

Survey of Employment, Payroll and Hours
April 2026



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Every month, Statistics Canada releases data on the Survey of Employment, Payroll and Hours (SEPH). This release includes unadjusted and seasonally adjusted data related to employment, wages and hours worked. The survey's target population is composed of businesses in Canada that have at least one employee and, thus issued at least one payroll deduction remittance during the reference month. Excluded are businesses that are primarily involved in agriculture, fishing and trapping, private household services, religious organizations, international and other extraterritorial public administration and military personnel of defence services. The employment figures presented in the SEPH is an estimate of the number of jobs and should not be interpreted as number of employed persons (as reported in Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey).

Survey of Employment, Payroll and Hours (SEPH) – Brief

SEPH Indicators: Prince Edward Island

Historical 2023-25	Current Period				M-M		Y-Y	
		Apr-26	Mar-26	Apr-25		Chg		Chg
	Employment (persons)							
76,355	All employees	75,957	76,098	76,574	-141	-0.2%	-617	-0.8%
44,249	Hourly paid employees	42,868	44,443	43,890	-1,575	-3.5%	-1,022	-2.3%
27,516	Salaried employees	25,785	27,377	27,833	-1,592	-5.8%	-2,048	-7.4%
77,864	All employees - including unclassified occupations	77,489	77,596	78,117	-107	-0.1%	-628	-0.8%
	Average weekly earnings - including overtime (dollars)							
1,076	All employees	1,161.80	1,173.50	1,128.15	-11.70	-1.0%	33.65	3.0%
825	Hourly employees	905.26	931.33	854.60	-26.07	-2.8%	50.7	5.9%
1,432	Salaried employees	1,540.65	1,544.81	1,499.88	-4.16	-0.3%	40.8	2.7%
	Average hourly earnings - including overtime (dollars)							
26.21	Hourly employees	29.32	29.66	26.89	-0.34	-1.1%	2.43	9.0%
37.31	Salaried employees	40.11	40.67	39.21	-0.56	-1.4%	0.90	2.3%
	Average weekly hours - including overtime							
31.46	Hourly employees	30.90	31.10	31.80	-0.20	-0.6%	-0.90	-2.8%

Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0222-01 - Employment, average hourly and weekly earnings (including overtime), and average weekly hours for the industrial aggregate excluding unclassified businesses, monthly, seasonally adjusted

Summary:

- In April 2026, PEI's seasonally adjusted employment (jobs) for non-farm employees decreased by 0.8% compared to a year ago, totaling 77,489. The national employment increased by 0.4% over the same period.
- Average weekly earnings in PEI increased 3.0% (or \$33.65) to \$1,161.80 in April 2026 representing the fourth highest figure on record (dating back to 2001). PEI was below national growth (3.8%) and had the eighth highest year over year percentage growth among provinces.
- Labour Force Survey note regarding employment: According to Labour Force Survey, there were 95,500 persons employed in April 2026, a decrease of 500 persons compared to a year ago. There was a year-over-year increase in full-time employment (+1,800) and a year over year increase in part-time employment (+100).

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SEPH Employment by Industry: Prince Edward Island

