

Employment Insurance Summary

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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.*

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- The number of regular beneficiaries decreased by 100 (-3.0%) when comparing June 2026 to June 2025 and stood at 3,190.
- Males represent 59.9% of the regular beneficiaries; there was a year over year decrease in the 15 to 24 years and 25 to 54 years cohorts while the 55 years and older cohort saw no change in a year over year comparison. There was a month over month decrease in all three age cohorts.
- Of the 3,190 regular beneficiaries in June 2026, there were 2,680 who did not declare earnings, or alternatively, 510 (or 16.0% of the total) who did declare earnings. In June 2025, there were 470 (or 14.3%) of the total 3,290 regular beneficiaries who declared earnings.
- In June 2026, there were 990 regular employment insurance beneficiaries in the Charlottetown zone while the PEI zone had 2,210 regular employment insurance beneficiaries.
- A year over year increase in regular beneficiaries was observed in the Charlottetown Census agglomeration (+20 or +1.9%). The Outside census metropolitan areas (-120 or -6.8%) saw a year over year decrease while the Summerside Census agglomeration saw no change over the same period.
- June 2026 saw a year over year increase in Queens County (+20) while Kings County (-20) and Prince County (-90) saw a year over year decreases.
- In June 2026, the largest number of regular employment insurance beneficiaries were in Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations (920) followed by Sales and service occupations (560) and Natural resources, agriculture, and related production occupations (450).

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Labour Market Context

The figures below are based on seasonally adjusted figures.

- Employment totaled 96,600 in June 2026, a decrease of 100 persons in comparison to the previous month. Employment levels were 5.0% higher than a year ago. There was a year-over-year increase in full-time employment (+2,900) and a year over year increase in part-time employment (+1,600).
- Unemployment totaled 7,900 in June 2026, an increase of 900 persons from the prior month. There was a decrease of 700 unemployed persons in comparison to the same period a year ago.
- The unemployment rate increased from May 2026 and was 7.6%. The rate was 0.9 of a percentage point lower than it was in June 2025 (8.5%).

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Characteristics of Regular Beneficiaries (Seasonally Unadjusted)

The number of regular employment insurance beneficiaries in June 2026 was 3,190 of which 59.9% were males. The number of regular beneficiaries this month represents a decrease of 1,420 beneficiaries (-30.8%) in comparison to May 2026 and a decrease of 100 beneficiaries (-3.0%) in comparison to June 2025.

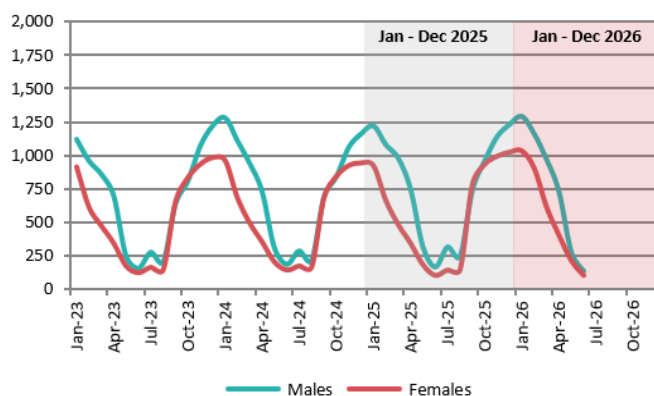
- On a month-over-month basis there was a decrease in male beneficiaries (-880) and a decrease in female beneficiaries (-540).
- On a year-over-year basis there was no change in male beneficiaries and a decrease in female beneficiaries (-90).
- Of the 3,190 regular beneficiaries in June 2026, there were 2,680 who did not declare earnings or alternatively, 510 (or 16.0% of the total) who did declare earnings. In June 2025, there were 470 (or 14.3%) of the total 3,290 regular beneficiaries who declared earnings.

