96.1	7.3	-5.2	-3.7	-5.1	-3.7
Participation rate	31.0	30.8	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.6	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	...	...
Employment rate	29.5	29.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	...	...

... not applicable

1. The category "Men+" includes men, as well as some non-binary persons, while the category "Women+" includes women, as well as some non-binary persons. Given that the non-binary population is small, data aggregation to a two-category gender variable is necessary to protect the confidentiality of responses provided. Individuals in the category "non-binary persons" are distributed into the other two gender categories and are denoted by the "+" symbol.
2. Average standard error of change between two consecutive months. See the "Data Quality" section of the *Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-G)* for more information.

**Note(s):** The sum of individual categories may not always add up to the total as a result of rounding.

**Source(s):** Table [14-10-0287-02](#).

**Table 2**  
**Employment by class of worker and industry, seasonally adjusted**

	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
	thousands			change in thousands		% change	
<b>Class of worker</b>							
Employees	18,425.7	18,336.1	35.9	-89.6	72.8	-0.5	0.4
Public sector employees	4,597.0	4,579.9	19.7	-17.1	49.9	-0.4	1.1
Private sector employees	13,828.7	13,756.1	34.9	-72.6	22.9	-0.5	0.2
Self-employed	2,695.6	2,701.2	22.9	5.6	-21.0	0.2	-0.8
<b>Total employed, all industries</b>	<b>21,121.2</b>	<b>21,037.3</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>-83.9</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Goods-producing sector	4,224.4	4,196.5	19.3	-27.9	-34.2	-0.7	-0.8
Agriculture	242.4	237.3	5.4	-5.1	0.6	-2.1	0.3
Natural resources <sup>2</sup>	343.6	340.0	5.9	-3.6	4.0	-1.0	1.2
Utilities	174.3	176.1	3.3	1.8	27.5	1.0	18.5
Construction	1,639.9	1,628.1	13.2	-11.8	-14.6	-0.7	-0.9
Manufacturing	1,824.1	1,814.9	12.5	-9.2	-51.8	-0.5	-2.8
Services-producing sector	16,896.9	16,840.7	31.5	-56.2	85.9	-0.3	0.5
Wholesale and retail trade	2,995.2	2,977.3	16.9	-17.9	-33.4	-0.6	-1.1
Transportation and warehousing	1,088.0	1,098.3	10.9	10.3	28.7	0.9	2.7
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	1,492.5	1,483.8	10.8	-8.7	20.4	-0.6	1.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,986.8	1,986.7	14.3	-0.1	1.0	-0.0	0.1
Business, building and other support services	685.6	681.2	10.1	-4.4	-43.0	-0.6	-5.9
Educational services	1,586.2	1,577.7	12.5	-8.5	-20.9	-0.5	-1.3
Health care and social assistance	2,966.3	2,966.1	14.2	-0.2	92.0	-0.0	3.2
Information, culture and recreation	882.3	870.3	12.1	-12.0	16.3	-1.4	1.9
Accommodation and food services	1,178.0	1,169.3	12.4	-8.7	-8.4	-0.7	-0.7
Other services (except public administration)	791.0	777.1	9.7	-13.9	16.2	-1.8	2.1
Public administration	1,245.0	1,253.1	9.1	8.1	17.3	0.7	1.4

1. Average standard error of change between two consecutive months. See the "Data Quality" section of the *Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-G)* for more information.

2. Also referred to as "Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction."

**Note(s):** The sum of individual categories may not always add up to the total as a result of rounding.

**Source(s):** Tables [14-10-0288-02](#) and [14-10-0355-02](#).

**Table 3  
Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted**

	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
	thousands (except rates)			change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
Population	472.9	473.1	...	0.2	3.1	0.0	0.7
Labour force	272.5	274.7	1.8	2.2	3.4	0.8	1.3
Employment	247.3	249.4	1.8	2.1	6.4	0.8	2.6
Full-time employment	208.8	210.5	2.1	1.7	3.8	0.8	1.8
Part-time employment	38.6	38.8	1.7	0.2	2.6	0.5	7.2
Unemployment	25.1	25.4	1.7	0.3	-3.0	1.2	-10.6
Participation rate	57.6	58.1	0.4	0.5	0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	9.2	0.6	0.0	-1.3	...	...
Employment rate	52.3	52.7	0.4	0.4	1.0	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
Population	155.4	155.6	...	0.2	2.9	0.1	1.9
Labour force	103.4	103.7	0.9	0.3	2.1	0.3	2.1
Employment	95.5	96.2	0.9	0.7	2.6	0.7	2.8
Full-time employment	81.5	81.5	1.1	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.9
Part-time employment	14.0	14.6	0.9	0.6	1.8	4.3	14.1
Unemployment	7.9	7.5	0.7	-0.4	-0.5	-5.1	-6.3
Participation rate	66.5	66.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.2	0.7	-0.4	-0.7	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	61.8	0.5	0.3	0.5	...	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
Population	918.5	919.3	...	0.8	8.6	0.1	0.9
Labour force	563.5	563.9	3.0	0.4	4.4	0.1	0.8
Employment	524.7	524.1	3.0	-0.6	2.0	-0.1	0.4
Full-time employment	440.9	435.9	3.9	-5.0	-0.8	-1.1	-0.2
Part-time employment	83.9	88.2	3.4	4.3	2.8	5.1	3.3
Unemployment	38.8	39.8	2.5	1.0	2.4	2.6	6.4
Participation rate	61.4	61.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	7.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	57.0	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
Population	724.4	724.9	...	0.5	7.2	0.1	1.0
Labour force	439.0	440.3	2.3	1.3	6.6	0.3	1.5
Employment	409.6	409.3	2.2	-0.3	7.6	-0.1	1.9
Full-time employment	349.9	350.9	2.8	1.0	4.1	0.3	1.2
Part-time employment	59.7	58.4	2.3	-1.3	3.5	-2.2	6.4
Unemployment	29.5	31.0	1.9	1.5	-1.1	5.1	-3.4
Participation rate	60.6	60.7	0.3	0.1	0.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	7.0	0.4	0.3	-0.4	...	...
Employment rate	56.5	56.5	0.3	0.0	0.5	...	...
<b>Quebec</b>							
Population	7,597.3	7,593.2	...	-4.1	50.1	-0.1	0.7
Labour force	4,923.8	4,900.1	15.5	-23.7	1.7	-0.5	0.0
Employment	4,669.7	4,612.4	15.9	-57.3	-20.6	-1.2	-0.4
Full-time employment	3,752.8	3,731.3	20.0	-21.5	-45.5	-0.6	-1.2
Part-time employment	916.8	881.1	19.0	-35.7	25.0	-3.9	2.9
Unemployment	254.1	287.7	12.7	33.6	22.3	13.2	8.4
Participation rate	64.8	64.5	0.2	-0.3	-0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.9	0.3	0.7	0.5	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	60.7	0.2	-0.8	-0.7	...	...
<b>Ontario</b>							
Population	13,751.2	13,754.3	...	3.1	111.4	0.0	0.8
Labour force	8,852.6	8,883.7	22.7	31.1	-18.1	0.4	-0.2
Employment	8,208.0	8,211.3	21.6	3.3	-34.4	0.0	-0.4
Full-time employment	6,782.3	6,758.8	28.6	-23.5	15.4	-0.3	0.2
Part-time employment	1,425.7	1,452.5	25.9	26.8	-49.8	1.9	-3.3
Unemployment	644.5	672.4	19.4	27.9	16.3	4.3	2.5
Participation rate	64.4	64.6	0.2	0.2	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	59.7	0.2	0.0	-0.7	...	...
<b>Manitoba</b>							
Population	1,182.5	1,183.6	...	1.1	16.7	0.1	1.4
Labour force	794.0	785.2	3.5	-8.8	4.6	-1.1	0.6
Employment	744.1	740.1	3.5	-4.0	7.1	-0.5	1.0
Full-time employment	615.0	607.5	4.6	-7.5	-0.4	-1.2	-0.1
Part-time employment	129.2	132.6	4.4	3.4	7.5	2.6	6.0
Unemployment	49.9	45.1	2.8	-4.8	-2.5	-9.6	-5.3
Participation rate	67.1	66.3	0.3	-0.8	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	5.7	0.4	-0.6	-0.4	...	...
Employment rate	62.9	62.5	0.3	-0.4	-0.3	...	...

**Table 3 - continued**  
**Labour force characteristics by province, seasonally adjusted**

	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
Population	974.3	975.5	...	1.2	15.7	0.1	1.6
Labour force	658.6	654.7	2.9	-3.9	11.6	-0.6	1.8
Employment	623.6	618.1	2.9	-5.5	9.2	-0.9	1.5
Full-time employment	519.9	516.0	4.0	-3.9	16.1	-0.8	3.2
Part-time employment	103.8	102.1	3.7	-1.7	-7.0	-1.6	-6.4
Unemployment	35.0	36.7	2.4	1.7	2.6	4.9	7.6
Participation rate	67.6	67.1	0.3	-0.5	0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	63.4	0.3	-0.6	0.0	...	...
<b>Alberta</b>							
Population	4,107.5	4,114.1	...	6.6	102.5	0.2	2.6
Labour force	2,833.3	2,826.9	12.1	-6.4	74.9	-0.2	2.7
Employment	2,651.0	2,649.2	12.4	-1.8	85.0	-0.1	3.3
Full-time employment	2,197.2	2,179.9	17.0	-17.3	70.0	-0.8	3.3
Part-time employment	453.8	469.2	15.3	15.4	14.9	3.4	3.3
Unemployment	182.3	177.8	11.2	-4.5	-10.0	-2.5	-5.3
Participation rate	69.0	68.7	0.3	-0.3	0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	...	...
Employment rate	64.5	64.4	0.3	-0.1	0.5	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>							
Population	4,844.0	4,841.7	...	-2.3	28.9	-0.0	0.6
Labour force	3,138.1	3,118.1	11.6	-20.0	-9.2	-0.6	-0.3
Employment	2,947.6	2,927.4	11.5	-20.2	-13.0	-0.7	-0.4
Full-time employment	2,376.4	2,343.9	15.4	-32.5	-3.6	-1.4	-0.2
Part-time employment	571.2	583.5	14.5	12.3	-9.4	2.2	-1.6
Unemployment	190.4	190.7	10.0	0.3	3.8	0.2	2.0
Participation rate	64.8	64.4	0.2	-0.4	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.5	0.2	-0.4	-0.6	...	...

... not applicable

1. Average standard error of change between two consecutive months. See the "Data Quality" section of the *Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-G)* for more information.

**Note(s):** The sum of individual categories may not always add up to the total as a result of rounding.

**Source(s):** Table 14-10-0287-03.

**Table 4**  
**Labour force characteristics by province, age group and gender<sup>1</sup>, seasonally adjusted**  
**(Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick)**

	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>2</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
	thousands (except rates)			change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
<b>Total - gender, 15 years and over</b>							
Population	472.9	473.1	...	0.2	3.1	0.0	0.7
Labour force	272.5	274.7	1.8	2.2	3.4	0.8	1.3
Employment	247.3	249.4	1.8	2.1	6.4	0.8	2.6
Full-time employment	208.8	210.5	2.1	1.7	3.8	0.8	1.8
Unemployment	25.1	25.4	1.7	0.3	-3.0	1.2	-10.6
Participation rate	57.6	58.1	0.4	0.5	0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	9.2	0.6	0.0	-1.3	...	...
Employment rate	52.3	52.7	0.4	0.4	1.0	...	...
<b>Total - gender, 15 to 24 years</b>							
Population	57.8	57.8	...	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2
Labour force	37.2	37.6	0.9	0.4	3.0	1.1	8.7
Employment	30.9	31.5	0.9	0.6	3.1	1.9	10.9
Unemployment	6.3	6.1	0.8	-0.2	-0.1	-3.2	-1.6
Participation rate	64.4	65.1	1.6	0.7	5.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.9	16.2	2.0	-0.7	-1.7	...	...
Employment rate	53.5	54.5	1.5	1.0	5.3	...	...
<b>Men+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	202.2	202.2	...	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.6
Labour force	121.0	122.6	1.2	1.6	0.0	1.3	0.0
Employment	109.5	111.0	1.2	1.5	2.9	1.4	2.7
Unemployment	11.5	11.6	1.1	0.1	-2.9	0.9	-20.0
Participation rate	59.8	60.6	0.6	0.8	-0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	9.5	0.9	0.0	-2.3	...	...
Employment rate	54.2	54.9	0.6	0.7	1.1	...	...
<b>Women+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	213.0	213.0	...	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.8
Labour force	114.2	114.5	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Employment	106.9	106.8	1.0	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.3
Unemployment	7.3	7.7	0.9	0.4	0.0	5.5	0.0
Participation rate	53.6	53.8	0.4	0.2	-0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.7	0.7	0.3	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	50.2	50.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	...	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
<b>Total - gender, 15 years and over</b>							
Population	155.4	155.6	...	0.2	2.9	0.1	1.9
Labour force	103.4	103.7	0.9	0.3	2.1	0.3	2.1
Employment	95.5	96.2	0.9	0.7	2.6	0.7	2.8
Full-time employment	81.5	81.5	1.1	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.9
Unemployment	7.9	7.5	0.7	-0.4	-0.5	-5.1	-6.3
Participation rate	66.5	66.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.2	0.7	-0.4	-0.7	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	61.8	0.5	0.3	0.5	...	...
<b>Total - gender, 15 to 24 years</b>							
Population	24.0	24.0	...	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.4
Labour force	16.0	15.3	0.5	-0.7	-1.3	-4.4	-7.8
Employment	13.6	13.5	0.5	-0.1	-1.3	-0.7	-8.8
Unemployment	2.3	1.8	0.4	-0.5	0.0	-21.7	0.0
Participation rate	66.7	63.8	1.9	-2.9	-5.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.4	11.8	2.1	-2.6	1.0	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	56.3	1.8	-0.4	-5.1	...	...
<b>Men+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	63.7	63.8	...	0.1	1.5	0.2	2.4
Labour force	44.8	45.5	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.6	2.0
Employment	41.4	42.2	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.9	2.7
Unemployment	3.4	3.4	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-2.9
Participation rate	70.3	71.3	0.7	1.0	-0.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.6	7.5	1.0	-0.1	-0.3	...	...
Employment rate	65.0	66.1	0.8	1.1	0.1	...	...
<b>Women+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	67.7	67.8	...	0.1	1.6	0.1	2.4
Labour force	42.6	42.9	0.4	0.3	2.6	0.7	6.5
Employment	40.4	40.5	0.4	0.1	2.9	0.2	7.7
Unemployment	2.2	2.4	0.4	0.2	-0.3	9.1	-11.1
Participation rate	62.9	63.3	0.6	0.4	2.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.6	0.9	0.4	-1.1	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	59.7	0.6	0.0	2.9	...	...

