

# Labour Force Survey Report

Prince Edward Island

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Every month, Statistics Canada releases Labour Force Survey (LFS) data. The releases include unadjusted and seasonally adjusted data related to the local labour market (labour force, employment and unemployment). The data presented in this report has been adjusted for seasonality. Most estimates associated with the labour market are subject to seasonal influence in which the data experiences regular and predictable changes that recur every calendar year (i.e. due to climate, vacations, holidays, etc.). The employment figures presented in the LFS is an estimate of employed Island residents and should not be interpreted as number of jobs (as reported in Statistics Canada's Survey of Employment, Payroll and Hours).

## Labour Force Survey – Brief

### Summary

Historical		Current Period						
2022-24		Oct-25	Sep-25	Oct-24	M-M	% Chg	Y-Y	% Chg
145.4	Population (000's)	154.9	154.6	152.4	0.3	0.2	2.5	1.6
99.3	<b>Labour force (000's)</b>	102.0	103.0	102.5	-1.0	-1.0	-0.5	-0.5
91.6	<b>Employment (000's)</b>	93.3	92.9	92.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	1.0
78.7	Employment full-time (000's)	80.9	79.9	79.4	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.9
12.9	Employment part-time (000's)	12.4	13.0	13.1	-0.6	-4.6	-0.7	-5.3
7.7	<b>Unemployment (000's)</b>	8.7	10.0	10.1	-1.3	-13.0	-1.4	-13.9
7.7	Unemployment rate (%)	8.5	9.7	9.9	-1.2		-1.4	
66.3	Participation rate (%)	65.8	66.6	67.3	-0.8		-1.5	
61.2	Employment rate (%)	60.2	60.1	60.6	0.1		-0.4	

Source: Table 14-10-0287-03; "Historical 2022-24" is provided as average values over the past 3 years for historical context.

- The **labour force** totaled 102,000 in October 2025, a decrease of 1,000 persons in comparison to the previous month. The labour force was 0.5% lower when compared to October 2024.
- **Employment** totaled 93,300 in October 2025, an increase of 400 persons in comparison to the previous month. Employment levels were 1.0% higher than a year ago. There was a year over year increase in **full-time employment** (+1,500) and a year over year decrease in **part-time employment** (-700).
- **Unemployment** totaled 8,700 in October 2025, a decrease of 1,300 persons from the prior month. There was a decrease of 1,400 unemployed persons in comparison to the same period a year ago.
- The **unemployment rate** decreased month over month and sits at 8.5%. The rate is 1.4 percentage points lower than it was in October 2024 (9.9%).
- The **participation rate** was 65.8% in October 2025; this represents a decrease of 1.5 percentage points from a year-over-year perspective. The PEI participation rate is higher than the national average (65.3%) and is fourth highest among provinces behind Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

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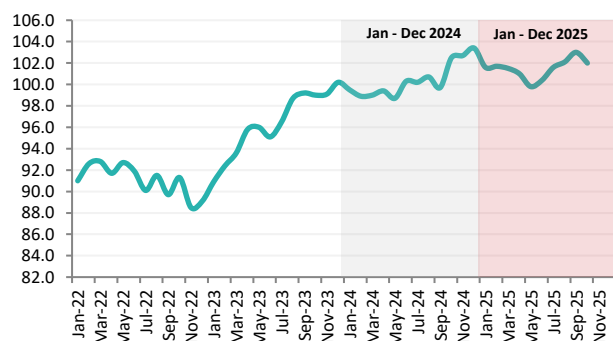
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## LFS - Progress Report

LFS data is released on a monthly basis. The purpose of this section is to track the progress of key labour market indicators. "Year-to-date" (YTD) compares average values of available months in 2025 to the same in 2024.

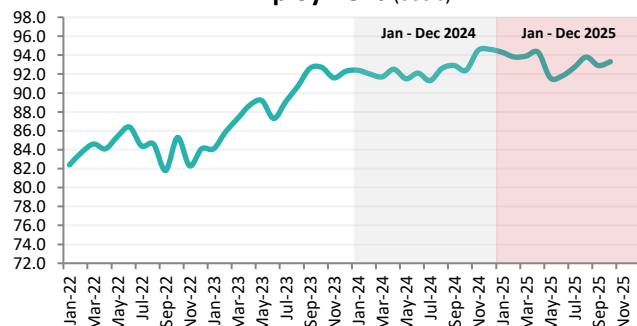
Labour Force (000's)



	2024	2025	Level	Percent
( '000)	YTD	YTD	Chg	Chg
Population	150.7	153.7	3.0	2.0%
Labour Force	99.9	101.5	1.6	1.6%
Not in LF	50.8	52.2	1.4	2.8%
Participation rate (%)	66.3	66.0	-0.3	-

The labour force figure in October 2025 ranks sixth highest all-time. October was the first monthly decline in the past five months. The labour force has 1,600 more persons YTD over the same period last year. On a YTD basis, the participation rate is lower in comparison to the same period last year and sits at 66.0%.