Young Worker Cohort (15-24 Years)

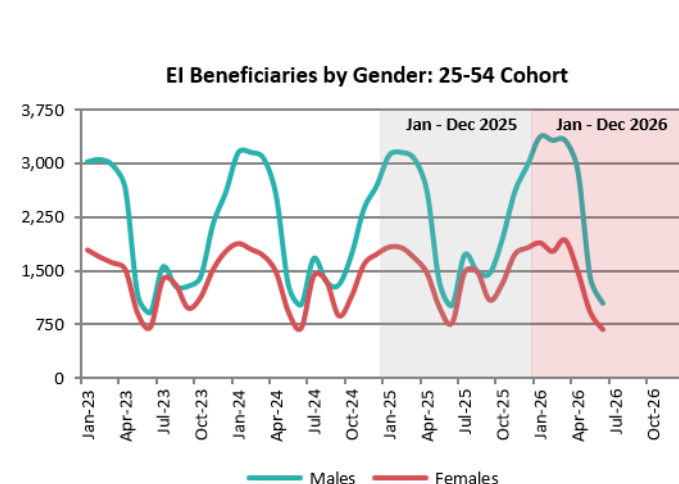
	Historical 2023-25	Current Period		
		YTD 2026	YTD 2025	% Chg
Both sexes	1271	1303	1200	8.6%
Males	729	762	753	1.1%
Females	542	542	447	21.3%

There were 30 fewer regular beneficiaries year over year for this cohort. Males saw a year over year decrease (-40) and sit at a total of 280 beneficiaries. Females saw a year over year increase of 30 to sit at a total of 210 beneficiaries. There was a decrease of 630 regular beneficiaries in a month over month comparison.

El Beneficiaries by Gender: 15-24 Cohort



Core-age Cohort (25-54 Years)



	Historical 2023-25	Current Period		
		YTD 2026	YTD 2025	% Chg
Both sexes	3509	4013	3812	5.3%
Males	2109	2565	2385	7.5%
Females	1400	1447	1427	1.4%

In June 2026, male beneficiaries increased by 30 year-over-year, while female beneficiaries decreased by 90 during the same period. The total number of regular beneficiaries was 1,040 males and 680 females. When, compared to the previous month, female regular beneficiaries decreased by 240 and the figure for male regular beneficiaries decreased by 360.

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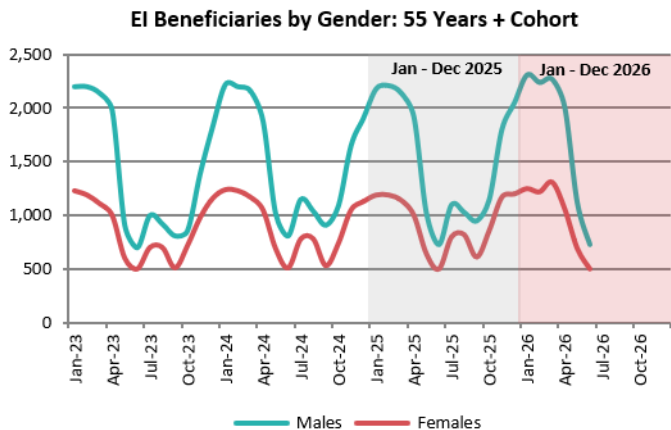
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Older-worker Cohort (55 Years +)

	Historical 2023-25	Current Period		% Chg
		YTD 2026	YTD 2025	
Both sexes	2379	2785	2645	5.3%
Males	1479	1780	1700	4.7%
Females	901	1005	943	6.5%

In the 55 and over age group, there was no change in a year-over-year comparison. Females and males saw no change in a year over year comparison. When comparing June 2026 to May 2026, males in this cohort decreased by 390 regular beneficiaries and while females (-190) also saw a decrease in regular beneficiaries.