Table 4 - continued

**Labour force characteristics by province, age group and gender<sup>1</sup>, seasonally adjusted  
(Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick)**

	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>2</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
<b>Total - gender, 15 years and over</b>							
Population	918.5	919.3	...	0.8	8.6	0.1	0.9
Labour force	563.5	563.9	3.0	0.4	4.4	0.1	0.8
Employment	524.7	524.1	3.0	-0.6	2.0	-0.1	0.4
Full-time employment	440.9	435.9	3.9	-5.0	-0.8	-1.1	-0.2
Unemployment	38.8	39.8	2.5	1.0	2.4	2.6	6.4
Participation rate	61.4	61.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.9	7.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	57.0	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	...	...
<b>Total - gender, 15 to 24 years</b>							
Population	117.4	117.5	...	0.1	-0.7	0.1	-0.6
Labour force	73.8	74.8	1.8	1.0	-1.1	1.4	-1.4
Employment	62.8	62.6	1.6	-0.2	-4.2	-0.3	-6.3
Unemployment	11.0	12.3	1.4	1.3	3.2	11.8	35.2
Participation rate	62.9	63.7	1.5	0.8	-0.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.9	16.4	1.7	1.5	4.4	...	...
Employment rate	53.5	53.3	1.4	-0.2	-3.2	...	...
<b>Men+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	389.1	389.4	...	0.3	4.4	0.1	1.1
Labour force	257.0	254.9	1.7	-2.1	3.4	-0.8	1.4
Employment	240.4	239.3	1.8	-1.1	4.7	-0.5	2.0
Unemployment	16.6	15.6	1.6	-1.0	-1.4	-6.0	-8.2
Participation rate	66.0	65.5	0.4	-0.5	0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.1	0.6	-0.4	-0.7	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	61.5	0.5	-0.3	0.6	...	...
<b>Women+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	412.1	412.5	...	0.4	5.1	0.1	1.3
Labour force	232.7	234.2	1.6	1.5	2.0	0.6	0.9
Employment	221.5	222.2	1.6	0.7	1.5	0.3	0.7
Unemployment	11.2	12.0	1.3	0.8	0.6	7.1	5.3
Participation rate	56.5	56.8	0.4	0.3	-0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	...	...
Employment rate	53.7	53.9	0.4	0.2	-0.3	...	...
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
<b>Total - gender, 15 years and over</b>							
Population	724.4	724.9	...	0.5	7.2	0.1	1.0
Labour force	439.0	440.3	2.3	1.3	6.6	0.3	1.5
Employment	409.6	409.3	2.2	-0.3	7.6	-0.1	1.9
Full-time employment	349.9	350.9	2.8	1.0	4.1	0.3	1.2
Unemployment	29.5	31.0	1.9	1.5	-1.1	5.1	-3.4
Participation rate	60.6	60.7	0.3	0.1	0.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	7.0	0.4	0.3	-0.4	...	...
Employment rate	56.5	56.5	0.3	0.0	0.5	...	...
<b>Total - gender, 15 to 24 years</b>							
Population	93.1	93.2	...	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.8
Labour force	61.9	60.6	1.3	-1.3	3.4	-2.1	5.9
Employment	53.4	53.3	1.1	-0.1	5.2	-0.2	10.8
Unemployment	8.5	7.3	1.1	-1.2	-1.8	-14.1	-19.8
Participation rate	66.5	65.0	1.4	-1.5	3.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.7	12.0	1.7	-1.7	-3.9	...	...
Employment rate	57.4	57.2	1.2	-0.2	5.2	...	...
<b>Men+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	307.4	307.6	...	0.2	3.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	196.6	198.1	1.3	1.5	1.8	0.8	0.9
Employment	183.7	183.5	1.3	-0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.3
Unemployment	12.9	14.5	1.2	1.6	1.2	12.4	9.0
Participation rate	64.0	64.4	0.4	0.4	-0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	7.3	0.6	0.7	0.5	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	59.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	...	...
<b>Women+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	323.9	324.2	...	0.3	3.5	0.1	1.1
Labour force	180.6	181.7	1.2	1.1	1.5	0.6	0.8
Employment	172.5	172.5	1.2	0.0	1.9	0.0	1.1
Unemployment	8.1	9.2	1.0	1.1	-0.4	13.6	-4.2
Participation rate	55.8	56.0	0.4	0.2	-0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	5.1	0.5	0.6	-0.2	...	...
Employment rate	53.3	53.2	0.4	-0.1	0.0	...	...

... not applicable

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- Average standard error of change between two consecutive months. See the "Data Quality" section of the *Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-G)* for more information.

**Note(s):** The sum of individual categories may not always add up to the total as a result of rounding.

**Source(s):** Table 14-10-0287-03.

**Table 5**  
**Labour force characteristics by province, age group and gender<sup>1</sup>, seasonally adjusted (Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia)**

	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>2</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
	thousands (except rates)			change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
<b>Quebec</b>							
<b>Total - gender, 15 years and over</b>							
Population	7,597.3	7,593.2	...	-4.1	50.1	-0.1	0.7
Labour force	4,923.8	4,900.1	15.5	-23.7	1.7	-0.5	0.0
Employment	4,669.7	4,612.4	15.9	-57.3	-20.6	-1.2	-0.4
Full-time employment	3,752.8	3,731.3	20.0	-21.5	-45.5	-0.6	-1.2
Unemployment	254.1	287.7	12.7	33.6	22.3	13.2	8.4
Participation rate	64.8	64.5	0.2	-0.3	-0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.9	0.3	0.7	0.5	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	60.7	0.2	-0.8	-0.7	...	...
<b>Total - gender, 15 to 24 years</b>							
Population	1,009.4	1,008.7	...	-0.7	6.8	-0.1	0.7
Labour force	703.0	708.7	8.3	5.7	41.3	0.8	6.2
Employment	645.1	634.9	7.7	-10.2	23.1	-1.6	3.8
Unemployment	57.9	73.8	6.6	15.9	18.2	27.5	32.7
Participation rate	69.6	70.3	0.8	0.7	3.7	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	10.4	0.9	2.2	2.1	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	62.9	0.8	-1.0	1.8	...	...
<b>Men+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	3,293.0	3,291.2	...	-1.8	22.6	-0.1	0.7
Labour force	2,244.9	2,226.2	8.8	-18.7	-11.9	-0.8	-0.5
Employment	2,146.5	2,110.1	9.8	-36.4	-3.3	-1.7	-0.2
Unemployment	98.4	116.1	8.2	17.7	-8.6	18.0	-6.9
Participation rate	68.2	67.6	0.3	-0.6	-0.9	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	5.2	0.4	0.8	-0.4	...	...
Employment rate	65.2	64.1	0.3	-1.1	-0.6	...	...
<b>Women+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	3,294.8	3,293.4	...	-1.4	20.8	-0.0	0.6
Labour force	1,975.9	1,965.2	9.2	-10.7	-27.7	-0.5	-1.4
Employment	1,878.1	1,867.4	9.3	-10.7	-40.3	-0.6	-2.1
Unemployment	97.8	97.8	6.9	0.0	12.6	0.0	14.8
Participation rate	60.0	59.7	0.3	-0.3	-1.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.0	0.3	0.1	0.7	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	56.7	0.3	-0.3	-1.6	...	...
<b>Ontario</b>							
<b>Total - gender, 15 years and over</b>							
Population	13,751.2	13,754.3	...	3.1	111.4	0.0	0.8
Labour force	8,852.6	8,883.7	22.7	31.1	-18.1	0.4	-0.2
Employment	8,208.0	8,211.3	21.6	3.3	-34.4	0.0	-0.4
Full-time employment	6,782.3	6,758.8	28.6	-23.5	15.4	-0.3	0.2
Unemployment	644.5	672.4	19.4	27.9	16.3	4.3	2.5
Participation rate	64.4	64.6	0.2	0.2	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	59.7	0.2	0.0	-0.7	...	...
<b>Total - gender, 15 to 24 years</b>							
Population	2,053.8	2,047.1	...	-6.7	-40.0	-0.3	-1.9
Labour force	1,209.5	1,225.8	13.8	16.3	-33.7	1.3	-2.7
Employment	1,037.0	1,025.8	12.2	-11.2	-39.4	-1.1	-3.7
Unemployment	172.5	200.0	11.5	27.5	5.7	15.9	2.9
Participation rate	58.9	59.9	0.7	1.0	-0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.3	16.3	0.8	2.0	0.9	...	...
Employment rate	50.5	50.1	0.6	-0.4	-0.9	...	...
<b>Men+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	5,738.4	5,743.1	...	4.7	71.8	0.1	1.3
Labour force	4,055.3	4,052.2	11.5	-3.1	-10.3	-0.1	-0.3
Employment	3,803.9	3,802.6	11.8	-1.3	-7.8	-0.0	-0.2
Unemployment	251.4	249.6	10.9	-1.8	-2.5	-0.7	-1.0
Participation rate	70.7	70.6	0.2	-0.1	-1.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	66.2	0.2	-0.1	-1.0	...	...
<b>Women+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	5,959.0	5,964.1	...	5.1	79.6	0.1	1.4
Labour force	3,587.7	3,605.7	12.3	18.0	26.0	0.5	0.7
Employment	3,367.1	3,382.9	11.7	15.8	12.8	0.5	0.4
Unemployment	220.6	222.8	10.5	2.2	13.2	1.0	6.3
Participation rate	60.2	60.5	0.2	0.3	-0.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	...	...
Employment rate	56.5	56.7	0.2	0.2	-0.6	...	...