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		Apr-26	Mar-26	Apr-25	Y-Y	Chg	YTD avg	YTD avg	Chg
77,864	Industrial aggregate (including unclassified (1) businesses)	77,489	77,596	78,117	-628	-0.8%	77,880	77,978	-0.1%
76,355	Industrial aggregate (excluding unclassified businesses)	75,957	76,098	76,574	-617	-0.8%	76,421	76,354	0.1%
12,565	Goods producing industries	12,247	12,485	13,460	-1,213	-9.0%	12,763	13,284	-3.9%
50	Forestry, logging and support	49	46	48	1	2.1%	46	52	-10.6%
21	Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	25	20	26	-1	-3.8%	22	26	-17.3%
412	Utilities	433	409	363	70	19.3%	404	363	11.3%
5,279	Construction	5,432	5,420	5,387	45	0.8%	5,405	5,385	0.4%
6,832	Manufacturing	6,309	6,590	7,635	-1,326	-17.4%	6,886	7,448	-7.5%
63,790	Service producing industries	63,710	63,613	63,114	596	0.9%	63,659	63,071	0.9%
2,214	Wholesale trade	2,131	2,091	2,619	-488	-18.6%	2,147	2,310	-7.1%
9,654	Retail trade	9,381	9,298	9,274	107	1.2%	9,293	9,290	0.0%
2,949	Transportation and warehousing	2,664	2,678	2,835	-171	-6.0%	2,674	2,876	-7.0%
673	Information and cultural industries	524	520	680	-156	-22.9%	524	680	-23.0%
2,088	Finance and insurance	2,050	2,065	2,169	-119	-5.5%	2,075	2,142	-3.1%
1,066	Real estate and rental and leasing	1,118	1,114	1,070	48	4.5%	1,100	1,064	3.4%
2,977	Professional, scientific and technical services	2,899	2,966	2,964	-65	-2.2%	2,963	2,999	-1.2%
198	Management of companies and enterprises	172	204	236	-64	-27.1%	224	262	-14.4%
4,009	Admin/support/waste management/remediation services	2,723	2,743	3,159	-436	-13.8%	2,796	3,322	-15.8%
6,409	Educational services	6,613	6,654	6,517	96	1.5%	6,681	6,587	1.4%
10,423	Health care and social assistance	11,812	11,847	10,740	1,072	10.0%	11,840	10,516	12.6%
1,154	Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,140	1,103	1,099	41	3.7%	1,105	1,091	1.3%
7,171	Accommodation and food services	7,317	7,245	7,131	186	2.6%	7,255	7,139	1.6%
2,522	Other services (except public administration)	3,023	2,987	2,455	568	23.1%	2,978	2,489	19.7%
10,331	Public administration	10,143	10,098	10,165	-22	-0.2%	10,003	10,307	-2.9%

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- The number of jobs in April 2026 (for non-farm employees) *including* unclassified businesses decreased by 628 employees from April 2025 to 77,489. The number of jobs in April 2026 (for non-farm employees) *excluding* unclassified businesses decreased 617 employees from April 2025 to 75,957- there was a loss in goods producing industries (-1,213) and a gain in service producing industries (+596).
- There was year over year gains in Forestry, logging and support (+1), Utilities (+70), Construction (+45), Retail trade (+107), Real estate and rental and leasing (+48), Educational services (+96), Health Care and social assistance (+1,072), Arts, entertainment and recreation (+41), Accommodation and food services (+186) and Other services (except public administration) (+568).
- There was year over year losses in Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction (-1), Manufacturing (-1,326), Wholesale trade (-488), Transportation and warehousing (-171), Information and cultural industries (-156), Finance and insurance (-119), Professional, scientific and technical services (-65), Management of companies and enterprises (-64), Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services (-436), and Public administration (-22).

See Appendix 1 for further graphs on Employment by Industry

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SEPH Average Weekly Earnings including overtime: Prince Edward Island (in dollars)