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

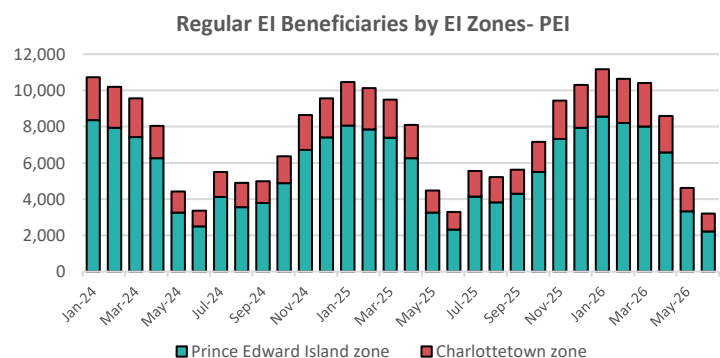
	June 2026	Monthly Change	Annual Change	YTD Change
Canada	409,040	-9.4%	-1.4%	6.3%
Newfoundland and Labrador	18,880	-22.4%	-11.5%	-3.0%
Prince Edward Island	3,190	-30.8%	-3.0%	5.8%
Nova Scotia	15,280	-5.2%	-3.6%	-3.5%
New Brunswick	16,790	-18.2%	3.3%	0.8%
Quebec	83,480	-12.2%	-3.8%	3.1%
Ontario	147,000	-5.7%	-1.3%	9.7%
Manitoba	11,240	-18.3%	-9.8%	-0.6%
Saskatchewan	9,890	-12.9%	-8.5%	1.5%
Alberta	51,890	-6.7%	1.5%	11.9%
British Columbia	49,950	-4.8%	7.9%	13.3%

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 June 2026, there were 990 regular employment insurance beneficiaries in the Charlottetown zone while the PEI zone had 2,210 regular employment insurance beneficiaries.

The Charlottetown zone had 20 more regular EI beneficiaries, and the PEI zone had 110 fewer EI regular beneficiaries in comparison to June 2025.



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

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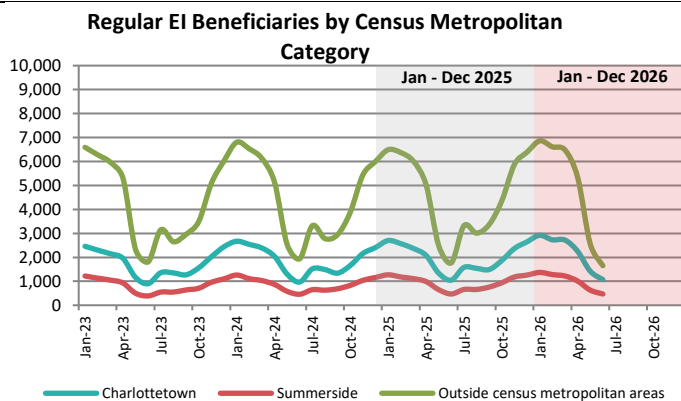
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Regular Employment Insurance Beneficiaries by Census Metropolitan Category



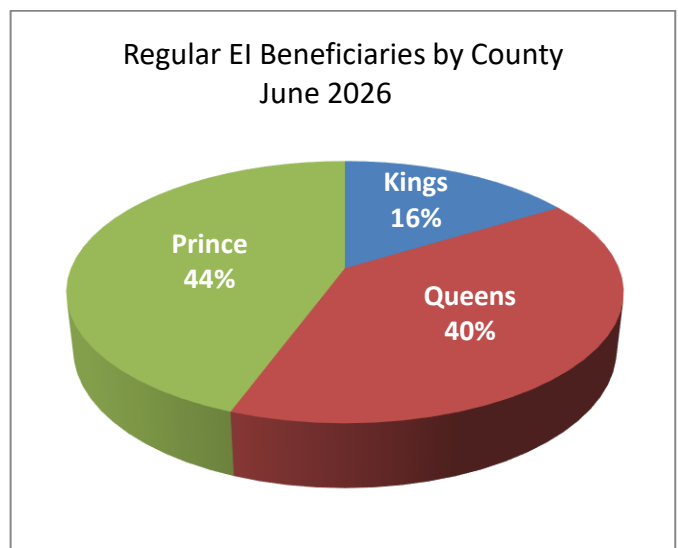
	Historical	Current Period		
	2023-25	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	% Chg
Charlottetown	1862	2185	2018	8.3%
Summerside	866	997	945	5.5%
Outside census metropolitan areas	4433	4915	4693	4.7%

Based on unadjusted data, a year over year increase in regular beneficiaries was observed in the Charlottetown Census agglomeration (+20 or +1.9%). The Outside Census Metropolitan areas saw a year over year decrease (-120 or -6.8%) while the Summerside Census agglomeration saw no change over the same period.