Table 5 - continued

Labour force characteristics by province, age group and gender<sup>1</sup>, seasonally adjusted (Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia)

	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>2</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
<b>Manitoba</b>							
<b>Total - gender, 15 years and over</b>							
Population	1,182.5	1,183.6	...	1.1	16.7	0.1	1.4
Labour force	794.0	785.2	3.5	-8.8	4.6	-1.1	0.6
Employment	744.1	740.1	3.5	-4.0	7.1	-0.5	1.0
Full-time employment	615.0	607.5	4.6	-7.5	-0.4	-1.2	-0.1
Unemployment	49.9	45.1	2.8	-4.8	-2.5	-9.6	-5.3
Participation rate	67.1	66.3	0.3	-0.8	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	5.7	0.4	-0.6	-0.4	...	...
Employment rate	62.9	62.5	0.3	-0.4	-0.3	...	...
<b>Total - gender, 15 to 24 years</b>							
Population	188.4	188.0	...	-0.4	-1.9	-0.2	-1.0
Labour force	126.5	122.5	2.0	-4.0	-4.5	-3.2	-3.5
Employment	108.8	107.3	1.9	-1.5	-3.9	-1.4	-3.5
Unemployment	17.8	15.2	1.7	-2.6	-0.6	-14.6	-3.8
Participation rate	67.1	65.2	1.1	-1.9	-1.7	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.1	12.4	1.3	-1.7	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	57.7	57.1	1.0	-0.6	-1.5	...	...
<b>Men+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	496.6	497.3	...	0.7	9.4	0.1	1.9
Labour force	358.5	358.7	1.8	0.2	4.5	0.1	1.3
Employment	341.7	341.6	1.9	-0.1	5.6	-0.0	1.7
Unemployment	16.8	17.0	1.6	0.2	-1.2	1.2	-6.6
Participation rate	72.2	72.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.7	0.4	0.0	-0.4	...	...
Employment rate	68.8	68.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	...	...
<b>Women+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	497.6	498.4	...	0.8	9.3	0.2	1.9
Labour force	309.0	303.9	2.0	-5.1	4.5	-1.7	1.5
Employment	293.7	291.1	2.1	-2.6	5.3	-0.9	1.9
Unemployment	15.3	12.8	1.6	-2.5	-0.8	-16.3	-5.9
Participation rate	62.1	61.0	0.4	-1.1	-0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.2	0.5	-0.8	-0.3	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	58.4	0.4	-0.6	0.0	...	...
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
<b>Total - gender, 15 years and over</b>							
Population	974.3	975.5	...	1.2	15.7	0.1	1.6
Labour force	658.6	654.7	2.9	-3.9	11.6	-0.6	1.8
Employment	623.6	618.1	2.9	-5.5	9.2	-0.9	1.5
Full-time employment	519.9	516.0	4.0	-3.9	16.1	-0.8	3.2
Unemployment	35.0	36.7	2.4	1.7	2.6	4.9	7.6
Participation rate	67.6	67.1	0.3	-0.5	0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	63.4	0.3	-0.6	0.0	...	...
<b>Total - gender, 15 to 24 years</b>							
Population	152.7	153.1	...	0.4	4.0	0.3	2.7
Labour force	100.3	98.7	1.7	-1.6	4.9	-1.6	5.2
Employment	89.1	87.1	1.5	-2.0	5.7	-2.2	7.0
Unemployment	11.2	11.7	1.3	0.5	-0.6	4.5	-4.9
Participation rate	65.7	64.5	1.1	-1.2	1.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.2	11.9	1.3	0.7	-1.2	...	...
Employment rate	58.3	56.9	1.0	-1.4	2.3	...	...
<b>Men+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	409.3	409.8	...	0.5	6.1	0.1	1.5
Labour force	297.9	298.9	1.6	1.0	5.9	0.3	2.0
Employment	284.9	285.1	1.7	0.2	4.5	0.1	1.6
Unemployment	13.1	13.8	1.5	0.7	1.3	5.3	10.4
Participation rate	72.8	72.9	0.4	0.1	0.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.6	0.5	0.2	0.3	...	...
Employment rate	69.6	69.6	0.4	0.0	0.1	...	...
<b>Women+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	412.3	412.7	...	0.4	5.8	0.1	1.4
Labour force	260.4	257.1	1.6	-3.3	0.8	-1.3	0.3
Employment	249.7	245.9	1.6	-3.8	-1.0	-1.5	-0.4
Unemployment	10.7	11.2	1.2	0.5	1.9	4.7	20.4
Participation rate	63.2	62.3	0.4	-0.9	-0.7	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.4	0.4	0.3	0.8	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	59.6	0.4	-1.0	-1.1	...	...

Table 5 - continued

Labour force characteristics by province, age group and gender<sup>1</sup>, seasonally adjusted (Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia)

	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>2</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
<b>Alberta</b>							
<b>Total - gender, 15 years and over</b>							
Population	4,107.5	4,114.1	...	6.6	102.5	0.2	2.6
Labour force	2,833.3	2,826.9	12.1	-6.4	74.9	-0.2	2.7
Employment	2,651.0	2,649.2	12.4	-1.8	85.0	-0.1	3.3
Full-time employment	2,197.2	2,179.9	17.0	-17.3	70.0	-0.8	3.3
Unemployment	182.3	177.8	11.2	-4.5	-10.0	-2.5	-5.3
Participation rate	69.0	68.7	0.3	-0.3	0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	...	...
Employment rate	64.5	64.4	0.3	-0.1	0.5	...	...
<b>Total - gender, 15 to 24 years</b>							
Population	626.1	626.9	...	0.8	16.9	0.1	2.8
Labour force	393.7	383.7	7.2	-10.0	-5.0	-2.5	-1.3
Employment	337.9	327.6	6.5	-10.3	-8.8	-3.0	-2.6
Unemployment	55.7	56.2	6.3	0.5	3.9	0.9	7.5
Participation rate	62.9	61.2	1.2	-1.7	-2.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.1	14.6	1.4	0.5	1.1	...	...
Employment rate	54.0	52.3	1.0	-1.7	-2.8	...	...
<b>Men+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	1,731.9	1,734.7	...	2.8	40.8	0.2	2.4
Labour force	1,315.3	1,318.3	6.5	3.0	39.5	0.2	3.1
Employment	1,249.2	1,256.9	7.1	7.7	48.7	0.6	4.0
Unemployment	66.1	61.4	6.5	-4.7	-9.3	-7.1	-13.2
Participation rate	75.9	76.0	0.4	0.1	0.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.7	0.5	-0.3	-0.8	...	...
Employment rate	72.1	72.5	0.4	0.4	1.2	...	...
<b>Women+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	1,749.5	1,752.5	...	3.0	44.7	0.2	2.6
Labour force	1,124.3	1,124.9	7.4	0.6	40.4	0.1	3.7
Employment	1,063.8	1,064.7	7.6	0.9	45.1	0.1	4.4
Unemployment	60.4	60.2	6.4	-0.2	-4.7	-0.3	-7.2
Participation rate	64.3	64.2	0.5	-0.1	0.7	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.4	0.6	0.0	-0.6	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	60.8	0.5	0.0	1.1	...	...
<b>British Columbia</b>							
<b>Total - gender, 15 years and over</b>							
Population	4,844.0	4,841.7	...	-2.3	28.9	-0.0	0.6
Labour force	3,138.1	3,118.1	11.6	-20.0	-9.2	-0.6	-0.3
Employment	2,947.6	2,927.4	11.5	-20.2	-13.0	-0.7	-0.4
Full-time employment	2,376.4	2,343.9	15.4	-32.5	-3.6	-1.4	-0.2
Unemployment	190.4	190.7	10.0	0.3	3.8	0.2	2.0
Participation rate	64.8	64.4	0.2	-0.4	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	...	...
Employment rate	60.9	60.5	0.2	-0.4	-0.6	...	...
<b>Total - gender, 15 to 24 years</b>							
Population	667.0	665.0	...	-2.0	-9.5	-0.3	-1.4
Labour force	398.5	384.9	6.8	-13.6	-17.8	-3.4	-4.4
Employment	343.5	331.8	6.4	-11.7	-18.5	-3.4	-5.3
Unemployment	54.9	53.2	5.8	-1.7	0.8	-3.1	1.5
Participation rate	59.7	57.9	1.0	-1.8	-1.8	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.8	13.8	1.3	0.0	0.8	...	...
Employment rate	51.5	49.9	0.9	-1.6	-2.0	...	...
<b>Men+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	2,038.9	2,038.4	...	-0.5	14.2	-0.0	0.7
Labour force	1,422.7	1,416.0	5.8	-6.7	-21.4	-0.5	-1.5
Employment	1,353.3	1,345.8	6.2	-7.5	-22.3	-0.6	-1.6
Unemployment	69.5	70.2	5.4	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.3
Participation rate	69.8	69.5	0.3	-0.3	-1.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	...	...
Employment rate	66.4	66.0	0.3	-0.4	-1.6	...	...
<b>Women+, 25 years and over</b>							
Population	2,138.0	2,138.3	...	0.3	24.2	0.0	1.1
Labour force	1,316.9	1,317.2	6.8	0.3	30.0	0.0	2.3
Employment	1,250.8	1,249.8	6.9	-1.0	27.8	-0.1	2.3
Unemployment	66.0	67.4	5.5	1.4	2.2	2.1	3.4
Participation rate	61.6	61.6	0.3	0.0	0.7	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	58.5	58.4	0.3	-0.1	0.6	...	...

... not applicable

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**Note(s):** The sum of individual categories may not always add up to the total as a result of rounding.

**Source(s):** Table 14-10-0287-03.

**Table 6**  
**Employment by province and industry, seasonally adjusted**

	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
	thousands			change in thousands		% change	
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
Total employed, all industries	247.3	249.4	1.8	2.1	6.4	0.8	2.6
Goods-producing sector	45.8	47.6	1.2	1.8	-0.4	3.9	-0.8
Agriculture	0.9	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	22.2	0.0
Natural resources <sup>2</sup>	16.2	16.0	0.7	-0.2	0.0	-1.2	0.0
Utilities	2.1	2.1	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-8.7
Construction	17.9	18.8	0.7	0.9	0.0	5.0	0.0
Manufacturing	8.7	9.6	0.5	0.9	-0.2	10.3	-2.0
Services-producing sector	201.5	201.8	1.6	0.3	6.8	0.1	3.5
Wholesale and retail trade	40.8	39.9	0.8	-0.9	1.0	-2.2	2.6
Transportation and warehousing	13.3	13.2	0.5	-0.1	0.0	-0.8	0.0
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	8.5	8.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-1.2	-2.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	11.3	11.4	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.0
Business, building and other support services	6.9	6.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	-2.9	-1.5
Educational services	18.7	18.6	0.6	-0.1	-1.4	-0.5	-7.0
Health care and social assistance	49.2	49.2	0.7	0.0	2.3	0.0	4.9
Information, culture and recreation	6.1	6.9	0.5	0.8	0.5	13.1	7.8
Accommodation and food services	15.1	15.9	0.7	0.8	3.5	5.3	28.2
Other services (except public administration)	10.5	10.5	0.5	0.0	1.6	0.0	18.0
Public administration	21.1	21.2	0.6	0.1	-0.3	0.5	-1.4
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
Total employed, all industries	95.5	96.2	0.9	0.7	2.6	0.7	2.8
Goods-producing sector	23.2	23.3	0.7	0.1	-1.7	0.4	-6.8
Agriculture	3.7	3.8	0.3	0.1	0.3	2.7	8.6
Natural resources <sup>2</sup>	1.3	1.4	0.3	0.1	-1.0	7.7	-41.7
Utilities	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	16.7	133.3
Construction	9.9	9.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-4.0	-5.0
Manufacturing	7.7	7.9	0.4	0.2	-0.9	2.6	-10.2
Services-producing sector	72.4	72.9	0.8	0.5	4.3	0.7	6.3
Wholesale and retail trade	11.4	11.7	0.4	0.3	0.2	2.6	1.7
Transportation and warehousing	2.0	1.9	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	-5.0	-17.4
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	4.6	4.3	0.3	-0.3	1.1	-6.5	34.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	5.6	5.8	0.3	0.2	1.1	3.6	23.4
Business, building and other support services	1.8	1.8	0.2	0.0	-0.9	0.0	-33.3
Educational services	6.1	6.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	6.6	8.3
Health care and social assistance	16.8	16.5	0.4	-0.3	1.3	-1.8	8.6
Information, culture and recreation	2.8	2.7	0.3	-0.1	0.5	-3.6	22.7
Accommodation and food services	7.1	7.7	0.4	0.6	1.5	8.5	24.2
Other services (except public administration)	3.5	3.2	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-8.6	-8.6
Public administration	10.7	10.9	0.3	0.2	-0.2	1.9	-1.8
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
Total employed, all industries	524.7	524.1	3.0	-0.6	2.0	-0.1	0.4
Goods-producing sector	99.3	97.6	1.8	-1.7	0.5	-1.7	0.5
Agriculture	3.6	3.8	0.5	0.2	0.6	5.6	18.8
Natural resources <sup>2</sup>	10.5	10.2	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	-2.9	-2.9
Utilities	4.6	4.5	0.3	-0.1	0.0	-2.2	0.0
Construction	44.4	43.8	1.2	-0.6	-1.6	-1.4	-3.5
Manufacturing	36.3	35.4	1.0	-0.9	1.8	-2.5	5.4
Services-producing sector	425.4	426.5	2.9	1.1	1.5	0.3	0.4
Wholesale and retail trade	73.3	75.3	1.7	2.0	-5.6	2.7	-6.9
Transportation and warehousing	25.0	27.0	1.0	2.0	2.9	8.0	12.0
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	29.9	30.4	0.8	0.5	1.3	1.7	4.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	37.4	38.1	1.1	0.7	3.2	1.9	9.2
Business, building and other support services	18.2	16.9	0.9	-1.3	0.7	-7.1	4.3
Educational services	43.1	42.5	1.2	-0.6	-1.5	-1.4	-3.4
Health care and social assistance	88.4	86.5	1.4	-1.9	2.5	-2.1	3.0
Information, culture and recreation	18.6	18.8	1.0	0.2	-0.5	1.1	-2.6
Accommodation and food services	32.4	30.6	1.1	-1.8	-5.4	-5.6	-15.0
Other services (except public administration)	20.8	21.7	0.8	0.9	2.9	4.3	15.4
Public administration	38.2	38.6	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.8

