

Employment Insurance Summary

Prince Edward Island

January 2025

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Background: The Statistics Canada Employment Insurance Statistics are based on administrative data; the microdata on beneficiaries are collected and provided by Service Canada. The number of EI beneficiaries represents a count of persons who qualified for employment insurance benefits during the Labour Force Survey reference week, usually the week containing the 15th day of the month. This survey is a census with a cross-sectional design. Data are collected for all units of the target population; therefore no sampling is done.

The release of the data includes information on benefits paid, benefit weeks paid, claims received and allowed and the number of beneficiaries along with their characteristics such as age, and gender. For reference purposes, a regular beneficiary is an individual in receipt of employment insurance benefits in a month and is not currently in receipt of special benefits such as maternity, parental, or sick leave.

The following information is a summary for data that is unadjusted for seasonality. Note on Seasonality: *The EI time series is subject to seasonal and/or calendar effects and is therefore, seasonally adjusted. Seasonal effects are the monthly fluctuations which occur more or less regularly from year to year. They result from composite effects of climatic events, institutional decisions or modes of operation which occur repeatedly with some regularity within the year. Calendar effects are related to the composition of the calendar. They include trading-day effects associated with the location of the Labour Force Survey reference week, moving holiday effects associated with non-fixed date holidays such as Easter, and other predictable events from the calendar.*

Employment Insurance- Brief

- The number of regular beneficiaries decreased by 330 (-3.1%) when comparing January 2025 to January 2024 and stood at 10,400. Prince Edward Island ranked 4th among those provinces that had had a decrease on a year over year basis.
- Males represent 62.5% of the regular beneficiaries; there was a month over month increase in all three age cohorts (15 to 24 years, 25 to 54 years and 55 years and older) and a year over year decrease in all three cohorts.
- Of the 10,400 regular beneficiaries in January 2025, there were 9,420 who did not declare earnings, or alternatively, 990 (or 9.5% of the total) who did declare earnings. In January 2024, there were 990 (or 9.2%) of the total 10,730 regular beneficiaries who declared earnings.
- In January 2025, there were 2,380 regular employment insurance beneficiaries in the Charlottetown zone while the PEI zone had 8,030 regular employment insurance beneficiaries.
- A year over year increase in regular beneficiaries was observed in the Charlottetown Census agglomeration (+10 or +0.4%). The Outside census metropolitan areas (-330 or -4.9%) saw a year over year decrease while the Summerside census agglomeration saw no change.
- January 2025 saw year over year decreases in Kings County (-170), Queens County (-10) and Prince County (-150).
- In January 2025, the largest number of regular employment insurance beneficiaries was in Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations (2,830) followed by Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations (2,650) and Sales and service occupations (2,010).

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Labour Market Context

Figures below are based on seasonally adjusted figures

- Employment totaled 94,300 in January 2025, a decrease of 300 persons in comparison to the previous month. Employment levels were 2.1% higher from a year ago. There was a year-over-year increase in full-time employment (+1,600) while there was a year over year increase in part-time employment (+400).
- Unemployment totaled 7,300 in January 2025, a decrease of 1,500 persons from the prior month. There was an increase of 100 unemployed persons in comparison to the same period a year ago.
- The unemployment rate decreased from the previous month in January 2025 and sits at 7.2%. The rate was the same as it was in January 2024 (7.2%).

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Characteristics of Regular Beneficiaries (Seasonally Unadjusted)

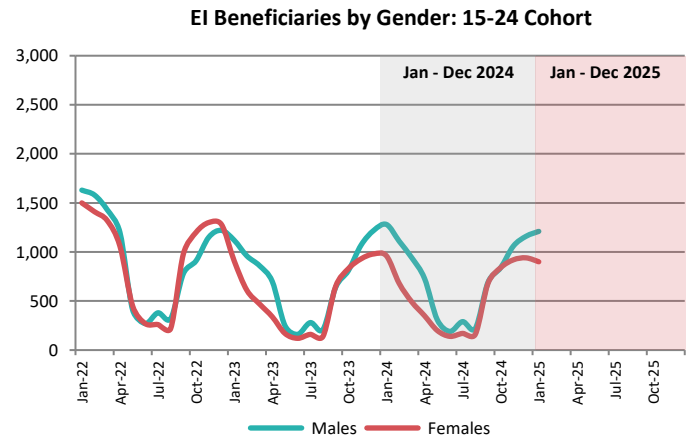
The number of regular employment insurance beneficiaries in January 2025 was 10,400 of which 62.5% were males. The number of regular beneficiaries this month represents an increase of 880 beneficiaries (+9.2%) in comparison to December 2024 and a decrease of 330 beneficiaries (-3.1%) in comparison to January 2024.