Historical 2023-25		Current Period					2026	2025	YTD
		Apr-26	Mar-26	Apr-25	Y-Y	Chg	YTD avg	YTD avg	Chg
1,075.63	Industrial aggregate (excluding unclassified businesses)	1,161.80	1,173.50	1,128.15	33.65	3.0%	1,168.75	1,102.58	6.0%
	Goods producing industries	1,350.09	1,334.04	1,279.78	70.31	5.5%	1,331.94	1,255.89	6.1%
1,215.28	Construction	1,356.76	1,328.54	1,288.77	67.99	5.3%	1,314.58	1,255.11	4.7%
1,203.93	Manufacturing	1,307.98	1,287.21	1,240.26	67.72	5.5%	1,314.92	1,224.81	7.4%
	Service producing industries	1,124.75	1,140.93	1,095.16	29.59	2.7%	1,133.59	1,071.29	5.8%
1,307.47	Wholesale trade	1,584.76	1,385.18	1,398.71	186.05	13.3%	1,399.34	1,340.28	4.4%
714.30	Retail trade	772.51	763.83	700.61	71.90	10.3%	764.20	709.79	7.7%
1,109.68	Transportation and warehousing	1,176.44	1,278.10	1,155.72	20.72	1.8%	1,236.06	1,127.77	9.6%
1,398.42	Information and cultural industries	1,554.19	1,384.16	1,411.05	143.14	10.1%	1,492.43	1,409.81	5.9%
1,531.25	Finance and insurance	1,584.38	1,715.67	1,580.13	4.25	0.3%	1,610.28	1,625.60	-0.9%
973.92	Real estate and rental and leasing	1,126.96	1,078.30	1,011.74	115.22	11.4%	1,092.97	994.56	9.9%
1,521.85	Professional, scientific and technical services	1,714.38	1,684.32	1,636.25	78.13	4.8%	1,682.27	1,609.41	4.5%
n/a	Management of companies and enterprises	F	F	F	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
771.38	Admin/support/waste management/remediation services	885.87	941.68	795.44	90.43	11.4%	912.34	774.20	17.8%
1,269.46	Educational services	1,200.38	1,350.93	1,278.25	-77.87	-6.1%	1,309.20	1,282.37	2.1%
1,080.91	Health care and social assistance	1,199.52	1,223.93	1,109.42	90.10	8.1%	1,215.60	1,068.88	13.7%
641.65	Arts, entertainment and recreation	812.87	775.25	592.67	220.20	37.2%	785.64	654.28	20.1%
489.29	Accommodation and food services	521.87	F	516.32	5.55	1.1%	521.87	508.23	2.7%
881.04	Other services (except public administration)	836.20	849.56	F	n/a	n/a	850.57	n/a	n/a
1,413.59	Public administration	1,503.05	1,510.09	1,507.15	-4.10	-0.3%	1,524.08	1,462.46	0.0%

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- The wages in April 2026 (for non-farm employees) increased by \$33.65 up 3.0% from April 2025 to \$1,161.80. There was an increase of \$70.31 in the average weekly earnings related to the goods producing industries and an increase of \$29.59 in the average weekly earnings associated with the service producing industries on a year over year basis.
- In April 2026, there was a year over year gain in average weekly earnings in Construction (\$67.99), Manufacturing (\$67.72), Wholesale trade (\$186.05), Retail trade (\$71.90), Transportation and warehousing (\$20.72), Information and cultural industries (\$143.14), Finance and insurance (\$4.25), Real estate and rental and leasing (\$115.22), Professional, scientific and technical services (\$78.13), Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services (\$90.43), Health care and social assistance (\$90.10) and Arts, entertainment and recreation (\$220.20) and Accommodation and food services (\$5.55).
- In April 2026, there was a year over year decrease in average weekly earnings in Education (-\$77.87) and Public administration (-\$4.10).

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Employment and Average Weekly Wages by Province

	Employment			Wages (\$)		
	Apr-25	Apr-26	Y-Y Change	Apr-25	Apr-26	Y-Y Change
Canada	18,253,460	18,331,549	0.4%	1,295.90	1,345.79	3.8%
Newfoundland & Labrador	220,389	220,396	0.0%	1,274.06	1,294.87	1.6%
Prince Edward Island	78,117	77,489	-0.8%	1,128.15	1,161.80	3.0%
Nova Scotia	461,093	467,383	1.4%	1,153.26	1,221.52	5.9%
New Brunswick	365,191	371,399	1.7%	1,177.34	1,256.45	6.7%
Quebec	4,073,744	4,075,842	0.1%	1,249.78	1,292.50	3.4%
Ontario	7,067,208	7,076,585	0.1%	1,327.88	1,381.76	4.1%
Manitoba	639,195	648,319	1.4%	1,163.19	1,234.99	6.2%
Saskatchewan	522,782	533,843	2.1%	1,258.80	1,297.38	3.1%
Alberta	2,179,589	2,207,920	1.3%	1,361.01	1,394.29	2.4%
British Columbia	2,571,690	2,575,632	0.2%	1,308.50	1,357.68	3.8%

