

Employment Insurance Summary

Prince Edward Island

September 2025



November 21, 2025

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 increased by 510 (+10.2%) when comparing September 2025 to September 2024 and stood at 5,490.
- Males represent 56.3% of the regular beneficiaries; there was a year over year increase in all three age cohorts (15 to 24 years, 25 to 54 years and 55 years and older) and a month over month decrease in the 25 to 54 years and 55 years and older. The 15 to 24 years cohort had an increase over the same period.
- Of the 5,490 regular beneficiaries in September 2025, there were 4,800 who did not declare earnings, or alternatively, 690 (or 12.6% of the total) who did declare earnings. In September 2024, there were 620 (or 12.4%) of the total 4,980 regular beneficiaries who declared earnings.
- In September 2025, there were 1,280 regular employment insurance beneficiaries in the Charlottetown zone while the PEI zone had 4,210 regular employment insurance beneficiaries.
- A year over year increase in regular beneficiaries was observed in the Charlottetown Census agglomeration (+100 or +7.5%), Summerside Census agglomeration (+50 or 7.2%) and Outside census metropolitan areas (+360 or +12.2%).
- September 2025 saw year over year an increase in Kings County (+10), Queens County (+140) and Prince County (+360).
- In September 2025, the largest number of regular employment insurance beneficiaries were in Natural resources, agriculture, and related production occupations (1,180) followed by Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations (1,160) and Sales and service occupations (1,020).

Employment Insurance Summary

Prince Edward Island

September 2025



November 21, 2025

Labour Market Context

The figures below are based on seasonally adjusted figures.

- Employment totaled 92,900 in September 2025, a decrease of 900 persons in comparison to the previous month. Employment levels were the same as a year ago. There was a year-over-year increase in full-time employment (+600) while there was a year over year decrease in part-time employment (-600) on a year over year comparison.
- Unemployment totaled 10,000 in September 2025, an increase of 1,700 persons from the prior month. There was an increase of 3,100 unemployed persons in comparison to the same period a year ago.
- The unemployment rate increased from the previous month and was 9.7%. The rate was 2.8 percentage points higher than it was in September 2024 (6.9%).

Employment Insurance Summary

Prince Edward Island

September 2025

WorkPEI

November 21, 2025

Characteristics of Regular Beneficiaries (Seasonally Unadjusted)

The number of regular employment insurance beneficiaries in September 2025 was 5,490 of which 56.3% were males. The number of regular beneficiaries this month represents an increase of 300 beneficiaries (+5.4%) in comparison to August 2025 and an increase of 510 beneficiaries (+10.2%) in comparison to September 2024.

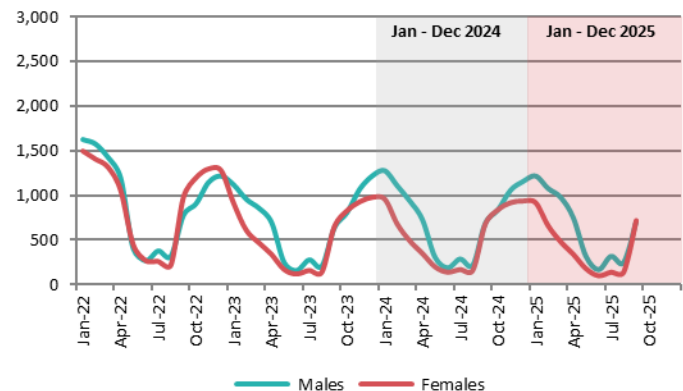
- On a month-over-month basis there was an increase in male beneficiaries (+340) and a decrease in female beneficiaries (-30).
- On a year-over-year basis there was an increase in male beneficiaries (+180) and an increase in female beneficiaries (+320).
- Of the 5,490 regular beneficiaries in September 2025, there were 4,800 who did not declare earnings or alternatively, 690 (or 12.6% of the total) who did declare earnings. In September 2024, there were 620 (or 12.4%) of the total 4,980 regular beneficiaries who declared earnings.