- On a month-over-month basis there was an increase in male beneficiaries (+760) and an increase in female beneficiaries (+120).
- On a year-over-year basis there was a decrease in male beneficiaries (-150) and a decrease in female beneficiaries (-180).
- Of the 10,400 regular beneficiaries in January 2025, there were 9,420 who did not declare earnings or alternatively, 990 (or 9.5% of the total) who did declare earnings. In January 2024, there were 990 (or 9.2%) of the total 10,730 regular beneficiaries who declared earnings.

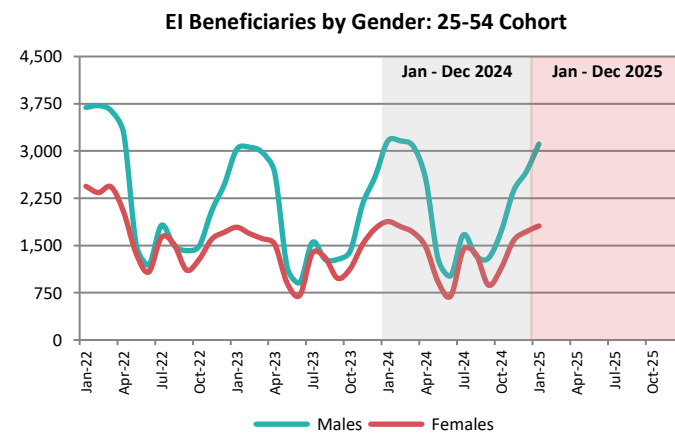
Young Worker Cohort (15-24 Years)

	Historical 2022-24	Current Period		% Chg
		YTD 2025	YTD 2024	
Both sexes	1456.7	2110.0	2240.0	-5.8%
Males	788.3	1210.0	1280.0	-5.5%
Females	669.2	900.0	960.0	-6.3%

There were 130 fewer regular beneficiaries year over year for this cohort. Males saw a year over year decrease (-70) and sit at a total of 1,210 beneficiaries. Females saw a year over year decrease of 60 to sit at a total of 900 beneficiaries. There was an increase of 20 regular beneficiaries in a month over month comparison.



Core-age Cohort (25-54 Years)



	Historical 2022-24	Current Period		% Chg
		YTD 2025	YTD 2024	
Both sexes	3627.2	4920.0	5040.0	-2.4%
Males	2143.9	3110.0	3160.0	-1.6%
Females	1484.4	1810.0	1880.0	-3.7%

Males (-50) saw a year over year decrease in January 2025 while females (-70) saw a decrease over the same period. In January 2025, there were 3,110 males and 1,810 female regular beneficiaries. In a month over month comparison there was an increase of 90 female regular beneficiaries and an increase of 440 male regular beneficiaries.

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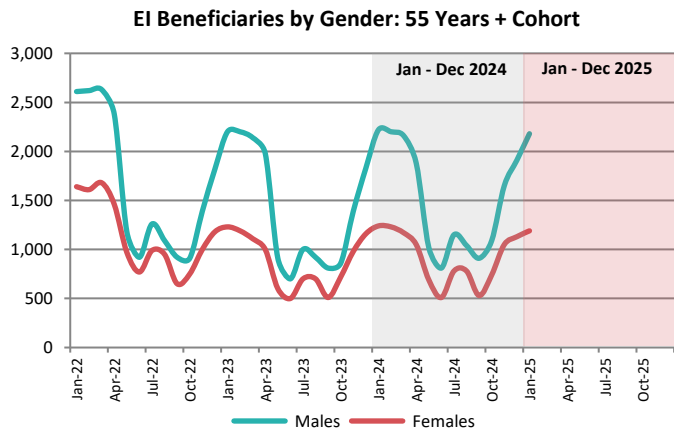


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Older-worker Cohort (55 Years +)

	Historical	Current Period		% Chg
	2022-24	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	
Both sexes	2490.6	3370.0	3460.0	-2.6%
Males	1519.7	2180.0	2220.0	-1.8%
Females	970.8	1190.0	1240.0	-4.0%

In the 55 and over age group there was a year over year decrease of 2.6%. Females (-50 or -4.0%) saw a decrease and males (-40 or 1.8%) saw a decrease in a year over year comparison. When comparing January 2025 to December 2024, males in this cohort increased by 270 regular beneficiaries and while females increased by 60 regular beneficiaries.