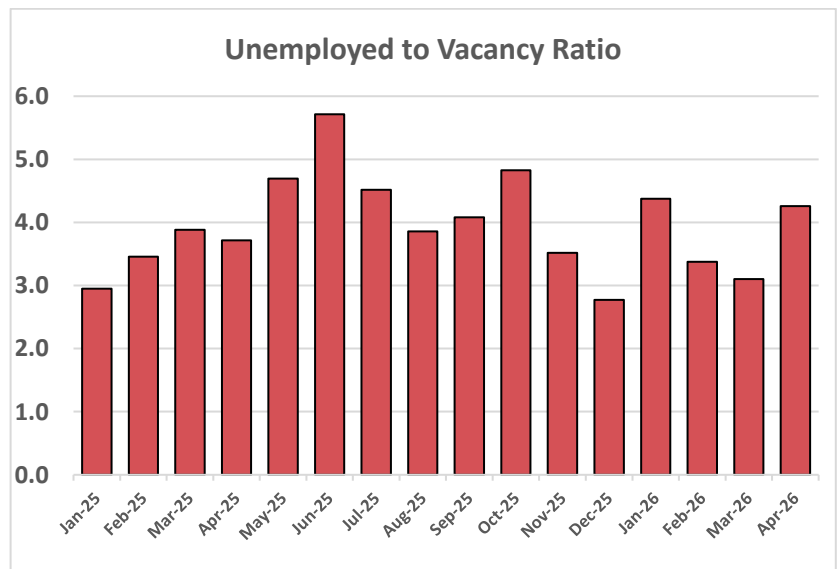
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Unemployed Persons to Vacancy Ratio

There were 1,950 vacancies reported by employers in April 2026- this is 65 more vacancies than what was reported in April 2025. The April 2026 vacancy rate was 2.7%, which is the same as the national rate (2.7%) and ranked tied for 6th highest among provinces.

There were 4.3 unemployed persons per vacancy in April 2026, this is up from April 2025 where the ratio was 3.7 unemployed persons per vacancy.

Note: The job vacancy rate is the number of job vacancies expressed as a percentage of labour demand; that is, all occupied and vacant jobs.



Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0432-01 Job vacancies, payroll employees, and job vacancy rate by provinces and territories, monthly, adjusted for seasonality and Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0287-01 Labour force characteristics, monthly, seasonally adjusted and trend-cycle, last 5 months. Calculation by report author.