**Table 6 - continued**  
**Employment by province and industry, seasonally adjusted**

	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
Total employed, all industries	409.6	409.3	2.2	-0.3	7.6	-0.1	1.9
Goods-producing sector	83.4	83.8	1.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6
Agriculture	5.2	4.7	0.4	-0.5	-2.1	-9.6	-30.9
Natural resources <sup>2</sup>	5.5	6.1	0.6	0.6	-2.0	10.9	-24.7
Utilities	4.4	4.4	0.3	0.0	-0.8	0.0	-15.4
Construction	32.5	32.7	1.0	0.2	1.1	0.6	3.5
Manufacturing	35.8	35.8	1.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	13.3
Services-producing sector	326.2	325.5	2.1	-0.7	7.2	-0.2	2.3
Wholesale and retail trade	61.7	62.4	1.0	0.7	4.4	1.1	7.6
Transportation and warehousing	18.3	17.5	0.8	-0.8	-2.8	-4.4	-13.8
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	19.5	19.8	0.6	0.3	-0.5	1.5	-2.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	21.2	21.6	0.7	0.4	-1.1	1.9	-4.8
Business, building and other support services	14.1	13.6	0.6	-0.5	0.5	-3.5	3.8
Educational services	34.6	34.4	0.9	-0.2	4.2	-0.6	13.9
Health care and social assistance	68.6	67.2	1.0	-1.4	-0.4	-2.0	-0.6
Information, culture and recreation	12.5	13.8	0.6	1.3	2.7	10.4	24.3
Accommodation and food services	24.2	22.9	0.8	-1.3	3.1	-5.4	15.7
Other services (except public administration)	14.1	14.4	0.7	0.3	-2.6	2.1	-15.3
Public administration	37.3	37.9	0.7	0.6	-0.5	1.6	-1.3
<b>Quebec</b>							
Total employed, all industries	4,669.7	4,612.4	15.9	-57.3	-20.6	-1.2	-0.4
Goods-producing sector	965.2	953.4	9.7	-11.8	-2.0	-1.2	-0.2
Agriculture	52.5	49.2	2.5	-3.3	-8.1	-6.3	-14.1
Natural resources <sup>2</sup>	50.9	48.0	2.2	-2.9	14.2	-5.7	42.0
Utilities	35.1	35.1	1.3	0.0	5.5	0.0	18.6
Construction	323.9	316.8	6.1	-7.1	-10.6	-2.2	-3.2
Manufacturing	502.9	504.3	6.8	1.4	-3.0	0.3	-0.6
Services-producing sector	3,704.5	3,658.9	15.6	-45.6	-18.7	-1.2	-0.5
Wholesale and retail trade	673.4	666.0	8.3	-7.4	-6.9	-1.1	-1.0
Transportation and warehousing	221.9	223.2	5.2	1.3	7.4	0.6	3.4
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	304.7	297.8	4.8	-6.9	9.3	-2.3	3.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	384.3	385.0	6.3	0.7	-3.4	0.2	-0.9
Business, building and other support services	151.4	148.2	4.8	-3.2	-25.6	-2.1	-14.7
Educational services	394.8	386.0	6.5	-8.8	14.6	-2.2	3.9
Health care and social assistance	674.1	673.1	7.1	-1.0	-1.4	-0.1	-0.2
Information, culture and recreation	198.8	188.4	5.9	-10.4	4.1	-5.2	2.2
Accommodation and food services	235.7	230.4	6.2	-5.3	-15.7	-2.2	-6.4
Other services (except public administration)	176.0	167.5	4.5	-8.5	-3.9	-4.8	-2.3
Public administration	289.3	293.2	4.3	3.9	2.7	1.3	0.9
<b>Ontario</b>							
Total employed, all industries	8,208.0	8,211.3	21.6	3.3	-34.4	0.0	-0.4
Goods-producing sector	1,560.6	1,551.0	12.3	-9.6	-43.5	-0.6	-2.7
Agriculture	69.3	67.3	3.1	-2.0	-4.2	-2.9	-5.9
Natural resources <sup>2</sup>	47.6	47.0	2.1	-0.6	2.7	-1.3	6.1
Utilities	69.8	68.6	2.1	-1.2	9.6	-1.7	16.3
Construction	572.3	573.9	8.4	1.6	-10.2	0.3	-1.7
Manufacturing	801.7	794.2	8.5	-7.5	-41.3	-0.9	-4.9
Services-producing sector	6,647.4	6,660.3	21.3	12.9	9.1	0.2	0.1
Wholesale and retail trade	1,149.1	1,143.8	11.2	-5.3	-3.8	-0.5	-0.3
Transportation and warehousing	440.0	446.9	7.1	6.9	41.1	1.6	10.1
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	708.1	713.4	8.0	5.3	0.8	0.7	0.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	897.9	895.8	10.1	-2.1	1.9	-0.2	0.2
Business, building and other support services	279.3	282.9	6.9	3.6	-17.7	1.3	-5.9
Educational services	577.2	582.6	7.8	5.4	-31.7	0.9	-5.2
Health care and social assistance	1,029.7	1,030.2	9.1	0.5	5.8	0.0	0.6
Information, culture and recreation	368.7	368.7	8.0	0.0	10.6	0.0	3.0
Accommodation and food services	438.6	428.6	8.2	-10.0	-10.2	-2.3	-2.3
Other services (except public administration)	291.7	293.6	6.4	1.9	13.3	0.7	4.7
Public administration	467.0	474.0	6.3	7.0	-0.8	1.5	-0.2

**Table 6 - continued**  
**Employment by province and industry, seasonally adjusted**

	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
<b>Manitoba</b>							
Total employed, all industries	744.1	740.1	3.5	-4.0	7.1	-0.5	1.0
Goods-producing sector	158.1	160.4	2.1	2.3	3.4	1.5	2.2
Agriculture	14.2	13.7	0.8	-0.5	-1.4	-3.5	-9.3
Natural resources <sup>2</sup>	6.0	5.5	0.4	-0.5	-1.0	-8.3	-15.4
Utilities	8.1	7.7	0.4	-0.4	1.5	-4.9	24.2
Construction	61.1	63.4	1.6	2.3	6.1	3.8	10.6
Manufacturing	68.7	70.1	1.4	1.4	-1.7	2.0	-2.4
Services-producing sector	586.0	579.7	3.4	-6.3	3.7	-1.1	0.6
Wholesale and retail trade	104.5	103.7	1.7	-0.8	5.5	-0.8	5.6
Transportation and warehousing	44.5	44.4	1.2	-0.1	-2.6	-0.2	-5.5
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	47.0	45.4	1.2	-1.6	0.2	-3.4	0.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	39.2	38.7	1.2	-0.5	-4.5	-1.3	-10.4
Business, building and other support services	17.4	18.4	1.1	1.0	-3.0	5.7	-14.0
Educational services	62.0	63.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	2.4	0.0
Health care and social assistance	131.9	130.1	1.7	-1.8	9.5	-1.4	7.9
Information, culture and recreation	26.7	26.1	1.1	-0.6	-0.6	-2.2	-2.2
Accommodation and food services	40.2	40.3	1.5	0.1	2.2	0.2	5.8
Other services (except public administration)	28.9	27.8	1.0	-1.1	-0.9	-3.8	-3.1
Public administration	43.7	41.4	1.0	-2.3	-1.9	-5.3	-4.4
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
Total employed, all industries	623.6	618.1	2.9	-5.5	9.2	-0.9	1.5
Goods-producing sector	138.1	139.0	2.0	0.9	3.5	0.7	2.6
Agriculture	30.0	29.2	1.1	-0.8	1.4	-2.7	5.0
Natural resources <sup>2</sup>	24.4	24.6	0.8	0.2	1.9	0.8	8.4
Utilities	7.6	7.3	0.5	-0.3	0.8	-3.9	12.3
Construction	48.2	49.0	1.3	0.8	2.4	1.7	5.2
Manufacturing	28.0	28.8	0.9	0.8	-3.1	2.9	-9.7
Services-producing sector	485.5	479.1	2.9	-6.4	5.6	-1.3	1.2
Wholesale and retail trade	97.1	94.6	1.6	-2.5	-2.7	-2.6	-2.8
Transportation and warehousing	24.9	25.2	0.9	0.3	-4.3	1.2	-14.6
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	29.8	29.8	0.8	0.0	2.1	0.0	7.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	32.7	33.5	0.9	0.8	1.6	2.4	5.0
Business, building and other support services	13.9	13.0	0.9	-0.9	0.4	-6.5	3.2
Educational services	51.1	50.6	1.3	-0.5	-5.5	-1.0	-9.8
Health care and social assistance	108.6	106.9	1.5	-1.7	7.4	-1.6	7.4
Information, culture and recreation	22.5	21.3	1.0	-1.2	-1.5	-5.3	-6.6
Accommodation and food services	33.9	32.3	1.1	-1.6	0.3	-4.7	0.9
Other services (except public administration)	29.4	30.5	0.9	1.1	5.9	3.7	24.0
Public administration	41.5	41.3	0.9	-0.2	1.8	-0.5	4.6
<b>Alberta</b>							
Total employed, all industries	2,651.0	2,649.2	12.4	-1.8	85.0	-0.1	3.3
Goods-producing sector	621.5	620.4	8.1	-1.1	3.8	-0.2	0.6
Agriculture	41.2	40.7	2.6	-0.5	2.5	-1.2	6.5
Natural resources <sup>2</sup>	140.2	141.1	4.2	0.9	-1.1	0.6	-0.8
Utilities	26.1	29.6	1.5	3.5	9.6	13.4	48.0
Construction	258.2	255.5	5.7	-2.7	-11.8	-1.0	-4.4
Manufacturing	155.7	153.5	4.1	-2.2	4.6	-1.4	3.1
Services-producing sector	2,029.6	2,028.7	12.1	-0.9	81.1	-0.0	4.2
Wholesale and retail trade	360.6	354.3	6.5	-6.3	-13.3	-1.7	-3.6
Transportation and warehousing	146.5	149.7	4.5	3.2	0.7	2.2	0.5
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	150.1	149.7	3.6	-0.4	9.1	-0.3	6.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	246.1	240.4	5.3	-5.7	-5.3	-2.3	-2.2
Business, building and other support services	84.0	85.0	4.0	1.0	8.0	1.2	10.4
Educational services	176.6	172.6	5.0	-4.0	4.3	-2.3	2.6
Health care and social assistance	373.0	385.5	5.2	12.5	52.2	3.4	15.7
Information, culture and recreation	93.7	96.3	4.4	2.6	8.1	2.8	9.2
Accommodation and food services	158.9	161.4	4.8	2.5	6.5	1.6	4.2
Other services (except public administration)	100.2	95.5	4.0	-4.7	-1.3	-4.7	-1.3
Public administration	139.8	138.3	3.1	-1.5	12.3	-1.1	9.8

**Table 6**  
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	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
<b>British Columbia</b>							
Total employed, all industries	2,947.6	2,927.4	11.5	-20.2	-13.0	-0.7	-0.4
Goods-producing sector	529.2	520.0	6.5	-9.2	1.6	-1.7	0.3
Agriculture	21.8	23.8	1.5	2.0	11.5	9.2	93.5
Natural resources <sup>2</sup>	41.1	40.1	2.1	-1.0	-9.3	-2.4	-18.8
Utilities	15.9	16.0	1.1	0.1	1.0	0.6	6.7
Construction	271.6	264.7	4.9	-6.9	10.4	-2.5	4.1
Manufacturing	178.9	175.3	3.8	-3.6	-12.2	-2.0	-6.5
Services-producing sector	2,418.4	2,407.4	11.5	-11.0	-14.6	-0.5	-0.6
Wholesale and retail trade	423.2	425.6	6.0	2.4	-12.2	0.6	-2.8
Transportation and warehousing	151.6	149.2	3.9	-2.4	-13.3	-1.6	-8.2
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	190.2	184.8	3.7	-5.4	-2.9	-2.8	-1.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	311.1	316.4	5.0	5.3	7.5	1.7	2.4
Business, building and other support services	98.5	94.7	3.7	-3.8	-5.5	-3.9	-5.5
Educational services	222.0	220.4	4.5	-1.6	-4.4	-0.7	-2.0
Health care and social assistance	425.8	420.9	5.5	-4.9	12.7	-1.2	3.1
Information, culture and recreation	131.9	127.4	4.5	-4.5	-7.4	-3.4	-5.5
Accommodation and food services	192.0	199.2	4.7	7.2	5.7	3.8	2.9
Other services (except public administration)	115.9	112.5	3.6	-3.4	1.6	-2.9	1.4
Public administration	156.4	156.3	3.2	-0.1	3.4	-0.1	2.2

1. Average standard error of change between two consecutive months. See the "Data Quality" section of the *Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-G)* for more information.

