

Survey of Employment, Payroll and Hours July 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						
		Jul-26	Jun-26	Jul-25	M-M	Chg	Y-Y	Chg
	Employment (persons)							
76,355	All employees	77,775	77,484	77,392	291	0.4%	383	0.5%
44,249	Hourly paid employees	45,260	44,443	44,244	817	1.8%	1,016	2.3%
27,516	Salaried employees	27,386	27,021	30,110	365	1.4%	-2,724	-9.0%
77,864	All employees - including unclassified occupations	79,031	78,740	79,026	291	0.4%	5	0.0%
	Average weekly earnings - including overtime (dollars)							
1,076	All employees	1,207.99	1,194.19	1,160.01	13.80	1.2%	47.98	4.1%
825	Hourly employees	939.48	938.11	885.14	1.37	0.1%	54.3	6.1%
1,432	Salaried employees	1,641.05	1,653.94	1,525.77	-12.89	-0.8%	115.3	7.6%
	Average hourly earnings - including overtime (dollars)							
26.21	Hourly employees	30.53	29.69	28.03	0.84	2.8%	2.50	8.9%
37.31	Salaried employees	42.54	43.21	39.82	-0.67	-1.6%	2.72	6.8%
	Average weekly hours - including overtime							
31.46	Hourly employees	30.80	31.30	31.60	-0.50	-1.6%	-0.80	-2.5%

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 July 2026, PEI's seasonally adjusted employment (jobs) for non-farm employees virtually did not change compared to a year ago, totaling 79,031. The figure represents the third highest figure on record (dating back to 2001). National employment increased by 0.9% over the same period.
- Average weekly earnings in PEI increased 4.1% (or \$47.98) to \$1,207.99 in July 2026 representing the highest figure on record (dating back to 2001). PEI was above national growth (3.2%) and had the fifth highest year over year percentage growth among provinces.
- Labour Force Survey note regarding employment: According to Labour Force Survey, there were 96,000 persons employed in July 2026, an increase of 3,100 persons compared to a year ago. There was a year-over-year increase in full-time employment (+2,000) and a year over year increase in part-time employment (+1,100).

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SEPH Employment by Industry: Prince Edward Island

Historical 2023-25		Current Period					2026	2025	YTD
		Jul-26	Jun-26	Jul-25	Y-Y	Chg	YTD avg	YTD avg	Chg
77,864	Industrial aggregate (including unclassified (1) businesses)	79,031	78,740	79,026	5	0.0%	78,301	78,600	-0.4%
76,355	Industrial aggregate (excluding unclassified businesses)	77,775	77,484	77,392	383	0.5%	76,920	76,954	0.0%
12,565	Goods producing industries	12,535	12,513	13,588	-1,053	-7.7%	12,667	13,538	-6.4%
50	Forestry, logging and support	45	43	48	-3	-6.3%	45	50	-10.6%
21	Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	19	19	21	-2	-9.5%	21	22	-4.5%
412	Utilities	442	434	F	n/a	n/a	416	386	7.9%
5,279	Construction	5,387	5,445	5,486	-99	-1.8%	5,417	5,419	0.0%
6,832	Manufacturing	6,642	6,571	7,636	-994	-13.0%	6,767	7,663	-11.7%
63,790	Service producing industries	65,240	64,971	63,804	1,436	2.3%	64,253	63,415	1.3%
2,214	Wholesale trade	2,358	2,206	2,098	260	12.4%	2,193	2,264	-3.1%
9,654	Retail trade	9,759	9,687	9,718	41	0.4%	9,491	9,433	0.6%
2,949	Transportation and warehousing	2,892	2,901	2,861	31	1.1%	2,752	2,872	-4.2%
673	Information and cultural industries	483	491	492	-9	-1.8%	513	623	-17.7%
2,088	Finance and insurance	2,012	2,041	2,216	-204	-9.2%	2,064	2,173	-5.0%
1,066	Real estate and rental and leasing	1,157	1,121	1,101	56	5.1%	1,107	1,068	3.6%
2,977	Professional, scientific and technical services	2,914	2,923	2,939	-25	-0.9%	2,935	2,979	-1.5%
198	Management of companies and enterprises	192	203	208	-16	-7.7%	228	234	-2.7%
4,009	Admin/support/waste management/remediation services	2,703	2,713	3,334	-631	-18.9%	2,756	3,312	-16.8%
6,409	Educational services	6,712	6,770	6,647	65	1.0%	6,714	6,595	1.8%
10,423	Health care and social assistance	12,224	12,064	10,901	1,323	12.1%	11,956	10,704	11.7%
1,154	Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,063	1,101	1,110	-47	-4.2%	1,097	1,116	-1.7%
7,171	Accommodation and food services	7,565	7,429	7,167	398	5.6%	7,338	7,149	2.6%
2,522	Other services (except public administration)	2,963	3,041	2,789	174	6.2%	2,994	2,626	14.0%
10,331	Public administration	10,241	10,281	10,224	17	0.2%	10,115	10,267	-1.5%