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 a year over year decrease (-100) in employment insurance beneficiaries. At the county level there was an increase in Queens County (+20) while Kings (-20) and Prince (-90) Counties saw a year over year decrease.
- For the 15-24 age group, Kings (-10) and Prince (-10) Counties had a decrease in the number of regular beneficiaries in a year over year comparison. Queens County saw no change.
- For the 25-54 age group, Queens County (+20) had a year over year increase in regular beneficiaries. Kings (-30) and Prince (-50) Counties saw a year over year decrease.
- For individuals aged 55 and over, a year over year comparison shows that Kings (+20) and Queens (+10) Counties had an increase in the number of regular beneficiaries. Prince County (-30) experienced a decrease over the same period.



Kings County- 520 Regular Beneficiaries
Queens County- 1,260 Regular Beneficiaries
Prince County- 1,420 Regular Beneficiaries

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

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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 June 2026, the largest number of regular employment insurance beneficiaries were in Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations (920) followed by Sales and service occupations (560) and Natural resources, agriculture, and related production occupations (450).
- There was a year over year decrease in regular employment insurance beneficiaries in Business, finance, and administration occupations (-80), Sales and service occupations (-20), Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations (-40) and Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations (-60).
- There was a year over year increase in regular employment insurance beneficiaries in Management occupations (+10), Natural and applied sciences and related occupations (+20), Health occupations (+10), Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services (+20), Occupations in manufacturing and utilities (+30) and Unclassified occupations (+10).
- There was no change in the number of regular employment insurance beneficiaries in Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport in a year over year comparison.

Note: Any further details on occupational groupings may not be available due to data limitations.

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Employment Insurances Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits National Occupation Classification (NOC) Skill Type-Seasonally Unadjusted

Historical		Current Period				
2023-25		Jun-26	May-26	Jun-25	M-M	Y-Y
7,160	All occupations	3,190	4,610	3,290	-1,420	-100
27	Management occupations	20	20	10	0	10
555	Business, finance and administration occupations	340	420	420	-80	-80
288	Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	180	240	160	-60	20
135	Health occupations	80	110	70	-30	10
414	Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	290	250	270	40	20
116	Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	40	60	40	-20	0
1,294	Sales and service occupations	560	960	580	-400	-20
1,817	Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	920	1,520	960	-600	-40
1,733	Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	450	660	510	-210	-60
766	Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	280	340	250	-60	30
24	Unclassified occupations	30	30	20	0	10