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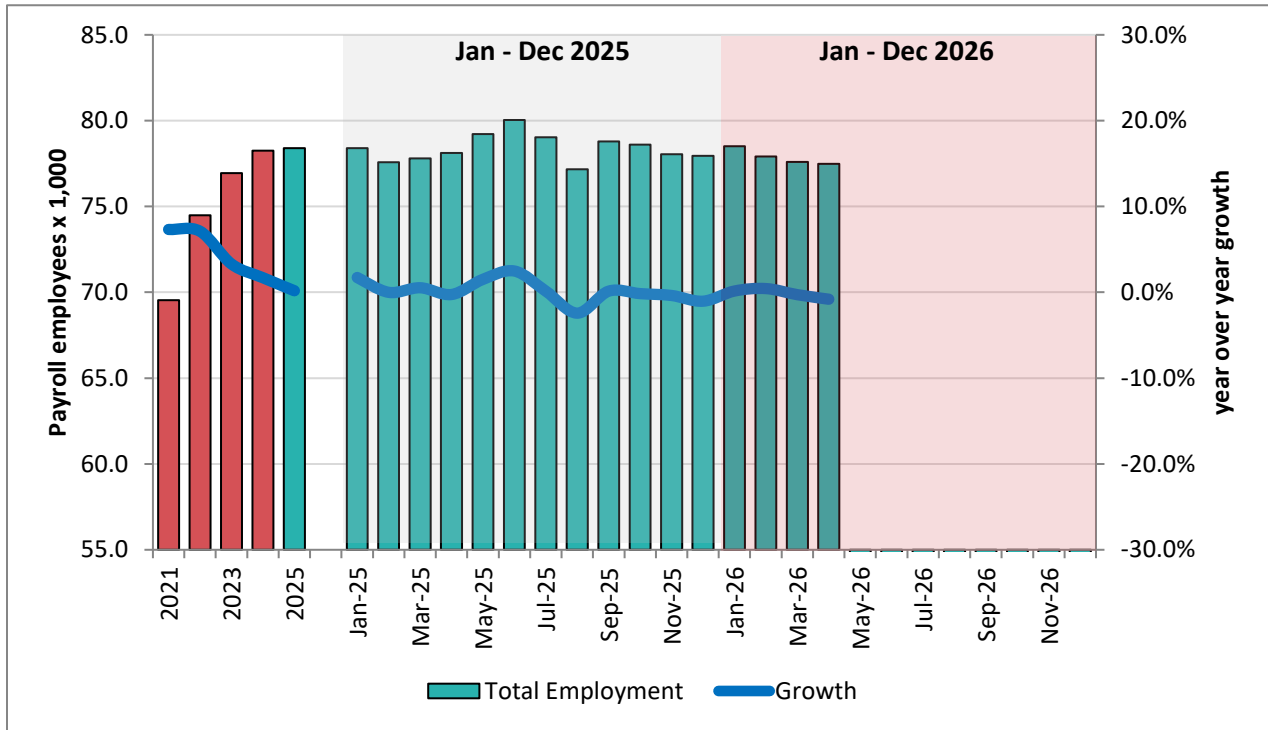
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Appendix 1 – Employment by Industry Progress Report

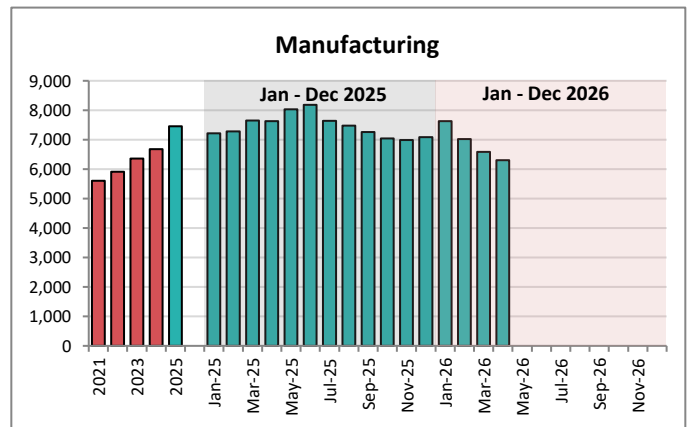
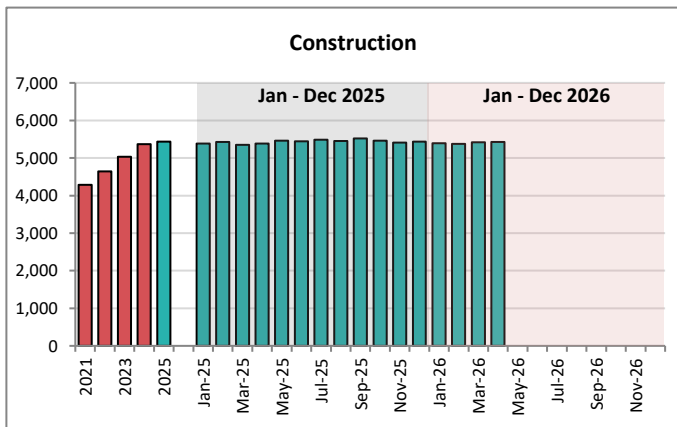
Survey of Employment, Payroll and Hours data is released on a monthly basis. The purpose of this section is to track the progress of employment by industry with historical context. “Year-to-date” (YTD) compares average values of available months in 2026 to the same in 2025. ***Note: Months with suppressed figures are represented with no bar in the graphs.**