2. Also referred to as "Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction."

**Note(s):** The sum of individual categories may not always add up to the total as a result of rounding.

**Source(s):** Table [14-10-0355-02](#).

**Table 7**  
**Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area, three-month moving average,**  
**seasonally adjusted**

	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
	thousands (except rates)			change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
<b>St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
Population	207.9	208.1	...	0.2	3.6	0.1	1.8
Labour force	136.4	136.7	0.8	0.3	3.6	0.2	2.7
Employment	125.9	126.7	0.8	0.8	2.8	0.6	2.3
Unemployment	10.5	10.0	0.4	-0.5	0.7	-4.8	7.5
Participation rate	65.6	65.7	0.4	0.1	0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.3	0.3	-0.4	0.3	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	60.9	0.4	0.3	0.3	...	...
<b>Halifax, Nova Scotia</b>							
Population	460.0	460.5	...	0.5	7.4	0.1	1.6
Labour force	312.6	314.6	1.6	2.0	6.8	0.6	2.2
Employment	294.6	295.5	1.6	0.9	3.7	0.3	1.3
Unemployment	18.0	19.1	0.8	1.1	3.1	6.1	19.4
Participation rate	68.0	68.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.1	0.3	0.3	0.9	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	64.2	0.4	0.2	-0.2	...	...
<b>Moncton, New Brunswick</b>							
Population	164.1	164.5	...	0.4	4.5	0.2	2.8
Labour force	108.8	108.1	1.0	-0.7	3.0	-0.6	2.9
Employment	102.7	101.5	1.0	-1.2	1.7	-1.2	1.7
Unemployment	6.1	6.6	0.4	0.5	1.3	8.2	24.5
Participation rate	66.3	65.7	0.6	-0.6	0.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	6.1	0.4	0.5	1.1	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	61.7	0.6	-0.9	-0.7	...	...
<b>Saint John, New Brunswick</b>							
Population	120.7	120.7	...	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.9
Labour force	69.4	70.4	0.8	1.0	-2.4	1.4	-3.3
Employment	65.4	66.8	0.8	1.4	-0.6	2.1	-0.9
Unemployment	3.9	3.7	0.3	-0.2	-1.6	-5.1	-30.2
Participation rate	57.5	58.3	0.7	0.8	-2.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.3	0.5	-0.3	-2.0	...	...
Employment rate	54.2	55.3	0.7	1.1	-1.1	...	...
<b>Fredericton, New Brunswick</b>							
Population	104.6	104.7	...	0.1	1.5	0.1	1.5
Labour force	70.6	70.2	0.8	-0.4	1.3	-0.6	1.9
Employment	66.5	65.9	0.8	-0.6	2.1	-0.9	3.3
Unemployment	4.1	4.3	0.4	0.2	-0.8	4.9	-15.7
Participation rate	67.5	67.0	0.8	-0.5	0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.1	0.6	0.3	-1.3	...	...
Employment rate	63.6	62.9	0.8	-0.7	1.1	...	...
<b>Saguenay, Quebec</b>							
Population	144.1	144.1	...	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.8
Labour force	85.6	86.1	0.9	0.5	-1.8	0.6	-2.0
Employment	82.1	83.0	0.9	0.9	-2.2	1.1	-2.6
Unemployment	3.5	3.1	0.3	-0.4	0.4	-11.4	14.8
Participation rate	59.4	59.8	0.7	0.4	-1.7	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	3.6	0.3	-0.5	0.5	...	...
Employment rate	57.0	57.6	0.7	0.6	-2.0	...	...
<b>Québec, Quebec</b>							
Population	756.8	756.4	...	-0.4	7.1	-0.1	0.9
Labour force	531.4	533.9	4.0	2.5	42.2	0.5	8.6
Employment	515.5	519.8	4.0	4.3	50.6	0.8	10.8
Unemployment	15.9	14.2	1.4	-1.7	-8.3	-10.7	-36.9
Participation rate	70.2	70.6	0.5	0.4	5.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.0	2.7	0.3	-0.3	-1.9	...	...
Employment rate	68.1	68.7	0.5	0.6	6.1	...	...
<b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>							
Population	208.8	208.8	...	0.0	2.3	0.0	1.1
Labour force	130.4	130.2	1.3	-0.2	5.7	-0.2	4.6
Employment	123.7	123.9	1.3	0.2	5.4	0.2	4.6
Unemployment	6.7	6.3	0.5	-0.4	0.3	-6.0	5.0
Participation rate	62.5	62.4	0.6	-0.1	2.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.8	0.4	-0.3	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	59.2	59.3	0.6	0.1	1.9	...	...
<b>Trois-Rivières, Quebec</b>							
Population	147.7	147.7	...	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.8
Labour force	92.1	92.0	1.0	-0.1	2.4	-0.1	2.7
Employment	88.5	88.5	1.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	3.6
Unemployment	3.6	3.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.8	-2.8	-18.6
Participation rate	62.4	62.3	0.7	-0.1	1.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.8	0.4	-0.1	-1.0	...	...
Employment rate	59.9	59.9	0.7	0.0	1.6	...	...

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	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
<b>Drummondville, Quebec</b>							
Population	91.0	91.0	...	0.0	18.8	0.0	26.0
Labour force	63.3	62.0	2.7	-1.3	15.0	-2.1	31.9
Employment	60.3	58.6	2.6	-1.7	14.4	-2.8	32.6
Unemployment	3.0	3.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	16.7	25.0
Participation rate	69.6	68.1	1.8	-1.5	3.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.7	5.6	0.9	0.9	-0.4	...	...
Employment rate	66.3	64.4	1.7	-1.9	3.2	...	...
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>							
Population	3,867.6	3,864.9	...	-2.7	31.6	-0.1	0.8
Labour force	2,572.6	2,568.9	9.1	-3.7	-7.1	-0.1	-0.3
Employment	2,416.0	2,400.0	9.3	-16.0	-11.9	-0.7	-0.5
Unemployment	156.6	168.9	4.9	12.3	4.8	7.9	2.9
Participation rate	66.5	66.5	0.2	0.0	-0.7	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.6	0.2	0.5	0.2	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.1	0.2	-0.4	-0.8	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec</b>							
Population	1,404.9	1,407.4	...	2.5	27.4	0.2	2.0
Labour force	929.3	933.4	5.9	4.1	-13.9	0.4	-1.5
Employment	864.6	870.9	5.9	6.3	-23.7	0.7	-2.6
Unemployment	64.7	62.6	2.7	-2.1	9.9	-3.2	18.8
Participation rate	66.1	66.3	0.4	0.2	-2.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.7	0.3	-0.3	1.1	...	...
Employment rate	61.5	61.9	0.4	0.4	-2.9	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec part, Ontario/Quebec</b>							
Population	309.8	310.2	...	0.4	5.5	0.1	1.8
Labour force	205.8	206.7	1.7	0.9	8.3	0.4	4.2
Employment	192.1	193.9	1.7	1.8	6.7	0.9	3.6
Unemployment	13.7	12.8	0.7	-0.9	1.7	-6.6	15.3
Participation rate	66.4	66.6	0.6	0.2	1.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.2	0.3	-0.5	0.6	...	...
Employment rate	62.0	62.5	0.6	0.5	1.1	...	...
<b>Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec</b>							
Population	1,095.0	1,097.2	...	2.2	21.9	0.2	2.0
Labour force	723.5	726.7	5.6	3.2	-22.2	0.4	-3.0
Employment	672.5	677.0	5.6	4.5	-30.4	0.7	-4.3
Unemployment	51.0	49.7	2.6	-1.3	8.2	-2.5	19.8
Participation rate	66.1	66.2	0.5	0.1	-3.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.8	0.3	-0.2	1.3	...	...
Employment rate	61.4	61.7	0.5	0.3	-4.1	...	...
<b>Kingston, Ontario</b>							
Population	161.7	161.7	...	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2
Labour force	100.8	101.1	1.0	0.3	-2.9	0.3	-2.8
Employment	94.8	95.2	1.0	0.4	-2.0	0.4	-2.1
Unemployment	6.0	5.9	0.4	-0.1	-0.9	-1.7	-13.2
Participation rate	62.3	62.5	0.6	0.2	-2.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.8	0.4	-0.2	-0.7	...	...
Employment rate	58.6	58.9	0.6	0.3	-1.4	...	...
<b>Belleville-Quinte West, Ontario</b>							
Population	107.1	107.2	...	0.1	36.6	0.1	51.8
Labour force	61.7	62.6	4.5	0.9	32.3	1.5	106.6
Employment	55.5	56.3	4.2	0.8	28.4	1.4	101.8
Unemployment	6.2	6.2	1.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	169.6
Participation rate	57.6	58.4	2.3	0.8	15.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	9.9	1.9	-0.1	2.3	...	...
Employment rate	51.8	52.5	2.1	0.7	13.0	...	...
<b>Peterborough, Ontario</b>							
Population	127.6	127.9	...	0.3	2.7	0.2	2.2
Labour force	75.6	74.5	1.6	-1.1	-2.2	-1.5	-2.9
Employment	70.6	69.9	1.6	-0.7	-0.9	-1.0	-1.3
Unemployment	5.0	4.6	0.7	-0.4	-1.3	-8.0	-22.0
Participation rate	59.2	58.2	1.3	-1.0	-3.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.2	0.9	-0.4	-1.5	...	...
Employment rate	55.3	54.7	1.3	-0.6	-1.8	...	...
<b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>							
Population	406.6	407.5	...	0.9	11.3	0.2	2.9
Labour force	275.2	273.5	2.7	-1.7	7.7	-0.6	2.9
Employment	252.8	251.3	2.7	-1.5	7.5	-0.6	3.1
Unemployment	22.4	22.2	1.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.9	0.9
Participation rate	67.7	67.1	0.7	-0.6	0.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	8.1	0.4	0.0	-0.2	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	61.7	0.7	-0.5	0.2	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>							
Population	6,128.1	6,124.4	...	-3.7	54.1	-0.1	0.9
Labour force	4,080.4	4,075.3	12.2	-5.1	-15.8	-0.1	-0.4
Employment	3,758.9	3,745.6	12.6	-13.3	6.5	-0.4	0.2
Unemployment	321.5	329.7	7.1	8.2	-22.3	2.6	-6.3
Participation rate	66.6	66.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.9	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	8.1	0.2	0.2	-0.5	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	61.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	...	...

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<b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>							
Population	727.2	727.5	...	0.3	6.4	0.0	0.9
Labour force	477.0	475.4	3.7	-1.6	19.1	-0.3	4.2
Employment	441.8	443.9	3.7	2.1	20.1	0.5	4.7
Unemployment	35.2	31.5	1.7	-3.7	-1.0	-10.5	-3.1
Participation rate	65.6	65.3	0.5	-0.3	2.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	6.6	0.3	-0.8	-0.5	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	61.0	0.5	0.2	2.2	...	...
<b>St. Catharines–Niagara, Ontario</b>							
Population	426.4	427.1	...	0.7	4.7	0.2	1.1
Labour force	252.0	254.2	3.1	2.2	-3.0	0.9	-1.2
Employment	233.5	236.1	3.1	2.6	-5.7	1.1	-2.4
Unemployment	18.5	18.1	1.2	-0.4	2.6	-2.2	16.8
Participation rate	59.1	59.5	0.7	0.4	-1.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	7.1	0.4	-0.2	1.1	...	...
Employment rate	54.8	55.3	0.7	0.5	-1.9	...	...
<b>Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo, Ontario</b>							
Population	601.2	600.8	...	-0.4	4.7	-0.1	0.8
Labour force	424.3	426.2	2.8	1.9	2.3	0.4	0.5
Employment	389.1	389.7	2.9	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.0
Unemployment	35.2	36.5	1.4	1.3	2.3	3.7	6.7
Participation rate	70.6	70.9	0.5	0.3	-0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	8.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	...	...
Employment rate	64.7	64.9	0.5	0.2	-0.5	...	...
<b>Brantford, Ontario</b>							
Population	142.9	143.1	...	0.2	3.8	0.1	2.7
Labour force	95.0	94.5	1.2	-0.5	4.6	-0.5	5.1
Employment	86.7	87.0	1.2	0.3	2.1	0.3	2.5
Unemployment	8.3	7.5	0.6	-0.8	2.5	-9.6	50.0
Participation rate	66.5	66.0	0.8	-0.5	1.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	7.9	0.6	-0.8	2.3	...	...
Employment rate	60.7	60.8	0.8	0.1	-0.1	...	...
<b>Guelph, Ontario</b>							
Population	158.4	158.4	...	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.8
Labour force	105.4	107.2	1.7	1.8	0.9	1.7	0.8
Employment	98.0	100.4	1.7	2.4	1.5	2.4	1.5
Unemployment	7.4	6.8	0.7	-0.6	-0.5	-8.1	-6.8
Participation rate	66.5	67.7	1.0	1.2	0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.3	0.6	-0.7	-0.6	...	...
Employment rate	61.9	63.4	1.1	1.5	0.5	...	...
<b>London, Ontario</b>							
Population	538.5	538.5	...	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	355.6	354.6	2.9	-1.0	5.5	-0.3	1.6
Employment	326.3	323.2	2.8	-3.1	-3.6	-1.0	-1.1
Unemployment	29.3	31.3	1.2	2.0	9.0	6.8	40.4
Participation rate	66.0	65.8	0.5	-0.2	0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.2	8.8	0.3	0.6	2.4	...	...
Employment rate	60.6	60.0	0.5	-0.6	-1.0	...	...
<b>Windsor, Ontario</b>							
Population	407.3	407.4	...	0.1	-1.5	0.0	-0.4
Labour force	263.4	259.9	2.7	-3.5	-6.4	-1.3	-2.4
Employment	242.1	239.3	2.7	-2.8	-1.9	-1.2	-0.8
Unemployment	21.3	20.7	1.3	-0.6	-4.5	-2.8	-17.9
Participation rate	64.7	63.8	0.6	-0.9	-1.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	8.0	0.5	-0.1	-1.5	...	...
Employment rate	59.4	58.7	0.7	-0.7	-0.3	...	...
<b>Barrie, Ontario</b>							
Population	209.9	210.1	...	0.2	1.3	0.1	0.6
Labour force	144.8	145.0	2.3	0.2	5.8	0.1	4.2
Employment	132.8	132.8	2.3	0.0	1.5	0.0	1.1
Unemployment	12.0	12.2	1.1	0.2	4.3	1.7	54.4
Participation rate	69.0	69.0	1.1	0.0	2.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	8.4	0.8	0.1	2.7	...	...
Employment rate	63.3	63.2	1.1	-0.1	0.3	...	...
<b>Greater Sudbury, Ontario</b>							
Population	163.5	163.7	...	0.2	2.6	0.1	1.6
Labour force	104.4	105.3	1.0	0.9	8.3	0.9	8.6
Employment	97.4	98.8	1.1	1.4	7.6	1.4	8.3
Unemployment	7.0	6.5	0.4	-0.5	0.7	-7.1	12.1
Participation rate	63.9	64.3	0.6	0.4	4.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.2	0.4	-0.5	0.2	...	...
Employment rate	59.6	60.4	0.7	0.8	3.8	...	...