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

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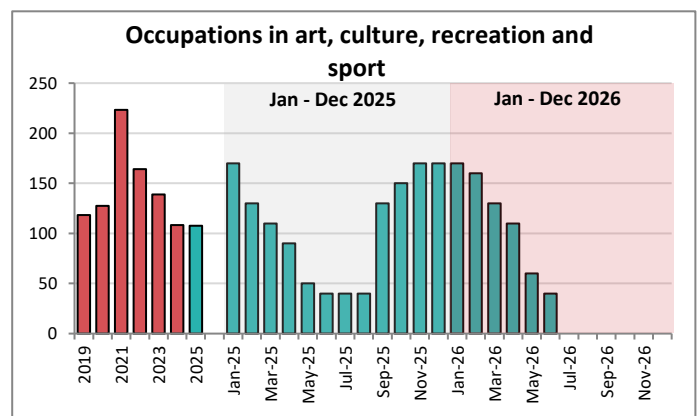
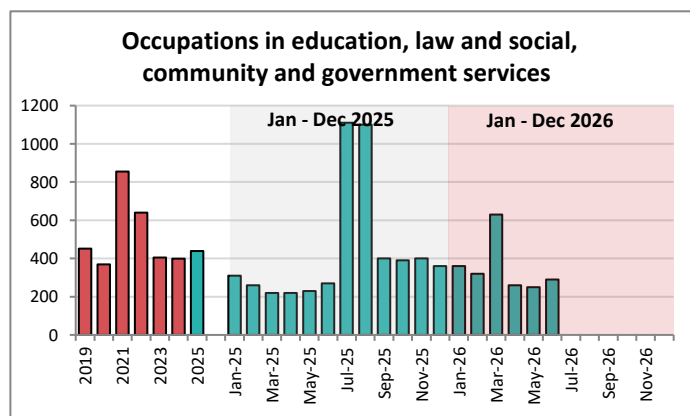
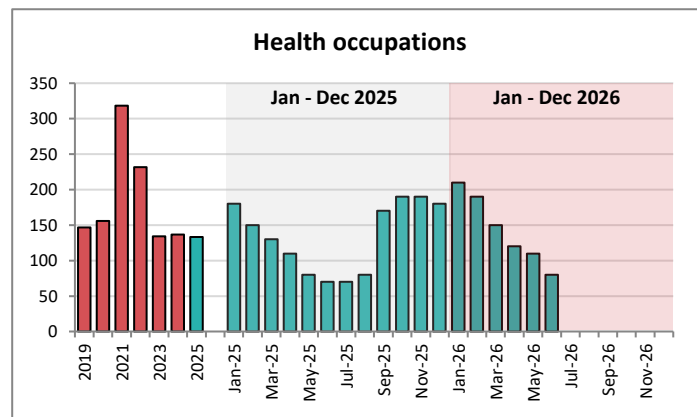
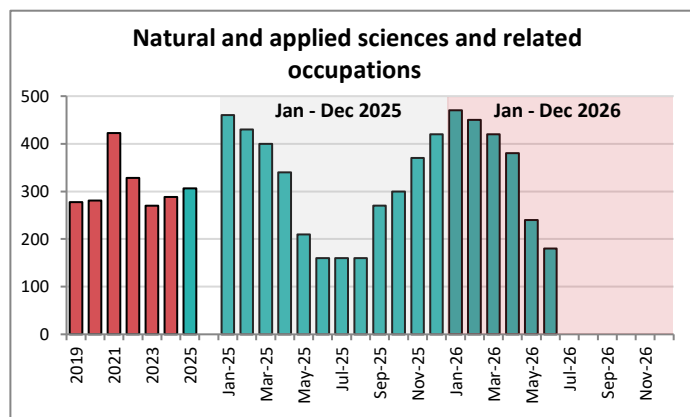
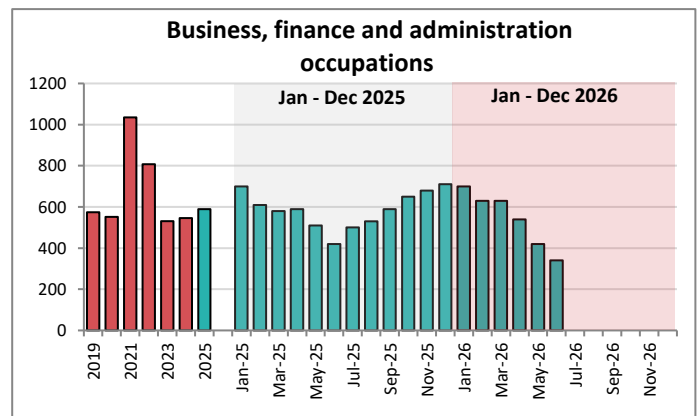
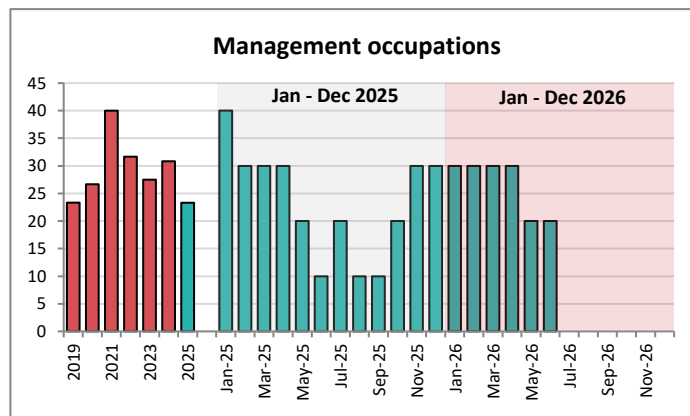