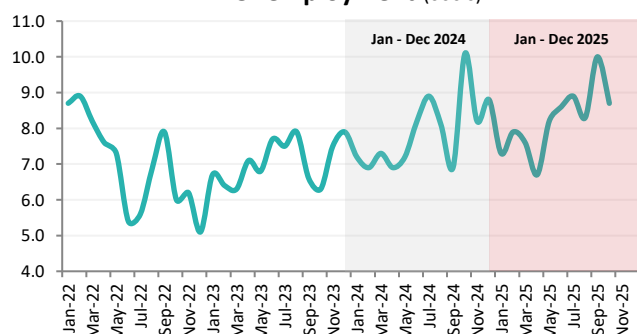
Employment (000's)



	2024	2025	Level	Percent
( '000)	YTD	YTD	Chg	Chg
Employment	92.1	93.2	1.1	1.2%
Full-time	79.3	80.9	1.6	2.0%
Part-time	12.8	12.4	-0.4	-3.5%
Employment rate (%)	61.2	60.7	-0.5	-

Employment rebounded in October after a decline in September; the figure ranks sixth highest all-time and is 1,300 fewer persons compared to the all-time high established in December 2024 (94,600). The year over year increase in full-time employment accounted for the entire employment increase in October.

Unemployment (000's)



	2024	2025	Level	Percent
( '000)	YTD	YTD	Chg	Chg
Unemployment	7.8	8.2	0.5	5.8%
Unemployment rate (%)	7.8	8.1	0.3	-

In October, both the number of unemployed individuals and the unemployment rate decreased. The decline in unemployed persons resulted in the year over year decline in labour force in October. On a YTD basis, the number of unemployed persons in 2025 is 500 persons higher than the same period in 2024.

Note: Not all values sum up due to rounding

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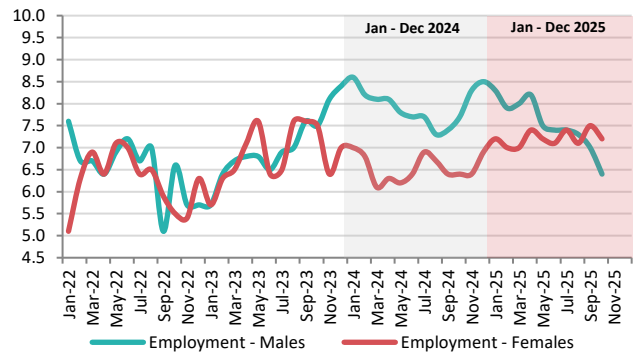
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## Young Worker Cohort (15-24 Years)

('000's)	Historical 2022-24	Current: 2025 YTD		
		Both	Male	Female
Labour force	15.5	16.6	8.5	8.1
Employment	13.7	14.7	7.5	7.2
Unemployment	1.8	1.8	1.0	0.9
Unemp rate (%)	11.5	11.0	11.3	10.5

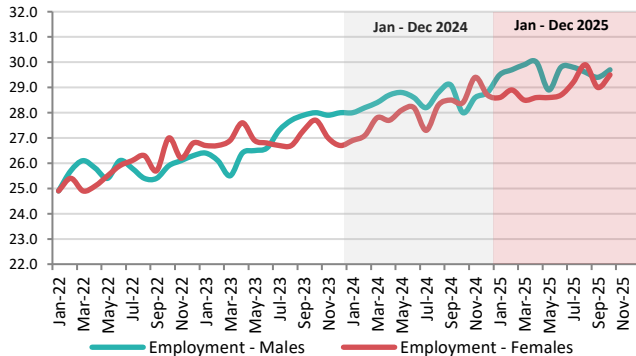
In October, there were 800 more females employed and 1,300 fewer males employed in comparison to a year earlier. For full-time employment, females (+900) saw an increase and males (-1,200) saw a decrease. Part-time employment decreased for males (-100) and decreased for females (-100). The unemployment rate for this cohort was 16.0%, up 4.2 percentage points year over year.