Young Worker Cohort (15-24 Years)

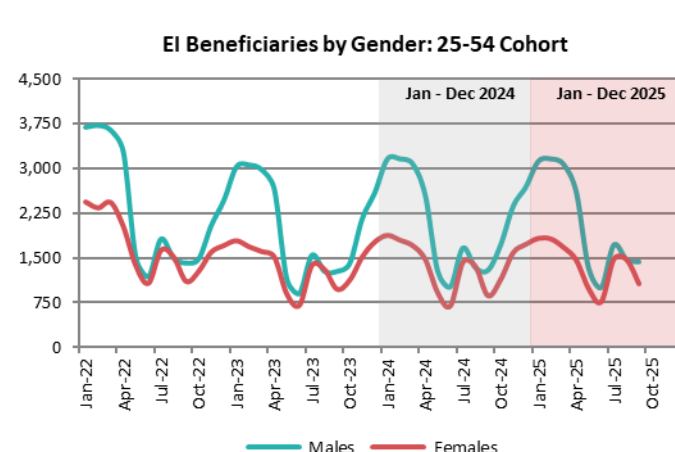
	Historical 2022-24	Current Period		
		YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% Chg
Both sexes	1456.9	1053.3	1064.4	-1.0%
Males	788.3	644.4	640.0	0.7%
Females	669.2	408.9	425.6	-3.9%

There were 60 more regular beneficiaries year over year for this cohort. Males saw a year over year increase (+20) and sit at a total of 710 beneficiaries. Females saw a year over year increase of 40 to sit at a total of 720 beneficiaries. There was an increase of 1,040 regular beneficiaries in a month over month comparison.

EI Beneficiaries by Gender: 15-24 Cohort



Core-age Cohort (25-54 Years)



	Historical 2022-24	Current Period		
		YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% Chg
Both sexes	3628.1	3504.4	3414.4	2.6%
Males	2144.4	2105.6	2063.3	2.0%
Females	1485.0	1398.9	1350.0	3.6%

In September 2025, male beneficiaries increased by 140 year-over-year, while female beneficiaries rose by 200 during the same period. The total number of regular beneficiaries was 1,440 males and 1,070 females. However, compared to the previous month, female regular beneficiaries decreased by 410 and male regular beneficiaries declined by 40.

Employment Insurance Summary

Prince Edward Island

September 2025

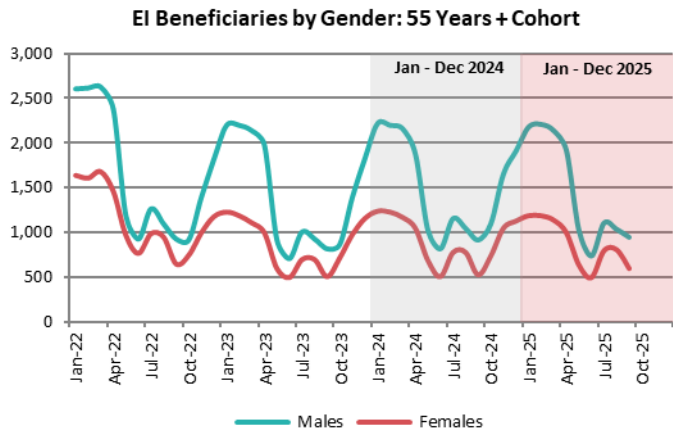
WorkPEI

November 21, 2025

Older-worker Cohort (55 Years +)

	Historical 2022-24	Current Period		% Chg
		YTD 2025	YTD 2024	
Both sexes	2490.6	2350.0	2374.4	-1.0%
Males	1519.7	1474.4	1487.8	-0.9%
Females	970.8	874.4	886.7	-1.4%

In the 55 and over age group, there was a year-over-year increase of 6.9%. Females (+70 or 13.2%) and males (+30 or 3.3%) saw increases in a year over year comparison. When comparing September 2025 to August 2025, males in this cohort decreased by 90 regular beneficiaries and while females (-210) saw a decrease in regular beneficiaries.