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<b>Thunder Bay, Ontario</b>							
Population	111.4	111.3	...	-0.1	-0.6	-0.1	-0.5
Labour force	73.8	73.6	0.7	-0.2	5.8	-0.3	8.6
Employment	70.4	69.8	0.7	-0.6	5.3	-0.9	8.2
Unemployment	3.4	3.8	0.3	0.4	0.5	11.8	15.2
Participation rate	66.2	66.1	0.6	-0.1	5.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.6	5.2	0.4	0.6	0.3	...	...
Employment rate	63.2	62.7	0.6	-0.5	5.1	...	...
<b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b>							
Population	805.7	806.4	...	0.7	14.0	0.1	1.8
Labour force	549.6	547.5	1.9	-2.1	8.1	-0.4	1.5
Employment	515.0	513.5	2.0	-1.5	6.8	-0.3	1.3
Unemployment	34.6	34.0	1.1	-0.6	1.3	-1.7	4.0
Participation rate	68.2	67.9	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.2	0.2	-0.1	0.1	...	...
Employment rate	63.9	63.7	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...
<b>Regina, Saskatchewan</b>							
Population	235.6	236.0	...	0.4	6.0	0.2	2.6
Labour force	166.2	165.9	1.2	-0.3	7.9	-0.2	5.0
Employment	154.3	154.5	1.2	0.2	7.5	0.1	5.1
Unemployment	11.9	11.4	0.5	-0.5	0.4	-4.2	3.6
Participation rate	70.5	70.3	0.5	-0.2	1.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	6.9	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	...	...
Employment rate	65.5	65.5	0.5	0.0	1.6	...	...
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>							
Population	311.5	312.2	...	0.7	10.5	0.2	3.5
Labour force	220.2	219.5	1.4	-0.7	6.8	-0.3	3.2
Employment	206.9	206.8	1.4	-0.1	4.1	-0.0	2.0
Unemployment	13.3	12.6	0.6	-0.7	2.5	-5.3	24.8
Participation rate	70.7	70.3	0.5	-0.4	-0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	5.7	0.3	-0.3	1.0	...	...
Employment rate	66.4	66.2	0.5	-0.2	-1.0	...	...
<b>Lethbridge, Alberta</b>							
Population	118.1	118.2	...	0.1	2.4	0.1	2.1
Labour force	78.8	77.4	1.3	-1.4	0.8	-1.8	1.0
Employment	72.9	72.1	1.2	-0.8	-0.7	-1.1	-1.0
Unemployment	5.8	5.3	0.5	-0.5	1.5	-8.6	39.5
Participation rate	66.7	65.5	1.1	-1.2	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.4	6.8	0.7	-0.6	1.8	...	...
Employment rate	61.7	61.0	1.1	-0.7	-1.9	...	...
<b>Calgary, Alberta</b>							
Population	1,548.5	1,552.1	...	3.6	56.6	0.2	3.8
Labour force	1,075.3	1,088.8	6.0	13.5	14.7	1.3	1.4
Employment	1,003.7	1,017.2	6.2	13.5	22.1	1.3	2.2
Unemployment	71.6	71.6	3.4	0.0	-7.4	0.0	-9.4
Participation rate	69.4	70.2	0.4	0.8	-1.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.8	...	...
Employment rate	64.8	65.5	0.4	0.7	-1.0	...	...
<b>Red Deer, Alberta</b>							
Population	94.8	94.9	...	0.1	1.9	0.1	2.0
Labour force	64.1	64.2	1.1	0.1	1.9	0.2	3.0
Employment	58.9	59.6	1.1	0.7	2.9	1.2	5.1
Unemployment	5.2	4.6	0.6	-0.6	-1.0	-11.5	-17.9
Participation rate	67.6	67.7	1.1	0.1	0.7	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.1	7.2	0.9	-0.9	-1.8	...	...
Employment rate	62.1	62.8	1.2	0.7	1.8	...	...
<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>							
Population	1,372.6	1,374.5	...	1.9	35.3	0.1	2.6
Labour force	951.2	952.0	6.3	0.8	40.2	0.1	4.4
Employment	886.4	887.0	6.3	0.6	42.1	0.1	5.0
Unemployment	64.9	65.0	3.0	0.1	-1.9	0.2	-2.8
Participation rate	69.3	69.3	0.4	0.0	1.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.8	0.3	0.0	-0.5	...	...
Employment rate	64.6	64.5	0.4	-0.1	1.4	...	...
<b>Kelowna, British Columbia</b>							
Population	210.7	210.8	...	0.1	1.6	0.0	0.8
Labour force	139.6	135.5	2.5	-4.1	14.7	-2.9	12.2
Employment	130.2	126.9	2.5	-3.3	12.5	-2.5	10.9
Unemployment	9.5	8.5	0.9	-1.0	2.1	-10.5	32.8
Participation rate	66.3	64.3	1.2	-2.0	6.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	6.3	0.7	-0.5	1.0	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	60.2	1.2	-1.6	5.5	...	...
<b>Kamloops, British Columbia</b>							
Population	103.9	103.7	...	-0.2	-15.1	-0.2	-12.7
Labour force	68.7	68.7	4.2	0.0	-11.4	0.0	-14.2
Employment	65.4	66.2	3.9	0.8	-9.6	1.2	-12.7
Unemployment	3.3	2.6	0.8	-0.7	-1.8	-21.2	-40.9
Participation rate	66.1	66.2	1.4	0.1	-1.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	3.8	1.0	-1.0	-1.7	...	...
Employment rate	62.9	63.8	1.4	0.9	0.0	...	...

**Table 7 - continued**  
**Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area, three-month moving average,**  
**seasonally adjusted**

	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
<b>Chilliwack, British Columbia</b>							
Population	99.3	99.5	...	0.2	1.3	0.2	1.3
Labour force	65.3	63.9	1.2	-1.4	1.7	-2.1	2.7
Employment	60.6	59.3	1.3	-1.3	1.3	-2.1	2.2
Unemployment	4.7	4.6	0.5	-0.1	0.4	-2.1	9.5
Participation rate	65.8	64.2	1.2	-1.6	0.9	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.2	0.8	0.0	0.4	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	59.6	1.3	-1.4	0.5	...	...
<b>Abbotsford–Mission, British Columbia</b>							
Population	181.8	181.9	...	0.1	1.8	0.1	1.0
Labour force	121.9	123.3	1.1	1.4	4.2	1.1	3.5
Employment	114.2	116.3	1.1	2.1	4.0	1.8	3.6
Unemployment	7.7	7.0	0.5	-0.7	0.1	-9.1	1.4
Participation rate	67.1	67.8	0.6	0.7	1.7	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	5.7	0.4	-0.6	-0.1	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	63.9	0.6	1.1	1.5	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>							
Population	2,704.8	2,702.5	...	-2.3	27.3	-0.1	1.0
Labour force	1,803.6	1,797.1	6.2	-6.5	-15.9	-0.4	-0.9
Employment	1,690.5	1,686.4	6.2	-4.1	-5.7	-0.2	-0.3
Unemployment	113.1	110.7	3.6	-2.4	-10.2	-2.1	-8.4
Participation rate	66.7	66.5	0.2	-0.2	-1.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	62.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.9	...	...
<b>Victoria, British Columbia</b>							
Population	380.7	380.5	...	-0.2	1.4	-0.1	0.4
Labour force	250.4	251.3	2.3	0.9	-5.5	0.4	-2.1
Employment	239.5	239.9	2.4	0.4	-7.7	0.2	-3.1
Unemployment	11.0	11.4	0.8	0.4	2.2	3.6	23.9
Participation rate	65.8	66.0	0.6	0.2	-1.7	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.5	0.3	0.1	0.9	...	...
Employment rate	62.9	63.0	0.6	0.1	-2.3	...	...
<b>Nanaimo, British Columbia</b>							
Population	110.7	110.8	...	0.1	1.6	0.1	1.5
Labour force	68.5	67.5	1.3	-1.0	2.3	-1.5	3.5
Employment	64.1	62.4	1.3	-1.7	1.0	-2.7	1.6
Unemployment	4.5	5.2	0.5	0.7	1.4	15.6	36.8
Participation rate	61.9	60.9	1.2	-1.0	1.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	7.7	0.8	1.1	1.9	...	...
Employment rate	57.9	56.3	1.2	-1.6	0.1	...	...

... not applicable

1. Average standard error of change between two consecutive months. See the "Data Quality" section of the *Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-G)* for more information.

**Note(s):** The sum of individual categories may not always add up to the total as a result of rounding.

**Source(s):** Table 14-10-0459-02.

**Table 8**  
**Labour force characteristics by Montréal, Toronto and Vancouver census metropolitan areas, monthly, seasonally adjusted**

	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
	thousands (except rates)			change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
<b>Montréal, Quebec</b>							
Population	3,865.4	3,861.8	...	-3.6	22.3	-0.1	0.6
Labour force	2,592.9	2,556.6	18.5	-36.3	-21.1	-1.4	-0.8
Employment	2,428.9	2,372.5	18.8	-56.4	-40.5	-2.3	-1.7
Unemployment	164.0	184.1	11.3	20.1	19.4	12.3	11.8
Participation rate	67.1	66.2	0.5	-0.9	-0.9	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	7.2	0.4	0.9	0.8	...	...
Employment rate	62.8	61.4	0.5	-1.4	-1.4	...	...
<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>							
Population	6,123.8	6,118.2	...	-5.6	38.5	-0.1	0.6
Labour force	4,048.8	4,087.8	25.1	39.0	-19.4	1.0	-0.5
Employment	3,737.4	3,742.0	24.6	4.6	-14.9	0.1	-0.4
Unemployment	311.4	345.8	16.5	34.4	-4.5	11.0	-1.3
Participation rate	66.1	66.8	0.4	0.7	-0.8	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	8.5	0.4	0.8	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	61.2	0.4	0.2	-0.6	...	...
<b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>							
Population	2,702.4	2,699.2	...	-3.2	18.4	-0.1	0.7
Labour force	1,802.8	1,783.7	12.9	-19.1	-45.3	-1.1	-2.5
Employment	1,691.4	1,680.8	12.8	-10.6	-22.7	-0.6	-1.3
Unemployment	111.4	103.0	8.6	-8.4	-22.5	-7.5	-17.9
Participation rate	66.7	66.1	0.5	-0.6	-2.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	5.8	0.5	-0.4	-1.1	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	62.3	0.5	-0.3	-1.2	...	...

... not applicable

1. Average standard error of change between two consecutive months. See the "Data Quality" section of the *Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-G)* for more information.