Employment by Gender: 15-24 Age Cohort (000's)



## Core-age Cohort (25-54 Years)

Employment by Gender: 25-54 Age Cohort (000's)



('000's)	Historical 2022-24	Current: 2025 YTD		
		Both	Male	Female
Labour force	57.6	62.9	32.2	30.7
Employment	54.0	58.6	29.6	29.0
Unemployment	3.5	4.3	2.6	1.7
Unemp rate (%)	6.1	6.8	7.9	5.7

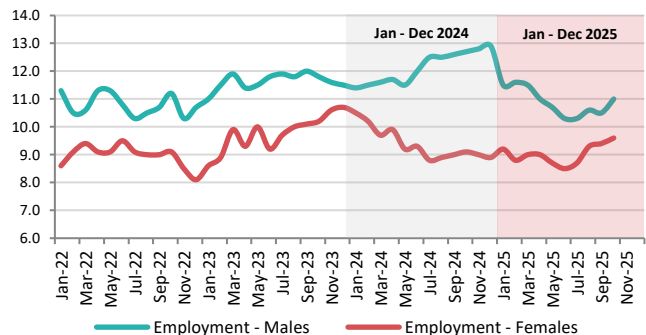
In October, employment increased for females (+1,100) and for males (+1,700) in comparison to October 2024. On a FT basis, year over year employment increased for females (+1,900) and increased for males (+1,000). On a PT basis, there was a year over year increase for males (+600) and a year over year decrease for females (-800). The unemployment rate decreased for males (to 7.5%) and decreased for females (to 5.4%) on a year over year basis.

## Older-worker Cohort (55 Years +)

('000's)	Historical 2022-24	Current: 2025 YTD		
		Both	Male	Female
Labour force	22.9	22.1	12.1	10.0
Employment	20.9	20.0	10.9	9.0
Unemployment	2.0	2.1	1.2	0.9
Unemp rate (%)	8.8	9.6	9.9	9.2

On a year over year basis there were 500 more females and 1,700 fewer males employed. There were more females (+400) and fewer males (-1,500) in the labour force when comparing October 2025 to October 2024.

Employment by Gender: 55+ Age Cohort (000's)



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## LFS – Industry Perspective (Employment)

The following presents LFS employment estimates by industry for Prince Edward Island.

Historical 2022-24		Current Period							Change
		Oct-25	Sep-25	Oct-24	M-M	Y-Y	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	
88.6	<b>Total industries ('000s)</b>	<b>93.3</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>92.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>93.2</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>
22.3	<b>Goods-sector</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>
3.7	Agriculture	2.9	3.3	3.7	-0.4	-0.8	3.4	3.9	-0.5
2.2	Other primary	2.1	2.1	2.3	0.0	-0.2	2.4	2.0	0.3
0.3	Utilities	0.2	x	0.2	n/a	0.0	0.2	0.4	-0.1
7.9	Construction	9.4	8.8	9.6	0.6	-0.2	9.6	8.7	0.9
8.2	Manufacturing	8.4	8.0	7.7	0.4	0.7	8.6	7.7	1.0
66.3	<b>Services-sector</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
11.0	Wholesale/retail trade	11.1	11.7	10.8	-0.6	0.3	11.2	10.9	0.3
2.6	Transport/Warehousing	2.1	2.2	3.3	-0.1	-1.2	2.4	3.4	-1.0
3.5	Fin/Ins/Real estate	4.1	4.3	4.0	-0.2	0.1	3.8	4.1	-0.3
4.7	Prof/ scientific/technical	5.7	5.4	4.5	0.3	1.2	5.2	4.8	0.4
2.2	Business/building/other	2.6	2.5	2.2	0.1	0.4	2.4	2.3	0.1
6.2	Educational services	6.4	6.2	6.6	0.2	-0.2	6.1	6.6	-0.5
13.7	Health/social assistance	16.1	16.1	14.8	0.0	1.3	15.8	14.5	1.3
2.9	Info/culture/rec	2.3	2.8	2.8	-0.5	-0.5	2.2	2.9	-0.7
5.4	Accomm/food services	6.6	6.4	5.8	0.2	0.8	6.1	5.9	0.3
3.7	Other services	3.1	2.8	3.7	0.3	-0.6	3.2	3.8	-0.6
10.4	Public administration	10.3	10.1	10.4	0.2	-0.1	10.6	10.4	0.2

Data source: Table 14-10-0355-02; "Historical 2022-24" is provided as average values over the past 3 years for historical context.