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

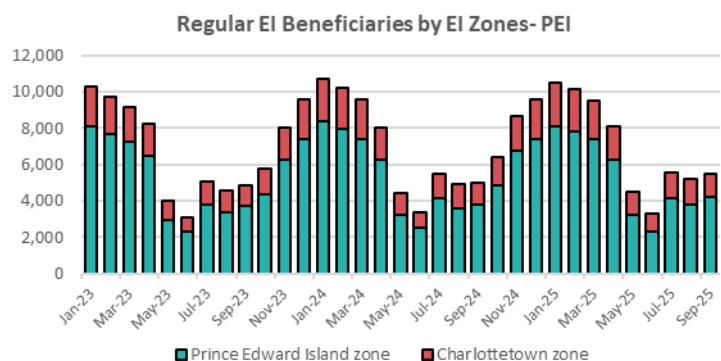
	Sep-25	Monthly Change	Annual Change	YTD Change
Canada	410,690	-33.5%	15.9%	9.7%
Newfoundland and Labrador	22,370	-10.9%	-1.5%	-2.2%
Prince Edward Island	5,490	5.8%	10.2%	0.8%
Nova Scotia	17,880	-24.3%	1.2%	1.5%
New Brunswick	18,100	-29.7%	0.9%	0.4%
Quebec	85,550	-39.3%	18.5%	10.2%
Ontario	141,070	-35.3%	17.1%	13.9%
Manitoba	12,970	-44.1%	16.3%	5.9%
Saskatchewan	10,330	-39.0%	7.9%	2.3%
Alberta	49,620	-27.7%	24.4%	12.5%
British Columbia	45,770	-33.2%	25.4%	12.4%

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 September 2025, there were 1,280 regular employment insurance beneficiaries in the Charlottetown zone while the PEI zone had 4,210 regular employment insurance beneficiaries.

The Charlottetown zone had 80 more regular EI beneficiaries, and the PEI zone had 430 more EI regular beneficiaries in comparison to September 2024.