**Note(s):** The sum of individual categories may not always add up to the total as a result of rounding.

**Source(s):** Table 14-10-0460-02.

**Table 9**  
**Labour force characteristics by province and economic region,<sup>1</sup> three-month moving average ending in February 2025 and February 2026, unadjusted for seasonality**

	Population	Labour force	Employment	Unemployment	Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
	thousands				%		
<b>Canada</b>							
2025	34,338.0	22,236.0	20,760.8	1,475.3	64.8	6.6	60.5
2026	34,728.9	22,360.7	20,878.3	1,482.4	64.4	6.6	60.1
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
2025	469.6	265.1	234.0	31.1	56.5	11.7	49.8
2026	472.9	265.4	236.9	28.5	56.1	10.7	50.1
Avalon Peninsula							
2025	258.6	155.8	141.0	14.8	60.2	9.5	54.5
2026	262.3	160.2	145.1	15.1	61.1	9.4	55.3
South Coast–Burin Peninsula and Notre Dame–Central–Bonavista Bay							
2025	122.9	58.2	47.8	10.4	47.4	17.9	38.9
2026	122.5	56.4	48.6	7.7	46.0	13.7	39.7
West Coast–Northern Peninsula–Labrador							
2025	88.0	51.1	45.2	5.9	58.1	11.5	51.4
2026	88.2	48.8	43.2	5.6	55.3	11.5	49.0
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
2025	152.5	99.3	89.6	9.7	65.1	9.8	58.8
2026	155.4	100.4	91.5	8.9	64.6	8.9	58.9
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
2025	909.9	555.8	520.0	35.8	61.1	6.4	57.1
2026	918.6	558.4	519.4	39.0	60.8	7.0	56.5
Cape Breton							
2025	120.5	65.7	57.7	8.0	54.5	12.2	47.9
2026	120.5	62.6	54.9	7.8	52.0	12.5	45.6
North Shore							
2025	137.7	78.6	72.0	6.7	57.1	8.5	52.3
2026	138.4	78.5	72.6	5.9	56.7	7.5	52.5
Annapolis Valley							
2025	113.2	64.6	61.2	3.3	57.1	5.1	54.1
2026	114.1	63.7	59.8	3.9	55.8	6.1	52.4
Southern							
2025	105.5	56.9	52.9	4.0	53.9	7.0	50.1
2026	105.5	57.0	53.0	4.0	54.0	7.0	50.2
Halifax							
2025	433.1	290.0	276.2	13.8	67.0	4.8	63.8
2026	440.1	296.6	279.1	17.5	67.4	5.9	63.4
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
2025	717.1	423.5	390.0	33.6	59.1	7.9	54.4
2026	724.5	428.6	396.1	32.5	59.2	7.6	54.7
Campbellton–Miramichi							
2025	138.0	68.6	59.5	9.1	49.7	13.3	43.1
2026	137.8	73.5	64.8	8.7	53.3	11.8	47.0
Moncton–Richibucto							
2025	222.9	141.7	133.1	8.6	63.6	6.1	59.7
2026	227.6	142.1	132.1	10.0	62.4	7.0	58.0
Saint John–St. Stephen							
2025	158.9	91.9	84.6	7.3	57.8	7.9	53.2
2026	160.2	90.7	85.6	5.2	56.6	5.7	53.4
Fredericton–Oromocto							
2025	129.7	84.0	77.4	6.6	64.8	7.9	59.7
2026	131.0	82.4	76.7	5.8	62.9	7.0	58.5
Edmundston–Woodstock							
2025	67.6	37.4	35.5	1.9	55.3	5.1	52.5
2026	67.9	39.8	36.9	2.9	58.6	7.3	54.3
<b>Quebec</b>							
2025	7,533.5	4,855.6	4,577.0	278.6	64.5	5.7	60.8
2026	7,596.6	4,864.5	4,589.4	275.1	64.0	5.7	60.4
Gaspésie–Îles-de-la-Madeleine							
2025	79.0	40.9	35.3	5.6	51.8	13.7	44.7
2026	78.9	40.8	36.3	4.5	51.7	11.0	46.0
Bas-Saint-Laurent							
2025	175.8	102.1	95.7	6.4	58.1	6.3	54.4
2026	176.9	96.6	91.6	5.0	54.6	5.2	51.8
Capitale-Nationale							
2025	678.2	428.8	406.5	22.4	63.2	5.2	59.9
2026	683.4	461.6	445.7	15.9	67.5	3.4	65.2
Chaudière-Appalaches							
2025	379.8	249.5	240.9	8.6	65.7	3.4	63.4
2026	383.1	259.5	251.5	8.0	67.7	3.1	65.6
Estrie							
2025	304.5	179.8	171.4	8.4	59.0	4.7	56.3
2026	307.9	187.3	177.6	9.7	60.8	5.2	57.7
Centre-du-Québec							
2025	219.2	138.6	129.9	8.7	63.2	6.3	59.3
2026	220.7	134.9	127.9	7.0	61.1	5.2	58.0
Montérégie							
2025	1,385.9	881.7	843.5	38.2	63.6	4.3	60.9

Table 9 - continued

**Labour force characteristics by province and economic region,<sup>1</sup> three-month moving average ending in February 2025 and February 2026, unadjusted for seasonality**

	Population	Labour force	Employment	Unemployment	Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
2026	1,401.1	890.1	839.1	51.0	63.5	5.7	59.9
Montréal							
2025	1,853.2	1,237.8	1,140.4	97.3	66.8	7.9	61.5
2026	1,857.7	1,258.7	1,169.2	89.6	67.8	7.1	62.9
Laval							
2025	384.4	264.1	245.7	18.4	68.7	7.0	63.9
2026	389.8	262.5	246.4	16.1	67.3	6.1	63.2
Lanaudière							
2025	462.6	307.1	291.7	15.5	66.4	5.0	63.1
2026	470.4	262.7	250.3	12.5	55.8	4.8	53.2
Laurentides							
2025	566.3	386.7	370.5	16.2	68.3	4.2	65.4
2026	573.0	368.5	346.3	22.2	64.3	6.0	60.4
Outaouais							
2025	351.2	225.6	213.1	12.5	64.2	5.5	60.7
2026	356.7	228.3	214.4	14.0	64.0	6.1	60.1
Abitibi-Témiscamingue							
2025	121.3	75.4	72.5	2.8	62.2	3.7	59.8
2026	121.6	76.0	73.6	2.4	62.5	3.2	60.5
Mauricie							
2025	243.1	142.3	133.3	9.0	58.5	6.3	54.8
2026	245.0	139.9	133.4	6.5	57.1	4.6	54.4
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean							
2025	240.1	143.1	137.1	6.0	59.6	4.2	57.1
2026	241.4	140.5	132.3	8.2	58.2	5.8	54.8
Côte-Nord and Nord-du-Québec							
2025	88.9	52.1	49.4	2.6	58.6	5.0	55.6
2026	89.0	56.3	53.7	2.6	63.3	4.6	60.3
<b>Ontario</b>							
2025	13,625.1	8,803.4	8,165.5	637.8	64.6	7.2	59.9
2026	13,752.4	8,803.0	8,158.1	644.9	64.0	7.3	59.3
Ottawa							
2025	1,324.1	879.6	833.4	46.2	66.4	5.3	62.9
2026	1,346.7	857.2	802.9	54.3	63.7	6.3	59.6
Kingston-Pembroke							
2025	440.4	252.2	236.9	15.3	57.3	6.1	53.8
2026	442.4	249.0	231.7	17.3	56.3	6.9	52.4
Muskoka-Kawartha							
2025	388.0	204.2	190.3	14.0	52.6	6.9	49.0
2026	392.7	215.2	202.0	13.1	54.8	6.1	51.4
Toronto							
2025	6,361.9	4,240.5	3,892.4	348.2	66.7	8.2	61.2
2026	6,419.0	4,229.0	3,906.9	322.1	65.9	7.6	60.9
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie							
2025	1,394.8	955.2	888.8	66.4	68.5	7.0	63.7
2026	1,406.8	936.7	864.8	71.9	66.6	7.7	61.5
Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula							
2025	1,411.3	865.1	807.2	58.0	61.3	6.7	57.2
2026	1,429.1	887.8	825.2	62.6	62.1	7.1	57.7
London							
2025	692.1	443.7	418.6	25.1	64.1	5.7	60.5
2026	697.2	447.9	410.4	37.5	64.2	8.4	58.9
Windsor-Sarnia							
2025	621.7	384.3	350.6	33.7	61.8	8.8	56.4
2026	620.5	379.7	350.8	28.9	61.2	7.6	56.5
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula							
2025	291.5	178.0	167.4	10.6	61.1	6.0	57.4
2026	294.7	183.6	174.3	9.4	62.3	5.1	59.1
Northeast							
2025	514.7	291.8	276.9	14.9	56.7	5.1	53.8
2026	519.7	301.4	281.1	20.3	58.0	6.7	54.1
Northwest							
2025	184.7	108.7	103.0	5.6	58.9	5.2	55.8
2026	183.5	115.6	108.2	7.5	63.0	6.5	59.0
<b>Manitoba</b>							
2025	1,164.9	770.1	724.2	45.9	66.1	6.0	62.2
2026	1,182.6	780.1	736.0	44.1	66.0	5.7	62.2
Southeast							
2025	112.9	77.9	74.9	3.0	69.0	3.9	66.3
2026	115.7	80.2	75.9	4.3	69.3	5.4	65.6
South Central and North Central							
2025	97.4	63.3	59.6	3.7	65.0	5.8	61.2
2026	98.9	64.3	60.8	3.5	65.0	5.4	61.5
Southwest							
2025	99.3	65.5	62.4	3.1	66.0	4.7	62.8
2026	100.8	65.0	62.2	2.8	64.5	4.3	61.7
Winnipeg							
2025	715.6	481.7	452.4	29.3	67.3	6.1	63.2
2026	726.8	487.1	457.9	29.2	67.0	6.0	63.0

**Table 9 - continued**

**Labour force characteristics by province and economic region,<sup>1</sup> three-month moving average ending in February 2025 and February 2026, unadjusted for seasonality**

	Population	Labour force	Employment	Unemployment	Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
Interlake							
2025	83.9	48.2	45.3	2.9	57.4	6.0	54.0
2026	84.9	50.6	48.1	2.5	59.6	4.9	56.7
Parklands and North							
2025	55.8	33.4	29.6	3.9	59.9	11.7	53.0
2026	55.4	32.9	31.1	1.8	59.4	5.5	56.1
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
2025	958.1	635.2	601.4	33.8	66.3	5.3	62.8
2026	974.3	649.2	611.3	37.9	66.6	5.8	62.7
Regina–Moose Mountain							
2025	292.7	199.0	186.6	12.3	68.0	6.2	63.8
2026	298.6	205.2	192.5	12.6	68.7	6.1	64.5
Swift Current–Moose Jaw							
2025	86.9	55.9	52.6	3.2	64.3	5.7	60.5
2026	86.9	52.9	50.6	2.4	60.9	4.5	58.2
Saskatoon–Biggar							
2025	344.3	233.4	223.7	9.7	67.8	4.2	65.0
2026	354.3	242.8	229.5	13.4	68.5	5.5	64.8
Yorkton–Melville							
2025	65.4	38.8	37.1	1.7	59.3	4.4	56.7
2026	65.2	38.8	37.1	1.7	59.5	4.4	56.9
Prince Albert and Northern							
2025	168.7	108.2	101.4	6.8	64.1	6.3	60.1
2026	169.3	109.5	101.6	7.8	64.7	7.1	60.0
<b>Alberta</b>							
2025	4,001.7	2,734.1	2,547.1	187.0	68.3	6.8	63.7
2026	4,107.4	2,811.2	2,627.2	184.0	68.4	6.5	64.0
Lethbridge–Medicine Hat							
2025	262.3	163.5	154.5	8.9	62.3	5.4	58.9
2026	265.5	170.6	158.9	11.7	64.3	6.9	59.8
Camrose–Drumheller							
2025	171.6	117.2	110.3	6.8	68.3	5.8	64.3
2026	171.9	114.0	105.6	8.4	66.3	7.4	61.4
Calgary							
2025	1,592.4	1,117.1	1,036.8	80.3	70.2	7.2	65.1
2026	1,651.3	1,134.4	1,060.3	74.1	68.7	6.5	64.2
Banff–Jasper–Rocky Mountain House and Athabasca–Grande Prairie–Peace River							
2025	288.7	200.8	191.5	9.3	69.6	4.6	66.3
2026	290.3	200.4	189.4	11.0	69.0	5.5	65.2
Red Deer							
2025	189.7	124.4	115.1	9.3	65.6	7.5	60.7
2026	192.8	135.3	129.1	6.2	70.2	4.6	67.0
Edmonton							
2025	1,383.4	930.9	862.9	68.0	67.3	7.3	62.4
2026	1,419.4	975.2	908.4	66.8	68.7	6.8	64.0
Wood Buffalo–Cold Lake							
2025	113.5	80.2	75.9	4.3	70.7	5.4	66.9
2026	116.1	81.4	75.5	5.9	70.1	7.2	65.0
<b>British Columbia</b>							
2025	4,805.7	3,093.9	2,911.9	182.0	64.4	5.9	60.6
2026	4,844.2	3,099.9	2,912.4	187.5	64.0	6.0	60.1
Vancouver Island and Coast							
2025	803.2	492.4	471.1	21.3	61.3	4.3	58.7
2026	808.1	482.9	457.7	25.2	59.8	5.2	56.6
Lower Mainland–Southwest							
2025	3,038.1	2,035.9	1,907.3	128.6	67.0	6.3	62.8
2026	3,068.6	2,027.8	1,906.1	121.8	66.1	6.0	62.1
Thompson–Okanagan							
2025	550.1	312.1	294.3	17.8	56.7	5.7	53.5
2026	551.2	333.5	311.7	21.8	60.5	6.5	56.5
Kootenay							
2025	149.5	83.7	80.0	3.7	56.0	4.4	53.5
2026	150.9	87.8	82.2	5.6	58.2	6.4	54.5
Cariboo							
2025	141.1	86.6	80.3	6.3	61.4	7.3	56.9
2026	141.6	88.2	82.3	5.9	62.3	6.7	58.1
North Coast and Nechako							
2025	69.7	44.4	42.5	1.9	63.7	4.3	61.0
2026	69.7	41.1	37.2	3.9	59.0	9.5	53.4
Northeast							
2025	54.0	38.8	36.4	2.4	71.9	6.2	67.4
2026	54.2	38.6	35.2	3.4	71.2	8.8	64.9

1. For geographic descriptions of economic regions, refer to the *Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-G)*.