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There were 70,300 persons employed in the **Services-producing sector** in October 2025, comprising 75.3% of PEI's industrial employment base. There was a year-over-year increase of 1,400 persons employed in the service sector. There was year over year growth in Wholesale/retail trade (+300), Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing (+100), Professional, technical and scientific services (+1,200), Business, building and other support services (+400), Health care and social assistance (+1,300), and Accommodation and food services (+800). There was a year over year decrease in Transportation and warehousing (-1,200), Educational services (-200), Information, culture and recreation (-500), Other services (except public administration) (-600) and Public administration (-100).

There were 23,000 persons employed in the **Goods-producing sector** in October 2025, resulting in a decrease of 500 persons employed compared to a year ago. There was a year over year increase in Manufacturing (+700). There was a year over year decrease in Agriculture (-800), Other primary (-200) and Construction (-200). There was no change in employment for Utilities in a year over year comparison.

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## LFS – Industry Perspective (Average Hourly Wages)

The following presents LFS average hourly wages by industry for Prince Edward Island.

Historical 2022-24		Current Period			M-M	Y-Y	2025 YTD	2024 YTD
		Oct-25	Sep-25	Oct-24				
28.1	<b>total industries ('000s)</b>	<b>30.96</b>	<b>30.84</b>	<b>30.30</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>29.85</b>	<b>29.46</b>
26.0	<b>Goods-sector</b>	<b>28.05</b>	<b>27.97</b>	<b>27.21</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>27.31</b>	<b>27.30</b>
21.8	Agriculture	22.55	22.62	22.69	-0.07	-0.14	22.16	21.56
28.1	Other primary	30.67	30.36	25.82	0.31	4.85	30.75	26.55
43.6	Utilities	38.83	x	32.01	n/a	6.82	40.74	47.09
26.1	Construction	28.98	28.70	27.83	0.28	1.15	28.40	27.56
26.6	Manufacturing	28.49	28.47	28.56	0.02	-0.07	27.36	28.07
28.8	<b>Services-sector</b>	<b>31.80</b>	<b>31.67</b>	<b>31.28</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>30.65</b>	<b>30.03</b>
20.7	Wholesale/retail trade	23.61	23.61	22.99	0.00	0.62	22.87	21.53
26.1	Transport/Warehousing	28.29	28.14	26.46	0.15	1.83	27.76	26.60
31.8	Fin/Ins/Real estate	36.27	38.10	33.21	-1.83	3.06	30.21	33.20
33.0	Prof/ scientific/technical	37.58	38.74	35.66	-1.16	1.92	37.56	34.83
20.9	Business/building/other	22.35	21.32	27.92	1.03	-5.57	23.33	22.47
35.0	Educational services	35.92	39.99	36.69	-4.07	-0.77	35.92	38.03
30.6	Health/social assistance	34.78	34.67	33.86	0.11	0.92	33.48	31.68
23.9	Info/culture/rec	24.54	23.36	24.63	1.18	-0.09	23.90	23.63
18.0	Accomm/food services	19.53	19.17	20.01	0.36	-0.48	18.66	19.21
25.4	Other services	26.22	24.75	28.73	1.47	-2.51	24.84	26.74
37.7	Public administration	41.33	40.51	40.46	0.82	0.87	40.45	39.61

Data source: Table 14-10-0063-01; "Historical 2022-24" is provided as average values over the past 3 years for historical context.

The average hourly wage rate across all industries was \$30.96/hr in October 2025, this represents an increase of 2.2% in comparison to the same month a year earlier. On a year to date basis, the average hourly rate is 1.3% higher in 2025 (\$29.85/hr) in comparison to the same period in 2024 (\$29.46/hr).

The wages for the **Services-producing sector** was \$31.80/hr in October 2025, which is 1.7% higher than the wage rate a year earlier. There was year over year wage growth in Wholesale and retail trade (\$0.62/hr or 2.7%), Transportation and warehousing (\$1.83/hr or 6.9%), Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing (\$3.06/hr or 9.2%), Professional, scientific and technical services (\$1.92/hr or 5.4%), Health and social assistance (\$0.92/hr or 2.7%) and Public Administration (\$0.87/hr or 2.2%).