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- The number of jobs in July 2026 (for non-farm employees) *including* unclassified businesses increased by 5 employees from July 2025 to 79,031. The number of jobs in July 2026 (for non-farm employees) *excluding* unclassified businesses increased 383 employees from July 2025 to 77,775- there was a loss in goods producing industries (-1,053) and a gain in service producing industries (+1,436).
- There was year over year gains in Wholesale trade (+260), Retail trade (+41), Transportation and warehousing (+31), Real estate and rental and leasing (+56), Educational services (+65), Health Care and social assistance (+1,323), Accommodation and food services (+398), Other services (except public administration) (+174) and Public administration (+17).
- There was year over year losses in Forestry, logging and support (-3), Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction (-2), Construction (-99), Manufacturing (-994), Information and cultural industries (-9), Finance and insurance (-204), Professional, scientific and technical services (-25), Management of companies and enterprises (-16), Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services (-631), and Arts, entertainment and recreation (-47).

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)

2023-25		Current Period			Y-Y	Chg	2026	2025	YTD
		Jul-26	Jun-26	Jul-25			YTD avg	YTD avg	Chg
1,075.63	Industrial aggregate (excluding unclassified businesses)	1,207.99	1,194.19	1,160.01	47.98	4.1%	1,181.43	1,123.75	5.1%
	Goods producing industries	1,347.93	1,291.78	1,335.45	12.48	0.9%	1,324.97	1,299.74	1.9%
1,215.28	Construction	1,372.32	1,306.43	1,250.10	122.22	9.8%	1,321.00	1,274.01	3.7%
1,203.93	Manufacturing	1,307.82	1,243.38	1,376.52	-68.70	-5.0%	1,294.48	1,285.59	0.7%
	Service producing industries	1,177.74	1,174.31	1,117.46	60.28	5.4%	1,151.27	1,086.39	6.0%
1,307.47	Wholesale trade	1,310.74	1,606.97	1,473.47	-162.73	-11.0%	1,436.24	1,387.32	3.5%
714.30	Retail trade	802.07	784.88	694.27	107.80	15.5%	773.08	705.76	9.5%
1,109.68	Transportation and warehousing	1,233.69	1,217.03	1,153.30	80.39	7.0%	1,252.06	1,155.26	8.4%
1,398.42	Information and cultural industries	1,479.03	1,451.59	1,509.01	-29.98	-2.0%	1,484.78	1,419.37	4.6%
1,531.25	Finance and insurance	1,824.73	1,827.13	1,599.97	224.76	14.0%	1,689.15	1,617.90	4.4%
973.92	Real estate and rental and leasing	1,149.77	1,064.13	1,022.71	127.06	12.4%	1,111.73	1,007.38	10.4%
1,521.85	Professional, scientific and technical services	1,706.94	1,649.73	1,694.10	12.84	0.8%	1,671.39	1,631.16	2.5%
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	1,029.81	1,018.46	808.39	221.42	27.4%	954.32	781.72	22.1%
1,269.46	Educational services	1,580.63	1,358.40	1,354.86	225.77	16.7%	1,364.72	1,295.90	5.3%
1,080.91	Health care and social assistance	1,206.91	1,176.29	1,269.23	-62.32	-4.9%	1,200.07	1,115.65	7.6%
641.65	Arts, entertainment and recreation	744.70	721.67	667.52	77.18	11.6%	777.58	642.76	21.0%
489.29	Accommodation and food services	523.89	531.39	509.15	14.74	2.9%	525.58	506.77	3.7%
881.04	Other services (except public administration)	896.41	F	876.78	19.63	2.2%	856.26	881.55	n/a
1,413.59	Public administration	1,626.17	1,666.37	1,505.28	120.89	8.0%	1,576.20	1,482.92	0.0%