Employment Insurances Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits by Province (Seasonally Unadjusted)

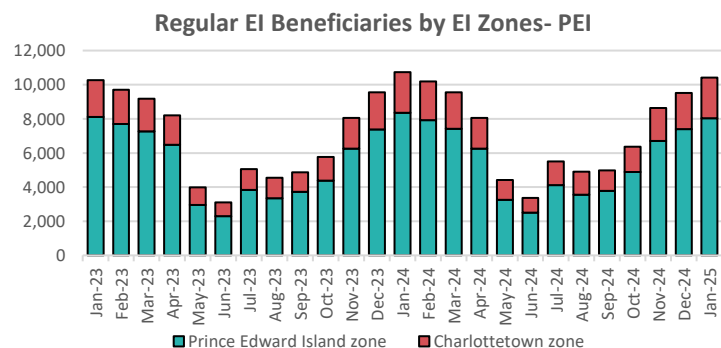
	Jan-25	Monthly Change	Annual Change	YTD Change
Canada	621,340	21.2%	1.0%	1.0%
Newfoundland and Labrador	35,190	13.0%	-3.7%	-3.7%
Prince Edward Island	10,400	9.2%	-3.1%	-3.1%
Nova Scotia	27,170	19.0%	-1.7%	-1.7%
New Brunswick	32,500	14.9%	-1.7%	-1.7%
Quebec	158,700	33.5%	0.2%	0.2%
Ontario	191,050	24.6%	5.7%	5.7%
Manitoba	20,640	13.5%	-0.4%	-0.4%
Saskatchewan	17,830	10.3%	-4.0%	-4.0%
Alberta	65,840	11.2%	0.0%	0.0%
British Columbia	58,220	12.6%	-4.4%	-4.4%

Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0010-01 Employment insurance beneficiaries by age group, monthly, unadjusted for seasonality

Regular Employment Insurance Beneficiaries by EI Zones

In January 2025, there were 2,380 regular employment insurance beneficiaries in the Charlottetown zone while the PEI zone had 8,030 regular employment insurance beneficiaries.

The Charlottetown zone had 10 more regular EI beneficiaries, and the PEI zone had 330 fewer EI regular beneficiaries in comparison to January 2024.



Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0346-01 Employment insurance beneficiaries by employment insurance region, monthly, unadjusted for seasonality

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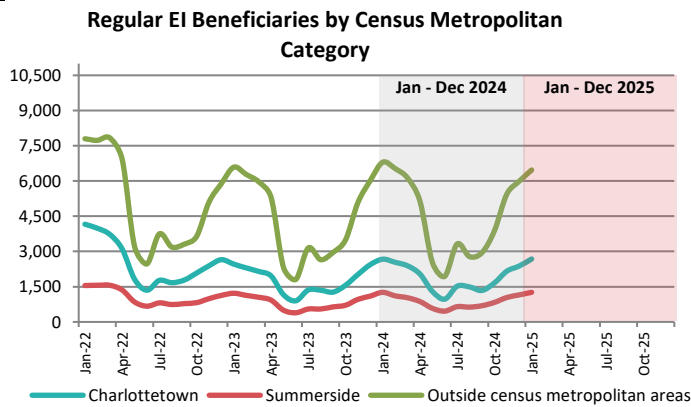
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Regular Employment Insurance Beneficiaries by Census Metropolitan Category



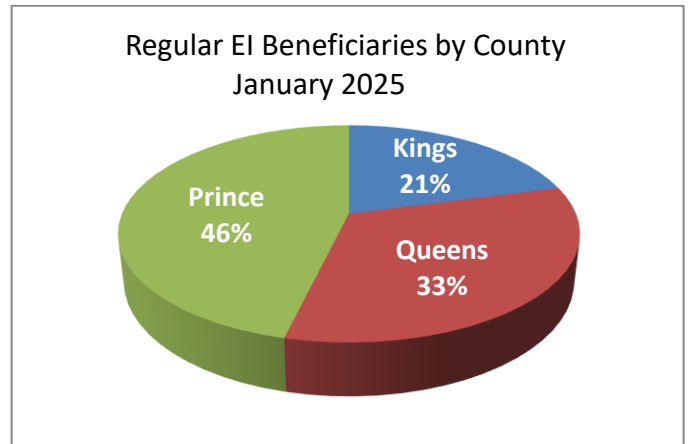
	Historical	Current Period		% Chg
	2022-24	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	
Charlottetown	2052.5	2680.0	2670.0	0.4%
Summerside	912.5	1260.0	1260.0	0.0%
Outside census metropolitan areas	4609.7	6470.0	6800.0	-4.9%

Based on unadjusted data, a year over year increase in regular beneficiaries was observed in the Charlottetown Census agglomeration (+10 or +0.4%). The outside census metropolitan areas (-330 or -4.9%) saw a year over year decrease while the Summerside census agglomeration saw no change.