The average hourly wage rate for the **Goods-producing sector** was \$28.05/hr in October 2025, which is 3.1% higher than the wage rate a year earlier. Year over year growth for wages occurred in Other primary (\$4.85/hr or 18.8%), Utilities (\$6.82/hr or 21.3%) and Construction (\$1.15/hr or 4.1%).

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## LFS – Regional Perspective

The following compares LFS estimates and changes among the Atlantic Provinces and nationally, by month and year.

### Regional Comparison of Labour Market Indicators

#### YEAR-over-YEAR Changes

(000's)	CA	NL	PE	NS	NB
<b>Labour force</b>	<b>22,639.1</b>	<b>272.5</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>558.7</b>	<b>439.0</b>
Level	380.1	0.5	-0.5	3.7	6.4
Percent	1.7%	0.2%	-0.5%	0.7%	1.5%
<b>Employment</b>	<b>21,081.9</b>	<b>245.1</b>	<b>93.3</b>	<b>521.0</b>	<b>404.2</b>
Level	299.3	1.5	0.9	0.8	1.3
Percent	1.4%	0.6%	1.0%	0.2%	0.3%
<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>1,557.3</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>34.8</b>
Level	81.0	-1.0	-1.4	2.9	5.1
Percent	5.5%	-3.5%	-13.9%	8.4%	17.2%
<b>employment rate (%)</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Level	0.3	-0.3	-1.4	0.4	1.0

### Newfoundland and Labrador

NL experienced an increase in employment year-over-year in 2025 (+0.6%).

On year over year basis, the unemployment rate in NL decreased by 0.3 of a percentage point to 10.1%.

### Nova Scotia

Employment in Nova Scotia increased year-over-year (+0.2%).

On a year over year basis, the unemployment rate increased 0.4 of a percentage point and sits at 6.7%.

### Regional Comparison of Labour Market Indicators

#### MONTH-over-MONTH Changes

(000's)	CA	NL	PE	NS	NB
<b>Labour force</b>	<b>22,639.1</b>	<b>272.5</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>558.7</b>	<b>439.0</b>
Level	17.3	3.3	-1.0	-1.6	-2.6
Percent	0.1%	1.2%	-1.0%	-0.3%	-0.6%
<b>Employment</b>	<b>21,081.9</b>	<b>245.1</b>	<b>93.3</b>	<b>521.0</b>	<b>404.2</b>
Level	66.6	4.4	0.4	-4.4	-1.7
Percent	0.3%	1.8%	0.4%	-0.8%	-0.4%
<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>1,557.3</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>34.8</b>
Level	-49.2	-1.1	-1.3	2.8	-0.9
Percent	-3.1%	-3.9%	-13.0%	8.0%	-2.5%
<b>employment rate (%)</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Level	-0.2	-0.5	-1.2	0.5	-0.2

### New Brunswick

New Brunswick saw a 0.3% increase in year over year employment.

On year over year basis, their unemployment rate increased 1.0 percentage point to 7.9%.

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## LFS – Growth Indicators and Provincial Rankings

The following compares and ranks growth estimates for select labour market indicators across provinces.

### YEAR OVER YEAR – PROVINCIAL RANKINGS

(Current month vs same month a year ago)

#### WORKING AGE POPULATION

##### YEAR OVER YEAR

1	Alberta	2.9%
2	Saskatchewan	1.8%
3	Manitoba	1.7%
4	Prince Edward Island	1.6%
5	Quebec	1.4%
6	British Columbia	1.4%
7	Ontario	1.4%
8	New Brunswick	1.0%
9	Nova Scotia	0.9%
10	Newfoundland and Labrador	0.7%
	Canada	1.6%

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##### YEAR OVER YEAR

1	Alberta	4.0%
2	British Columbia	2.1%
3	Saskatchewan	1.8%
4	Ontario	1.5%
5	New Brunswick	1.5%
6	Quebec	0.9%
7	Manitoba	0.7%
8	Nova Scotia	0.7%
9	Newfoundland and Labrador	0.2%
10	Prince Edward Island	-0.5%
	Canada	1.7%

