2025-26 Program Characteristics

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There were *12,757* participants served through SkillsPEI Programs and Employment Assistance Services. That is a *decrease* of *175* participants (-1.4%) over the 2024-25 Fiscal Year.

Adult Education	Workplace Skills & Group Based Training	Post-Secondary Training
84	**580**	**2223**
YR/YR CHANGE **-2 -2.3%**	YR/YR CHANGE **-234 -28.7%**	YR/YR CHANGE **+102 4.8%**

EmployPEI	Graduate Mentorship Program	Post-Secondary Student Program
97	**137**	**351**
YR/YR CHANGE **-85 -46.7%**	YR/YR CHANGE **-48 -25.9%**	YR/YR CHANGE **+14 +4.2%**

Self-Employ PEI	Employment Assistance Services	Labour Market & Industry Projects
86	**9045**	**14**
YR/YR CHANGE **+4 -4.9%**	YR/YR CHANGE **+115 +1.3%**	YR/YR CHANGE **-4 -22.2%**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

ADULT EDUCATION	**Adult Education** program provides financial support to enable individuals to complete their Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC) or Academic Upgrading courses.
WORKPLACE SKILLS TRAINING AND GROUP BASED TRAINING	**Workplace Skills Training** is a program developed for employers to train new or existing employees to develop their skills and align with needs of the business. **Group Based Training** program is training delivered through organizations which focuses on industry/sector training (CASTL, Steps for Success, Discover Carpentry) or focuses on essential skills training (Career Bridges).
POST-SECONDARY TRAINING	**Post Secondary Training** includes *Training PEI- Regular, Training PEI- Career Connect, Training PEI – Industry Specific (includes 100% Health Care training).* These programs are designed to assist unemployed individuals attend post secondary and apprenticeship programming.
EMPLOY PEI	**Employ PEI** program provides employers with a temporary wage subsidy to provide on-the-job training for a new full-time employee. Employers hiring a new employee who lacks the work experience necessary for the position can receive a subsidy up to 50% of the wages to a maximum of 20 weeks.
GRADUATE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM	**Graduate Mentorship Program** provides employers with a wage subsidy to hire an unemployed recent post-secondary graduate in their field of study. An employer receives a temporary wage subsidy covering 50% of the recent graduate's wages for 52 weeks to provide mentorship and a valuable work experience for a new employee.
POST-SECONDARY STUDENT PROGRAM	**Post Secondary Student Program** supports full-time post-secondary students working a minimum of 12 to a maximum of 18 weeks during the summer. The number of weeks designated per placement is based on factors such as but not limited to position, wage, and the likelihood of opportunity for experiential learning. Students must be entering or returning to full-time post-secondary studies in the Fall.
SELF-EMPLOY PEI	**Self-Employ PEI** is an employment program developed to help job seekers who want to launch their own business. This program provides financial support and business counselling to new entrepreneurs during their first year of operation.
EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE SERVICES	**Employment Assistance Services** are unpaid interventions provided by 10 External Service Providers who work closely with SkillsPEI to assist unemployed and underemployed individuals to prepare for, obtain and maintain employment.
LABOUR MARKET AND INDUSTRY PROJECTS	**Labour Market and Industry Projects** are funded initiatives that encourage and support employers, employees, and/or employer associations and communities in developing and implementing strategies for dealing with labour force adjustments and meeting human resource requirements.