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EI Beneficiaries by NOC Skill Type Progress Report

EI Beneficiary data is released monthly. 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.

Graph interpretation: Annual – Historical perspective: 2019 – 2025
Monthly – Current perspective: 2025 - 2026 (YTD)



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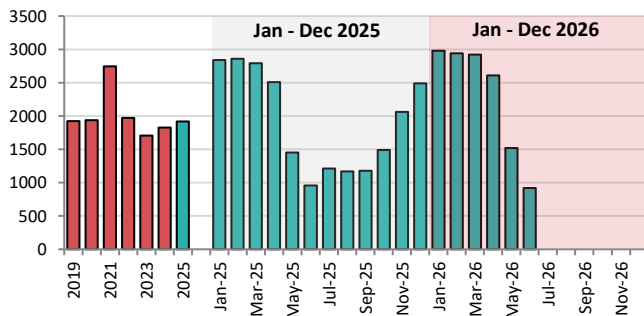
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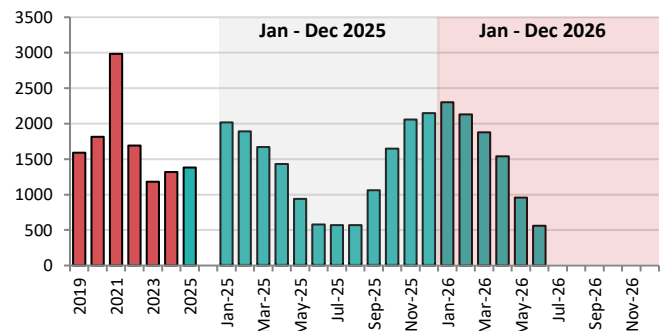
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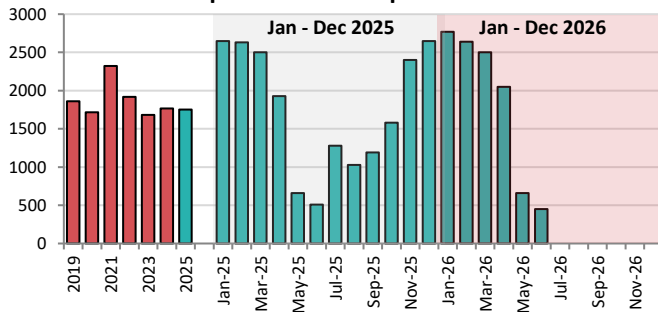
**Trades, transport and equipment operators
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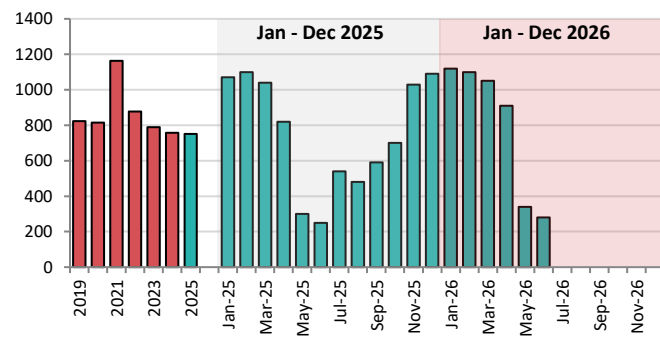
Sales and service occupations



**Natural resources, agriculture and related
production occupations**



Occupations in manufacturing and utilities



Unclassified occupations