#### EMPLOYMENT

##### YEAR OVER YEAR

1	Alberta	3.9%
2	Saskatchewan	2.4%
3	Quebec	1.4%
4	British Columbia	1.2%
5	Prince Edward Island	1.0%
6	Ontario	0.9%
7	Manitoba	0.8%
8	Newfoundland and Labrador	0.6%
9	New Brunswick	0.3%
10	Nova Scotia	0.2%
	Canada	1.4%

#### FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT

##### YEAR OVER YEAR

1	Manitoba	3.8%
2	Alberta	3.6%
3	Saskatchewan	2.5%
4	Prince Edward Island	1.9%
5	New Brunswick	1.7%
6	Nova Scotia	1.6%
7	British Columbia	0.9%
8	Ontario	0.7%
9	Quebec	0.2%
10	Newfoundland and Labrador	-1.0%
	Canada	1.2%

#### PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

##### YEAR OVER YEAR

1	Newfoundland and Labrador	10.3%
2	Quebec	7.1%
3	Alberta	5.0%
4	British Columbia	2.7%
5	Saskatchewan	2.2%
6	Ontario	1.8%
7	Prince Edward Island	-5.3%
8	Nova Scotia	-6.6%
9	New Brunswick	-6.9%
10	Manitoba	-11.6%
	Canada	2.7%

#### AVG HOURLY WAGES

##### YEAR OVER YEAR

1	Nova Scotia	5.9%
2	Quebec	4.3%
3	British Columbia	3.8%
4	New Brunswick	3.7%
5	Alberta	3.5%
6	Ontario	3.2%
7	Manitoba	2.4%
8	Prince Edward Island	2.2%
9	Newfoundland and Labrador	2.0%
10	Saskatchewan	0.8%
	Canada	3.5%

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### YEAR TO DATE – PROVINCIAL RANKINGS

(Average: January to current month relative to the same period a year ago)

#### WORKING AGE POPULATION

##### YEAR TO DATE

1	Alberta	3.7%
2	Manitoba	2.5%
3	British Columbia	2.4%
4	Ontario	2.3%
5	Saskatchewan	2.3%
6	Quebec	2.1%
7	Prince Edward Island	2.0%
8	New Brunswick	1.6%
9	Nova Scotia	1.4%
10	Newfoundland and Labrador	1.0%
	Canada	2.4%

#### LABOUR FORCE

##### YEAR TO DATE

1	Alberta	3.1%
2	Quebec	2.4%
3	Manitoba	2.2%
4	Saskatchewan	2.1%
5	Ontario	2.0%
6	British Columbia	1.8%
7	Prince Edward Island	1.6%
8	New Brunswick	1.4%
9	Nova Scotia	0.7%
10	Newfoundland and Labrador	0.0%
	Canada	2.1%

#### EMPLOYMENT

##### YEAR TO DATE

1	Alberta	2.7%
2	Saskatchewan	2.5%
3	Quebec	1.9%
4	Manitoba	1.7%
5	Prince Edward Island	1.2%
6	British Columbia	1.2%
7	New Brunswick	1.2%
8	Ontario	1.0%
9	Nova Scotia	0.6%
10	Newfoundland and Labrador	-0.3%
	Canada	1.5%

#### FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT

##### YEAR TO DATE

1	Alberta	3.3%
2	Manitoba	3.1%
3	Saskatchewan	2.6%
4	New Brunswick	2.0%
5	Prince Edward Island	2.0%
6	Quebec	1.9%
7	Nova Scotia	1.4%
8	British Columbia	0.7%
9	Ontario	0.6%
10	Newfoundland and Labrador	-1.0%
	Canada	1.4%

#### PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

##### YEAR TO DATE

1	Newfoundland and Labrador	3.8%
2	Ontario	3.3%
3	British Columbia	3.1%
4	Saskatchewan	2.0%
5	Quebec	1.7%
6	Alberta	0.2%
7	Nova Scotia	-3.2%
8	New Brunswick	-3.4%
9	Prince Edward Island	-3.5%
10	Manitoba	-4.3%
	Canada	1.9%

#### AVG HOURLY WAGES

##### YEAR TO DATE

1	Nova Scotia	4.9%
2	Manitoba	4.4%
3	Ontario	3.7%
4	British Columbia	3.3%
5	Quebec	3.3%
6	Newfoundland and Labrador	3.2%
7	New Brunswick	3.1%
8	Saskatchewan	2.8%
9	Alberta	2.6%
10	Prince Edward Island	1.5%
	Canada	3.4%