Graph interpretation: Annual – Historical perspective: 2021 – 2025
 Monthly – Current perspective: 2025 - 2026 (YTD)

All Industries



Goods-Producing Industries

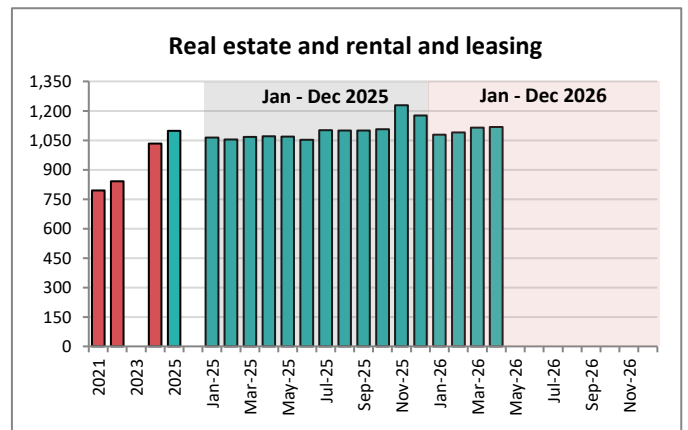
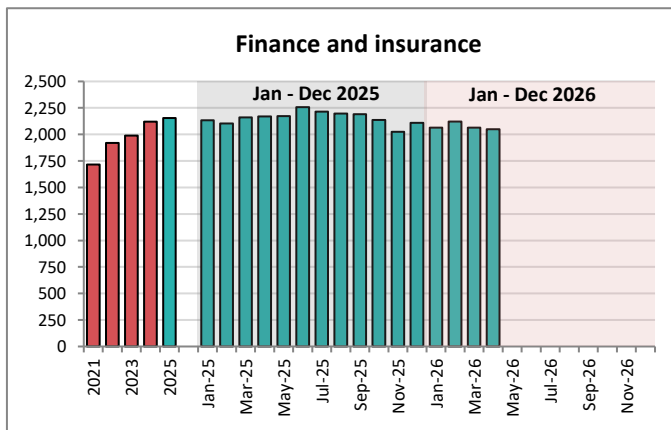
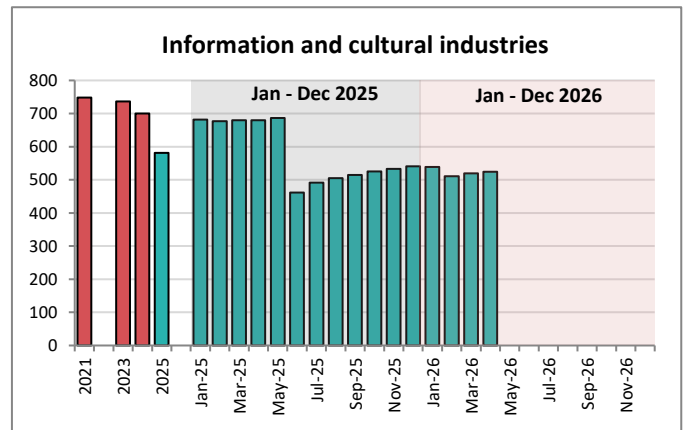
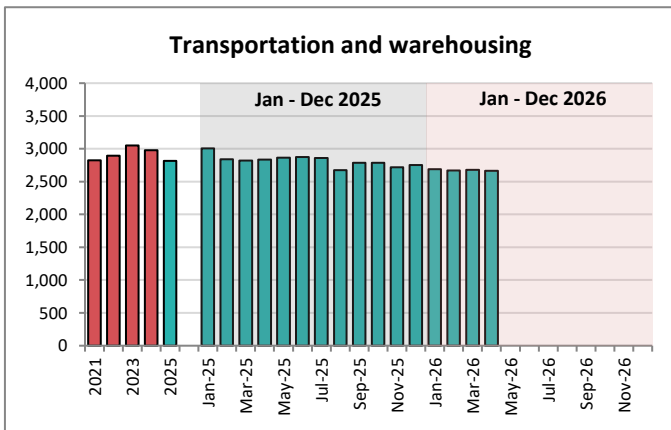
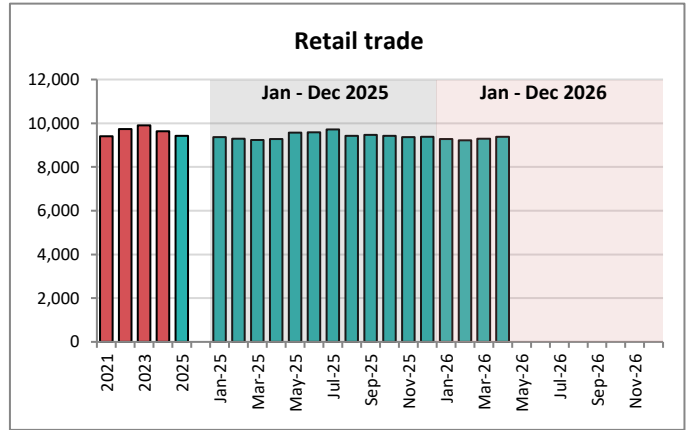
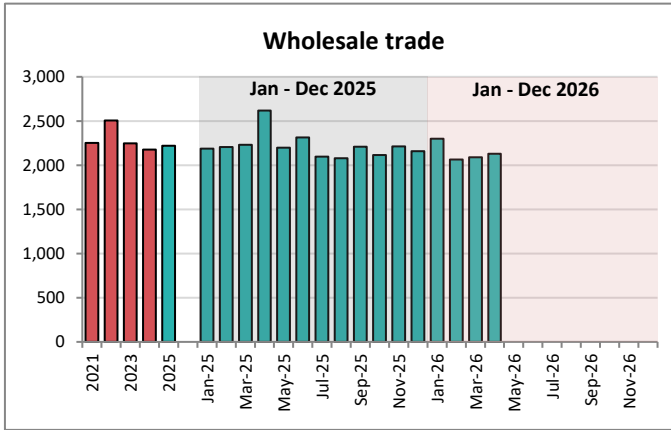