Source(s): Table 14-10-0462-02.

**Table 10**  
**Labour force characteristics by territory, three-month moving average, seasonally adjusted**

	January 2026	February 2026	Standard error <sup>1</sup>	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026	January to February 2026	February 2025 to February 2026
	thousands (except rates)			change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
<b>Yukon</b>							
Population	37.5	37.6	...	0.1	0.7	0.3	1.9
Labour force	27.9	28.0	0.2	0.1	-0.5	0.4	-1.8
Employment	26.9	26.9	0.2	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-1.5
Unemployment	1.0	1.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1	10.0	-8.3
Participation rate	74.4	74.5	0.5	0.1	-2.7	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.6	3.9	0.4	0.3	-0.3	...	...
Employment rate	71.7	71.5	0.6	-0.2	-2.5	...	...
<b>Northwest Territories</b>							
Population	35.3	35.3	...	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.7
Labour force	23.8	24.4	0.3	0.6	-0.1	2.5	-0.4
Employment	22.6	23.1	0.3	0.5	-0.3	2.2	-1.3
Unemployment	1.2	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	8.3	30.0
Participation rate	67.4	69.1	0.8	1.7	-1.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.3	0.6	0.3	1.2	...	...
Employment rate	64.0	65.4	0.7	1.4	-2.0	...	...
<b>Nunavut</b>							
Population	27.2	27.2	...	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.9
Labour force	16.7	16.4	0.2	-0.3	0.9	-1.8	5.8
Employment	14.4	14.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	1.4	2.1
Unemployment	2.3	1.8	0.1	-0.5	0.6	-21.7	50.0
Participation rate	61.5	60.2	0.7	-1.3	2.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.8	10.8	0.8	-3.0	3.0	...	...
Employment rate	53.1	53.7	0.8	0.6	0.1	...	...

... not applicable

1. Average standard error of change between two consecutive months. See the "Data Quality" section of the *Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-G)* for more information.

Source(s): Table 14-10-0292-02.

**Table 11**  
**Average usual hours and wages of employees by selected characteristics, unadjusted for seasonality**

	Employees				Full-time			Part-time		
	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Average hourly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages	Number	Average weekly hours	Average weekly wages
	thousands		current dollars		thousands		current dollars	thousands		current dollars
<b>February 2026</b>										
15 years and over	18,103.0	34.9	1,361.60	37.56	14,872.3	39.0	1,562.68	3,230.7	16.4	435.92
15 to 24 years	2,429.3	24.8	592.45	22.21	1,074.2	38.4	999.37	1,355.1	14.0	269.89
25 years and over	15,673.7	36.5	1,480.81	39.94	13,798.2	39.0	1,606.54	1,875.5	18.2	555.88
Men+ <sup>1</sup>	9,180.4	36.7	1,510.86	39.96	7,981.3	39.9	1,675.11	1,199.2	15.9	417.70
Women+ <sup>1</sup>	8,922.6	33.1	1,208.03	35.10	6,891.1	37.9	1,432.47	2,031.5	16.7	446.68
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	5,665.6	35.7	1,432.82	39.75	4,894.7	38.5	1,561.38	770.8	18.0	616.51
No union coverage	12,437.4	34.6	1,329.16	36.57	9,977.6	39.2	1,563.32	2,459.8	15.9	379.33
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent employees	16,145.4	36.0	1,425.94	38.49	13,879.8	39.0	1,582.76	2,265.6	17.5	465.21
Temporary employees	1,957.6	26.2	830.95	29.95	992.5	38.0	1,281.89	965.0	14.0	367.16
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management occupations	1,433.5	39.0	2,381.14	61.30	1,397.0	39.6	2,421.52	36.4	16.5	832.91
Business, finance and administration occupations, except management	3,005.8	35.8	1,346.51	37.02	2,657.5	38.3	1,454.37	348.3	17.2	523.47
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations, except management	1,820.0	38.4	1,896.44	49.39	1,778.9	38.9	1,925.62	41.1	15.9	634.50
Health occupations, except management	1,468.9	34.1	1,344.34	39.15	1,179.3	37.8	1,501.24	289.6	19.0	705.39
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services, except management	2,398.6	33.7	1,480.43	43.00	1,949.2	37.7	1,685.60	449.4	16.4	590.64
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport, except management	406.4	26.1	930.85	32.02	227.2	38.3	1,454.95	179.2	10.8	266.15
Sales and service occupations, except management	4,081.4	29.6	772.72	24.39	2,487.8	38.1	1,062.88	1,593.5	16.2	319.72
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations, except management	2,507.7	39.0	1,356.82	34.38	2,272.8	41.2	1,444.10	234.9	17.7	512.18
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations, except management	221.2	41.2	1,513.31	35.19	191.9	45.0	1,691.20	29.3	15.7	350.05
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities, except management	759.6	39.2	1,240.14	31.33	730.7	40.1	1,272.61	28.9	18.5	418.47
<b>February 2025</b>										
15 years and over	18,059.5	35.0	1,310.81	36.14	14,823.8	39.0	1,503.33	3,235.7	16.5	428.84
15 to 24 years	2,500.0	25.1	586.73	21.73	1,124.1	38.7	977.63	1,375.9	14.0	267.36
25 years and over	15,559.5	36.6	1,427.15	38.45	13,699.7	39.0	1,546.46	1,859.8	18.3	548.30
Men+ <sup>1</sup>	9,228.5	36.9	1,465.55	38.57	8,051.3	40.0	1,620.07	1,177.2	16.1	408.66
Women+ <sup>1</sup>	8,831.1	32.9	1,149.11	33.59	6,772.5	37.9	1,364.54	2,058.5	16.7	440.38
<b>Union coverage</b>										
Union coverage	5,599.7	35.6	1,376.01	38.26	4,824.8	38.4	1,499.23	775.0	18.4	608.85
No union coverage	12,459.8	34.7	1,281.51	35.18	9,999.0	39.3	1,505.30	2,460.7	15.9	372.15
<b>Job permanency</b>										
Permanent employees	16,165.7	36.0	1,369.90	36.94	13,890.3	39.1	1,520.28	2,275.5	17.4	451.92
Temporary employees	1,893.8	26.1	806.41	29.29	933.5	38.3	1,251.02	960.2	14.2	374.15
<b>Occupation</b>										
Management occupations	1,467.2	39.2	2,378.86	60.74	1,430.5	39.8	2,413.92	36.7	18.4	1,014.06
Business, finance and administration occupations, except management	3,033.3	35.5	1,264.94	35.10	2,665.5	38.2	1,377.14	367.9	16.5	451.88
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations, except management	1,704.6	38.2	1,853.97	48.41	1,656.0	38.9	1,885.62	48.6	17.1	776.37
Health occupations, except management	1,471.4	34.0	1,288.95	37.64	1,164.4	38.0	1,446.18	307.0	19.1	692.61
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services, except management	2,367.4	33.5	1,387.26	40.67	1,890.7	37.8	1,590.45	476.7	16.4	581.35
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport, except management	405.1	27.5	957.76	31.17	242.5	38.5	1,423.45	162.6	11.0	263.13
Sales and service occupations, except management	3,992.0	29.7	744.47	23.54	2,442.5	38.2	1,017.82	1,549.5	16.2	313.59
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations, except management	2,589.2	39.1	1,306.95	32.91	2,368.9	41.1	1,384.97	220.3	18.2	467.96
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations, except management	232.5	41.6	1,489.05	34.25	201.8	45.6	1,660.24	30.7	15.5	362.63
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities, except management	796.9	39.1	1,147.42	28.95	761.1	40.2	1,183.31	35.7	17.3	383.39

1. The category "Men+" includes men, as well as some non-binary persons, while the category "Women+" includes women, as well as some non-binary persons. Given that the non-binary population is small, data aggregation to a two-category gender variable is necessary to protect the confidentiality of responses provided. Individuals in the category "non-binary persons" are distributed into the other two gender categories and are denoted by the "+" symbol.

Source(s): Table 14-10-0320-02.

**Table 12**  
**Regional unemployment rates used by the Employment Insurance program,<sup>1</sup> three-month moving average, seasonally adjusted**

March 15, 2026 to April 11, 2026

	%
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	
St. John's	7.2
Newfoundland and Labrador <sup>2</sup>	11.0
<b>Prince Edward Island<sup>3</sup></b>	
Charlottetown	6.4
Prince Edward Island <sup>4</sup>	8.7
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	
Eastern Nova Scotia	10.8
Western Nova Scotia	6.7
Halifax	6.0
<b>New Brunswick</b>	
Fredericton–Moncton–Saint John	6.0
Madawaska–Charlotte	6.2
Restigouche–Albert	9.9
<b>Quebec</b>	
Gaspésie–Îles-de-la-Madeleine	6.5
Québec	2.7
Trois-Rivières	3.9
South Central Quebec	2.9
Sherbrooke	4.9
Montérégie	3.7
Montréal	6.7
Central Quebec	4.5
North Western Quebec	4.3
Lower Saint Lawrence and North Shore	5.6
Hull	6.1
Chicoutimi–Jonquière	3.2
<b>Ontario</b>	
Ottawa	7.2
Eastern Ontario	4.5
Kingston	5.8
Central Ontario	6.8
Oshawa	7.9
Toronto	8.0
Hamilton	6.6
St. Catharines	7.4
London	8.9
Niagara	8.1
Windsor	8.6
Kitchener	8.5
Huron	6.4
South Central Ontario	5.7
Sudbury	5.7
Thunder Bay	5.6
Northern Ontario	7.7
<b>Manitoba</b>	
Winnipeg	6.3
Southern Manitoba	6.3
Northern Manitoba	26.9
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	
Regina	6.9
Saskatoon	5.8
Southern Saskatchewan	5.7

**Table 12 - continued**  
**Regional unemployment rates used by the Employment Insurance program,<sup>1</sup> three-month moving average, seasonally adjusted**

	March 15, 2026 to April 11, 2026
Northern Saskatchewan	14.6
<b>Alberta</b>	
Calgary	6.8
Edmonton	6.8
Northern Alberta	9.5
Southern Alberta	6.6
<b>British Columbia</b>	
Southern Interior British Columbia	7.1
Abbotsford	5.8
Vancouver	6.3
Victoria	5.0
Southern Coastal British Columbia	6.6
Northern British Columbia	10.4
<b>Territories<sup>3,5</sup></b>	
Whitehorse	4.3
Yukon <sup>6</sup>	6.5
Yellowknife	3.5
Northwest Territories <sup>7</sup>	8.7
Iqaluit	6.1
Nunavut <sup>8</sup>	15.2

1. The boundaries of these employment insurance regions are determined by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC). For geographic descriptions and maps of these regions, see the [ESDC](#) website.
2. This region excludes St. John's.
3. Prince Edward Island as well as the territories are each comprised of two regions effective October 12, 2014.
4. This region excludes Charlottetown.
5. The monthly regional unemployment rate for EI purposes in the territories is subject to the highest between the seasonally adjusted three-month moving average and twelve-month moving average.
6. This region excludes Whitehorse.
7. This region excludes Yellowknife.
8. This region excludes Iqaluit.

**Note(s):** All regions are based on the 1996 Census boundaries, with the exception of those in Prince Edward Island and in the territories, which respect the 2011 Census boundaries.

**Source(s):** Table [14-10-0354-01](#).

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