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

Employment Insurance Summary

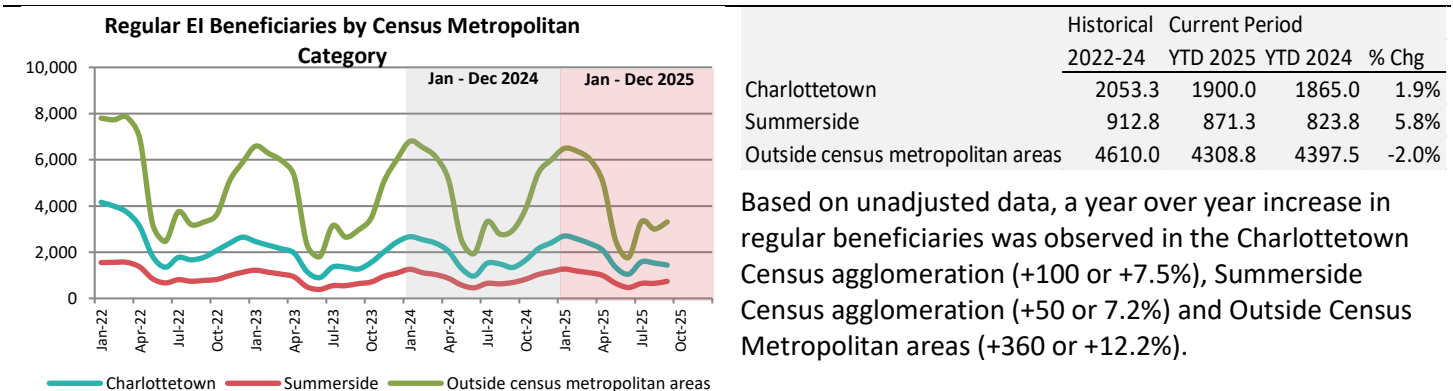
Prince Edward Island

September 2025

WorkPEI

November 21, 2025

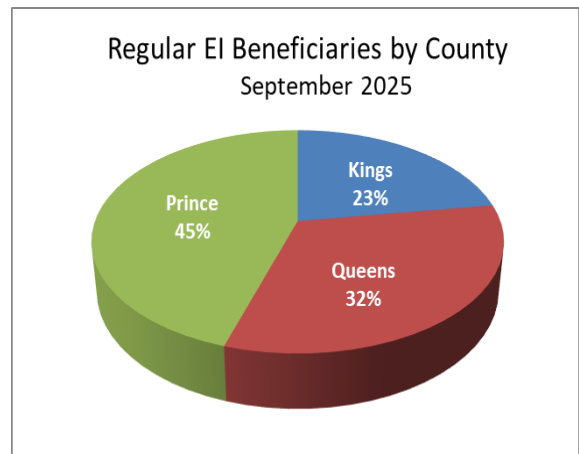
Regular Employment Insurance Beneficiaries by Census Metropolitan Category



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 increase (+510). At the county level there was an increase in Kings (+10), Queens (+140) and Prince (+360) Counties.
- For the 15-24 age group, Kings County (-10) had a year over year decrease in regular beneficiaries. Queens (+30) and Prince (+60) Counties had an increase in the number of regular beneficiaries during the same period.
- For the 25-54 age group, Kings (+20), Queens (+80) and Prince (+250) Counties had a year-over increase in regular beneficiaries.
- For individuals aged 55 and over, a year-over-year comparison shows that Kings (+10), Queens (+40) and Prince (+50) Counties had an increase in the number of regular beneficiaries during the same period.



Kings County- 1,240 Regular Beneficiaries
Queens County- 1,770 Regular Beneficiaries
Prince County- 2,480 Regular Beneficiaries

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

Employment Insurance Summary

Prince Edward Island

September 2025



November 21, 2025

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 September 2025, the largest number of regular employment insurance beneficiaries were in Natural resources, agriculture, and related production occupations (1,180) followed by Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations (1,160) and Sales and service occupations (1,020).
- There was a year over year decrease in regular employment insurance beneficiaries in Management occupations (-20) and Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations (-40).
- There was a year over year increase in regular employment insurance beneficiaries in Business, finance, and administration occupations (+90), Natural and applied sciences and related occupations (+50), Health occupations (+10), Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services (+20), Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport (+10), Sales and service occupations (+120), Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations (+80), Occupations in manufacturing and utilities (+160) and Unclassified occupations (+20).

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				
		Sep-25	Aug-25	Sep-24	M-M	Y-Y
7,575	All occupations	5,490	5,190	4,980	300	510
30	Management occupations	10	10	30	0	-20
628	Business, finance and administration occupations	570	530	480	40	90
296	Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	270	160	220	110	50
168	Health occupations	160	80	150	80	10
481	Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	390	1,100	370	-710	20
137	Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	120	40	110	80	10
1,397	Sales and service occupations	1,020	570	900	450	120
1,835	Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	1,160	1,160	1,080	0	80
1,789	Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	1,180	1,030	1,220	150	-40
808	Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	590	470	430	120	160
22	Unclassified occupations	30	50	10	-20	20