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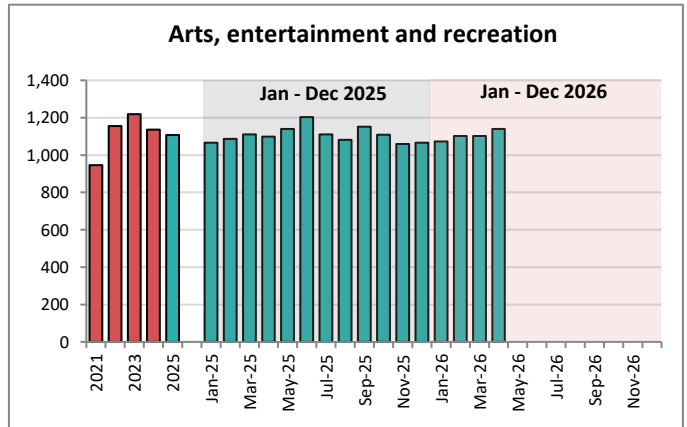
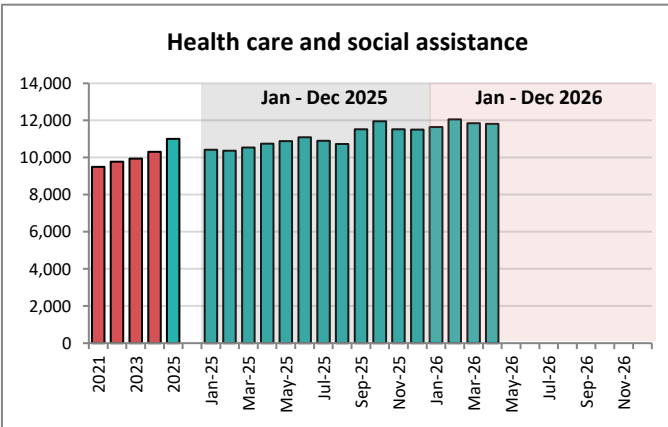
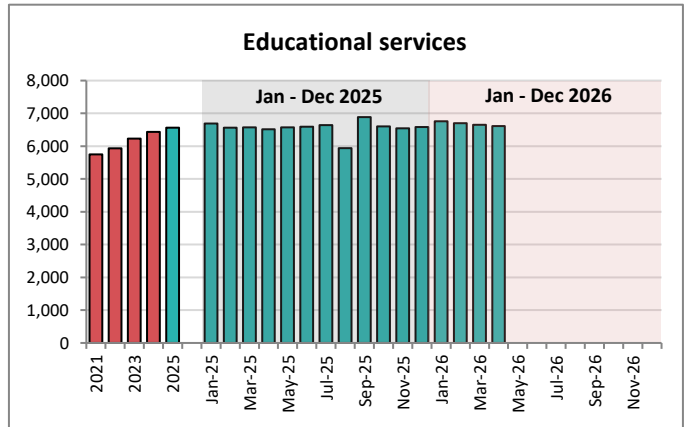
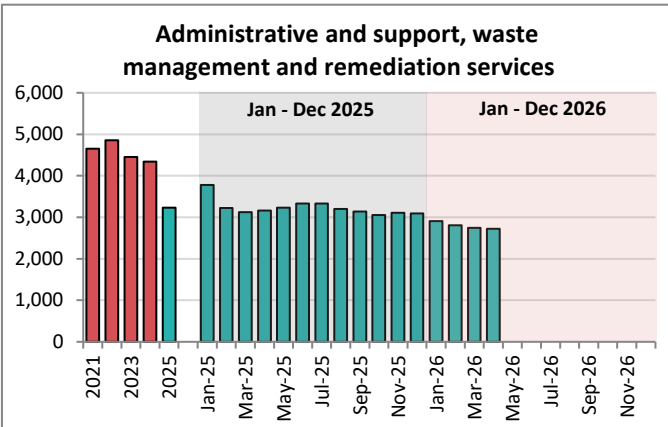
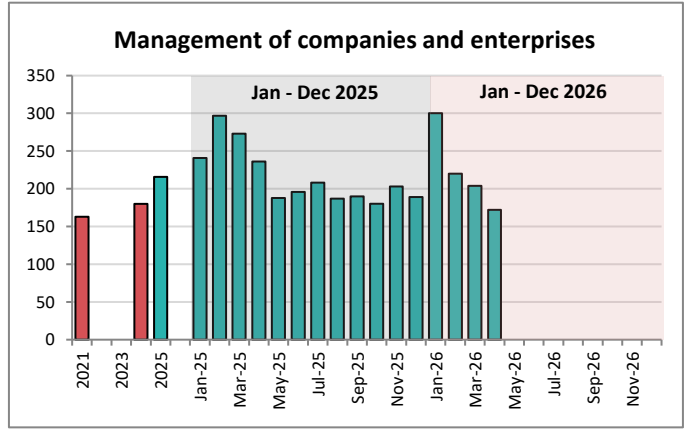
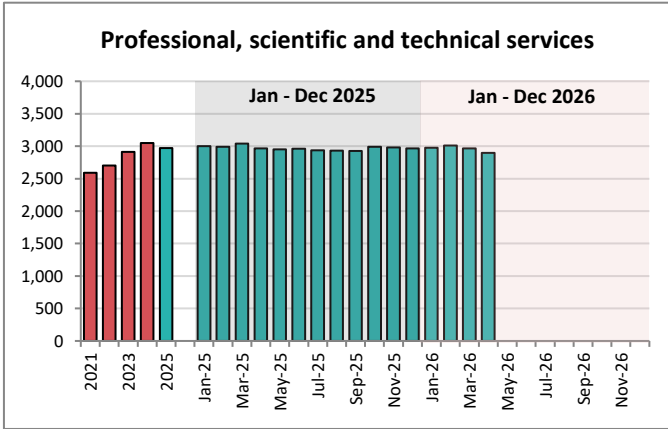
Services-Producing Industries



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