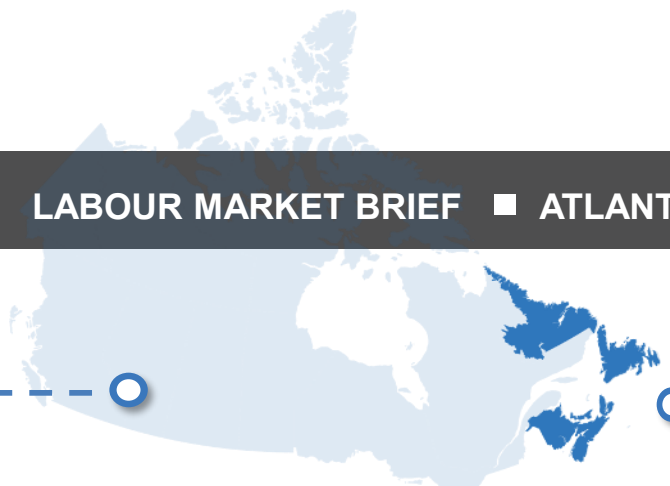




# LABOUR MARKET BRIEF ■ ATLANTIC REGION



## CANADA

- ✦ Employment expanded at a moderate pace in the month, up 0.8% on an annualized basis.
- ✦ Part-time jobs increased while full-time jobs declined.
- ✦ The rate of unemployment saw no change from last month, remaining at 6.7%.
- ✦ The goods-producing sector added jobs (+12,500), while the services-producing sector saw growth of 1,700 jobs.

## ATLANTIC CANADA

- ✦ Employment grew at a strong pace in March, up from the prior month by 5,900 jobs.
- ✦ Part-time jobs increased while full-time jobs declined.
- ✦ The unemployment rate fell in the month to 7.4%, influenced by the solid job gains.
- ✦ The goods-producing sector lost jobs in March (-400), while the services-producing sector saw growth of 6,300 jobs.

**22,566,600 (+15,100)**

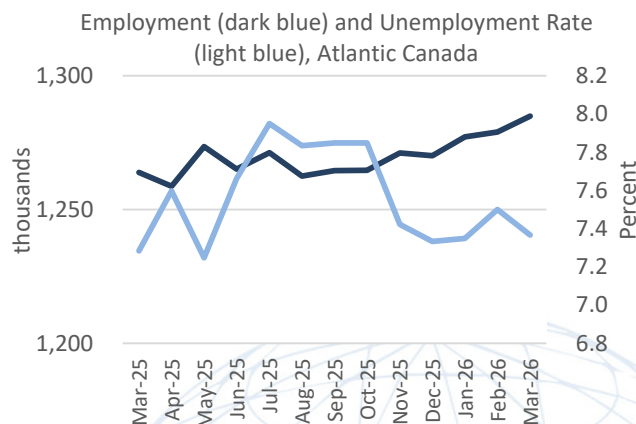
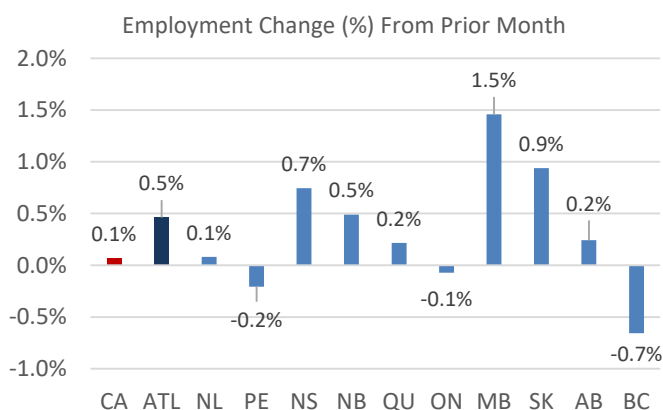
**LABOUR FORCE**

**1,387,300 (+4,700)**

**21,051,400 (+14,100)**

**EMPLOYMENT**

**1,284,900 (+5,900)**



**6.7% (0.0)**

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**

**7.4% (-0.1)**

**64.9% (0.0)**

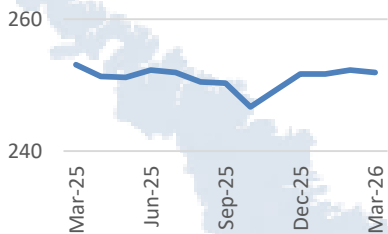
**PARTICIPATION RATE**

**61.0% (+0.1)**

Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Table 14-10-0287-01  
Data above are seasonally adjusted. Values in brackets are month-over-month changes.

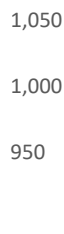
**Goods Sector**

Employment ('000), Atl.



**Services Sector**

Employment ('000), Atl.



# Did You Know...

Despite high levels of economic uncertainty and flat population growth, employment in the Atlantic Region has grown steadily in recent quarters, with increases occurring in six of the past seven months. The number of workers in the region went up by 1.7% year-over-year—compared to 0.4% nationally—with growth led by the private sector. By industry, recent bright spots include manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade, and health care and social assistance.

## FASTEST GROWING INDUSTRIES

Year/year employment change, Jan-Mar averages, Atl.

1. Information, culture and recreation **+9%**
2. Manufacturing **+4%**
3. Accommodation and food services **+4%**
4. Health care and social assistance **+3%**
5. Professional, scientific and technical services **+3%**



### NOVA SCOTIA

**565,500**

Labour Force

**528,000**

Employment

**6.6%**

Unemployment Rate

**+1,600**

Labour Force Change

**+3,900**

Employment Change

**-0.5**

Unemployment Rate Change



### NEW BRUNSWICK

**442,200**

Labour Force

**411,300**

Employment

**7.0%**

Unemployment Rate

**+1,900**

Labour Force Change

**+2,000**

Employment Change

**0.0**

Unemployment Rate Change



### NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

**276,000**

Labour Force

**249,600**

Employment

**9.5%**

Unemployment Rate

**+1,300**

Labour Force Change

**+200**

Employment Change

**+0.3**

Unemployment Rate Change



### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**103,600**

Labour Force

**96,000**

Employment

**7.3%**

Unemployment Rate

**-100**

Labour Force Change

**-200**

Employment Change

**+0.1**

Unemployment Rate Change

Provincial estimates based on seasonally-adjusted data for the latest month and compared to the previous month.

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