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

Employment Insurance Summary

Prince Edward Island

September 2025

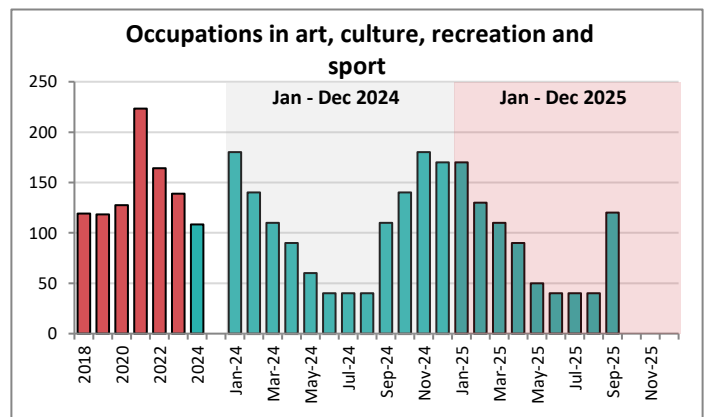
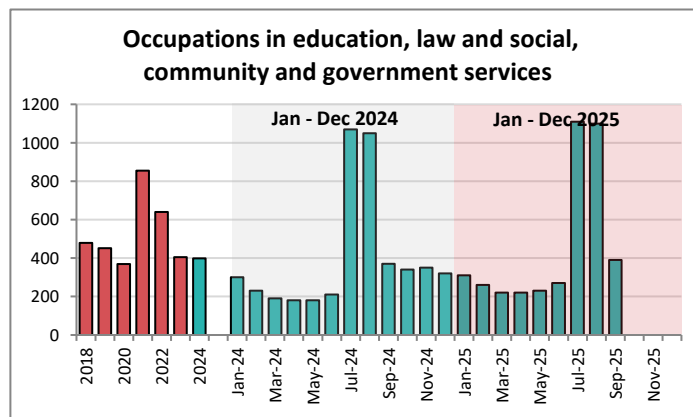
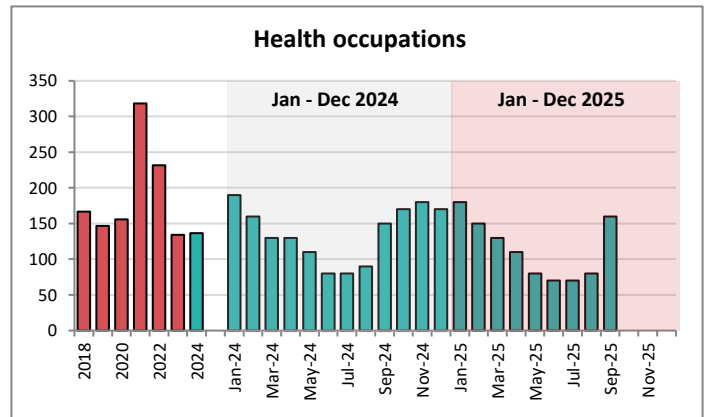
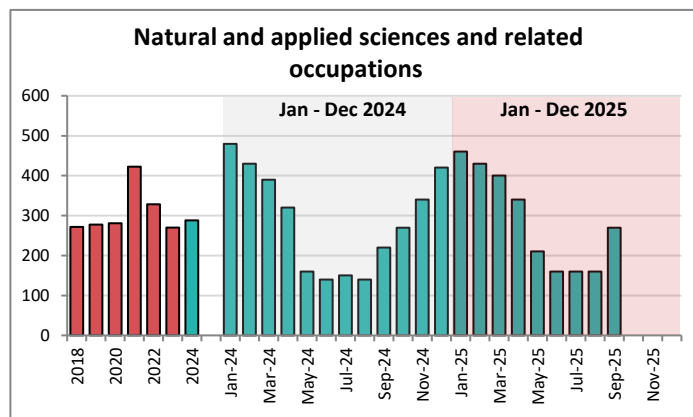
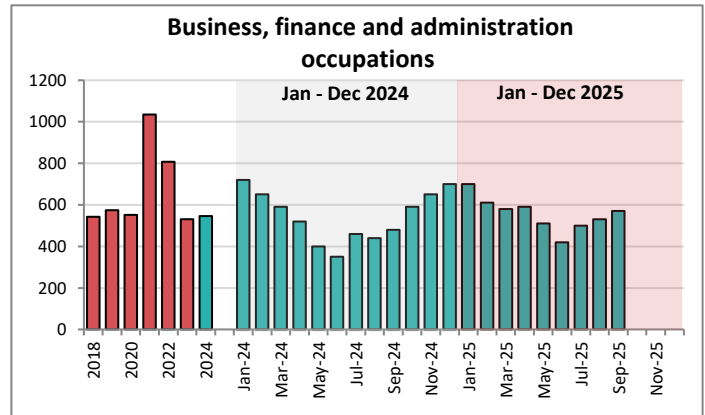
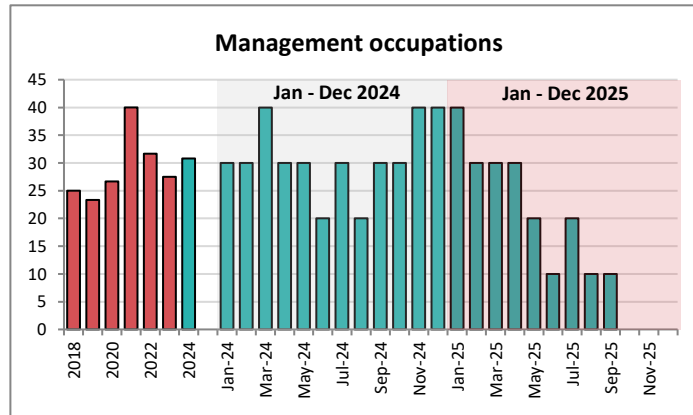