Note: Table 14-10-0137-01 – Employment insurance beneficiaries (regular benefits) by census metropolitan category, monthly, seasonally adjusted.

Regular Employment Insurance Beneficiaries by County

- Based on unadjusted data there was an annual year over year decrease (-330). The decrease is attributed to Kings (-170), Queens (-10) and Prince Counties (-150).
- For the 15-24 age group, Kings (-50), Queens (-10) and Prince (-70) Counties had a year over year decrease in regular beneficiaries.
- For the 25-54 age group, Kings County (-80) and Prince County (-40) had a year over decrease in regular beneficiaries while Queens (+20) County had a year over year increase in regular beneficiaries.
- For the 55 and over age group, Kings (-40), Queens (-20) and Prince (-40) Counties had year over year decreases in regular beneficiaries.



Kings County- 2,170 Regular Beneficiaries
 Queens County- 3,420 Regular Beneficiaries
 Prince County- 4,810 Regular Beneficiaries

Note: Table 14-10-0323-01 – Employment insurance beneficiaries by census division unadjusted for seasonally

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Employment Insurances Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits by Occupation (Seasonally Unadjusted)

The table below displays the number of EI beneficiaries receiving regular benefits by occupational grouping.

- In January 2025, the largest number of regular employment insurance beneficiaries was in Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations (2,830) followed by Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations (2,650) and Sales and service occupations (2,010).
- There was a year over year decrease in regular employment insurance beneficiaries in Business, finance and administration occupations (-20), Natural and applied sciences and related occupations (-20), Health occupations (-10), Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport (-10), Sales and service occupations (-70), Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations (-90) and Occupations in manufacturing and utilities (-160).
- There was a year over year increase in regular employment insurance beneficiaries in Management occupations (+10), Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services (+10) and Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations (+60).

Note: Any further details on occupational groupings may not be available due to data limitations.

Table 3

Employment Insurances Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits National Occupation Classification (NOC) Skill Type-Seasonally Unadjusted

Historical 2022-24		Current Period				
		Jan-25	Dec-24	Jan-24	M-M	Y-Y
7,574	All occupations	10,400	9,520	10,730	880	-330
30	Management occupations	40	40	30	0	10
628	Business, finance and administration occupations	700	700	720	0	-20
295	Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	460	410	480	50	-20
168	Health occupations	180	170	190	10	-10
481	Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	310	320	300	-10	10
137	Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	170	170	180	0	-10
1,397	Sales and service occupations	2,010	1,920	2,080	90	-70
1,834	Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	2,830	2,230	2,770	600	60
1,789	Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	2,650	2,540	2,740	110	-90
808	Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	1,060	1,010	1,220	50	-160
22	Unclassified occupations	20	20	20	0	0

Data source: Table 14-10-0336-01; "Historical 2022-24" is provided as average values over the past 3 years for historical context.

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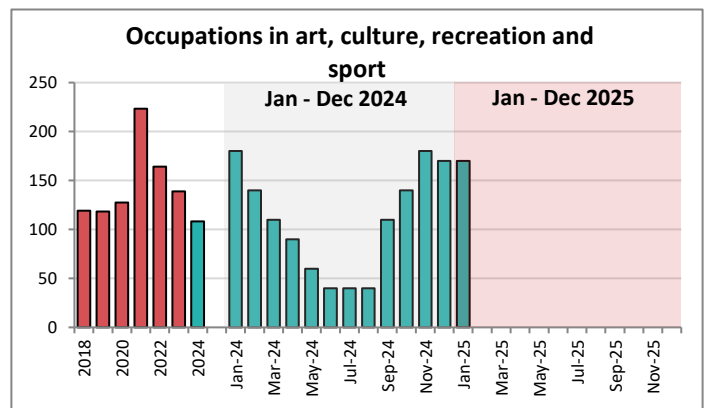
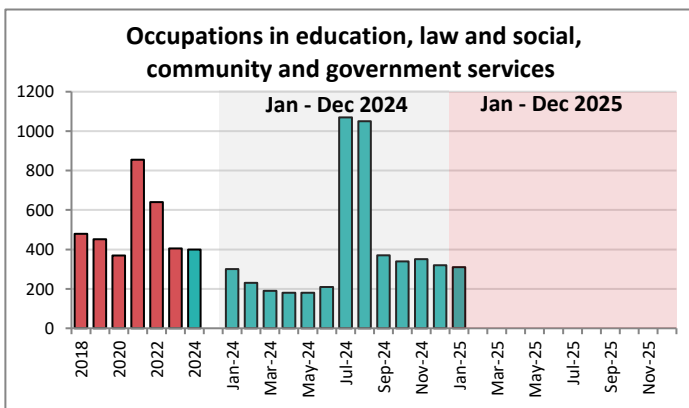
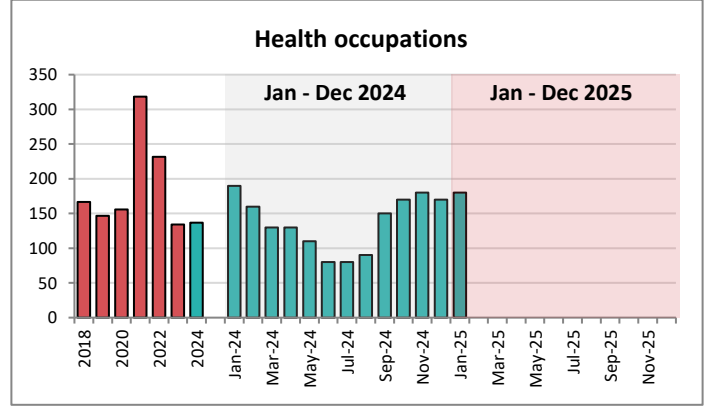
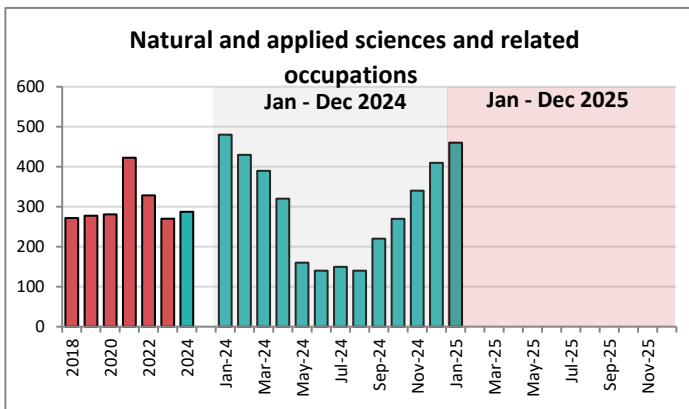
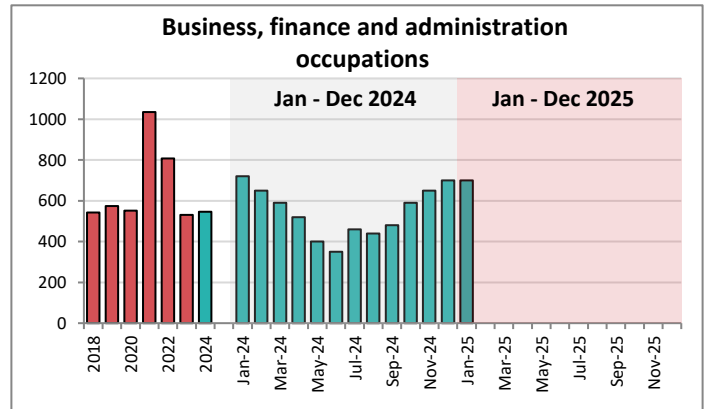
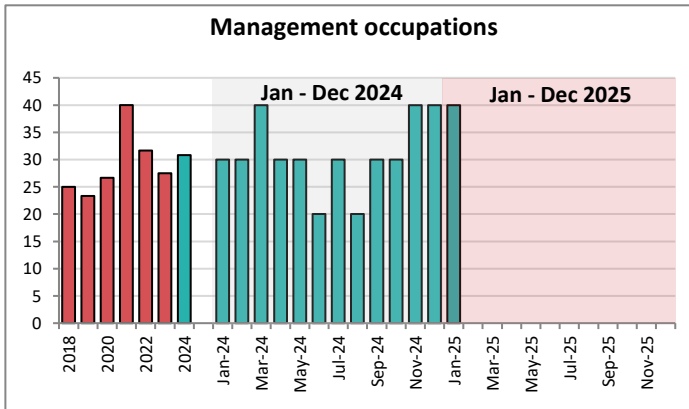


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El Beneficiaries by NOC Skill Type Progress Report

El Beneficiary data is released on a monthly basis. The purpose of this section is to track the progress of employment by industry with historical context. “Year-to-date” (YTD) compares average values of available months in 2025 to the same in 2024.

Graph interpretation: Annual – Historical perspective: 2018 – 2024
 Monthly – Current perspective: 2024 - 2025 (YTD)



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