November 21, 2025

EI Beneficiaries by NOC Skill Type Progress Report

EI 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)



Employment Insurance Summary

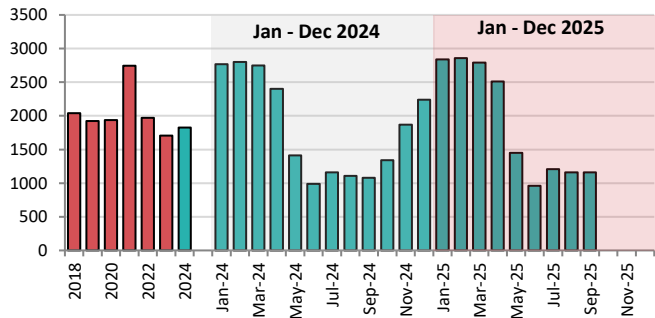
Prince Edward Island

September 2025

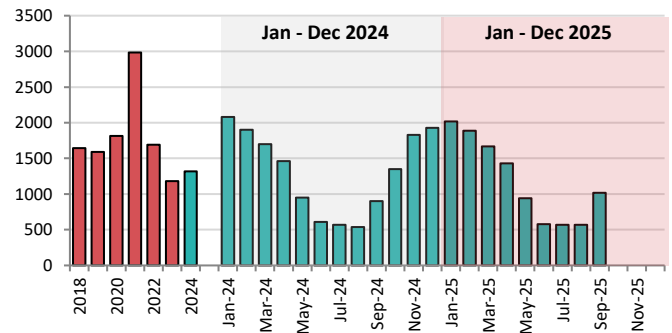


November 21, 2025

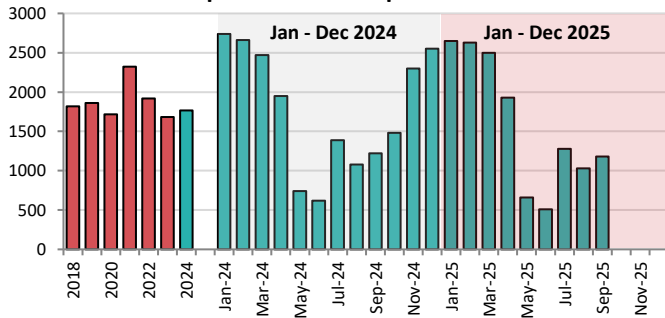
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations



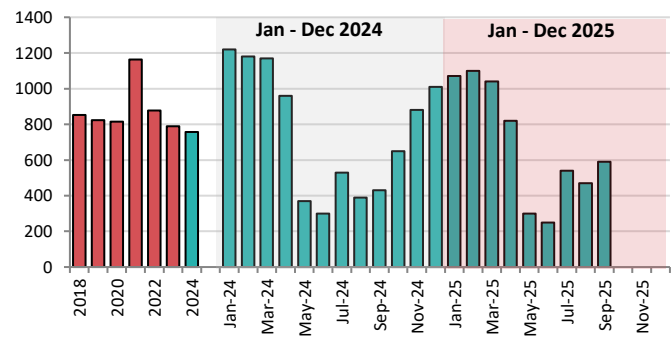
Sales and service occupations



Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations



Occupations in manufacturing and utilities



Unclassified occupations