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- The wages in July 2026 (for non-farm employees) increased by \$47.98 up 4.1% from July 2025 to \$1,207.99. There was an increase of \$12.48 in the average weekly earnings related to the goods producing industries and an increase of \$60.28 in the average weekly earnings associated with the service producing industries on a year over year basis.
- In July 2026, there was a year over year gain in average weekly earnings in Construction (\$122.22), Retail trade (\$107.80), Transportation and warehousing (\$80.39), Finance and insurance (\$224.76), Real estate and rental and leasing (\$127.06), Professional, scientific and technical services (\$12.84), Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services (\$221.42), Educational services (\$225.77), Arts, entertainment and recreation (\$77.18), Accommodation and food services (\$14.74), Other services (except public administration) (\$19.63) and Public administration (\$120.89).
- In July 2026, there was a year over year decrease in average weekly earnings in Manufacturing (-\$68.70), Wholesale trade (-\$162.73), Information and cultural industries (-\$29.98) and Health care and social assistance (-\$62.32).

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Employment and Average Weekly Wages by Province

	Employment			Wages (\$)		
	Jul-25	Jul-26	Y-Y Change	Jul-25	Jul-26	Y-Y Change
Canada	18,288,041	18,459,913	0.9%	1,305.63	1,347.14	3.2%
Newfoundland & Labrador	222,266	224,779	1.1%	1,296.30	1,317.98	1.7%
Prince Edward Island	79,026	79,031	0.0%	1,160.01	1,207.99	4.1%
Nova Scotia	465,529	469,837	0.9%	1,163.51	1,228.91	5.6%
New Brunswick	365,862	374,188	2.3%	1,197.97	1,261.88	5.3%
Quebec	4,075,208	4,088,825	0.3%	1,255.68	1,279.96	1.9%
Ontario	7,073,668	7,119,345	0.6%	1,342.65	1,391.19	3.6%
Manitoba	642,219	655,563	2.1%	1,180.54	1,217.11	3.1%
Saskatchewan	526,111	542,252	3.1%	1,268.89	1,325.24	4.4%
Alberta	2,196,380	2,241,771	2.1%	1,365.68	1,399.61	2.5%
British Columbia	2,566,438	2,586,400	0.8%	1,299.03	1,356.78	4.4%

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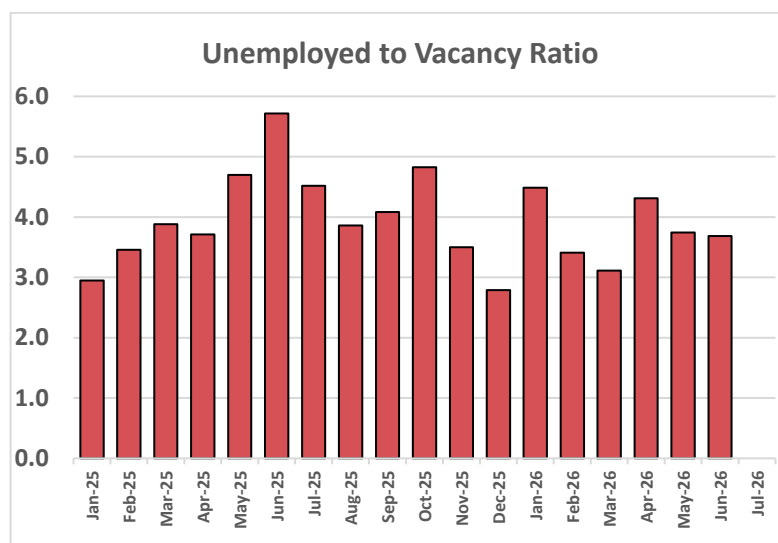
Unemployed Persons to Vacancy Ratio

NOTE: The July 2026 job vacancies figure and job vacancy rate for Prince Edward Island has been deemed too unreliable to be published by Statistics Canada.

There were 2,115 vacancies reported by employers in June 2026- this is 610 more vacancies than what was reported in June 2025. The June 2026 vacancy rate was 2.9%, which is higher than the national rate (2.8%) and ranked tied for 2nd highest among provinces.

There were 3.7 unemployed persons per vacancy in June 2026, this is down from June 2025 where the ratio was 5.7 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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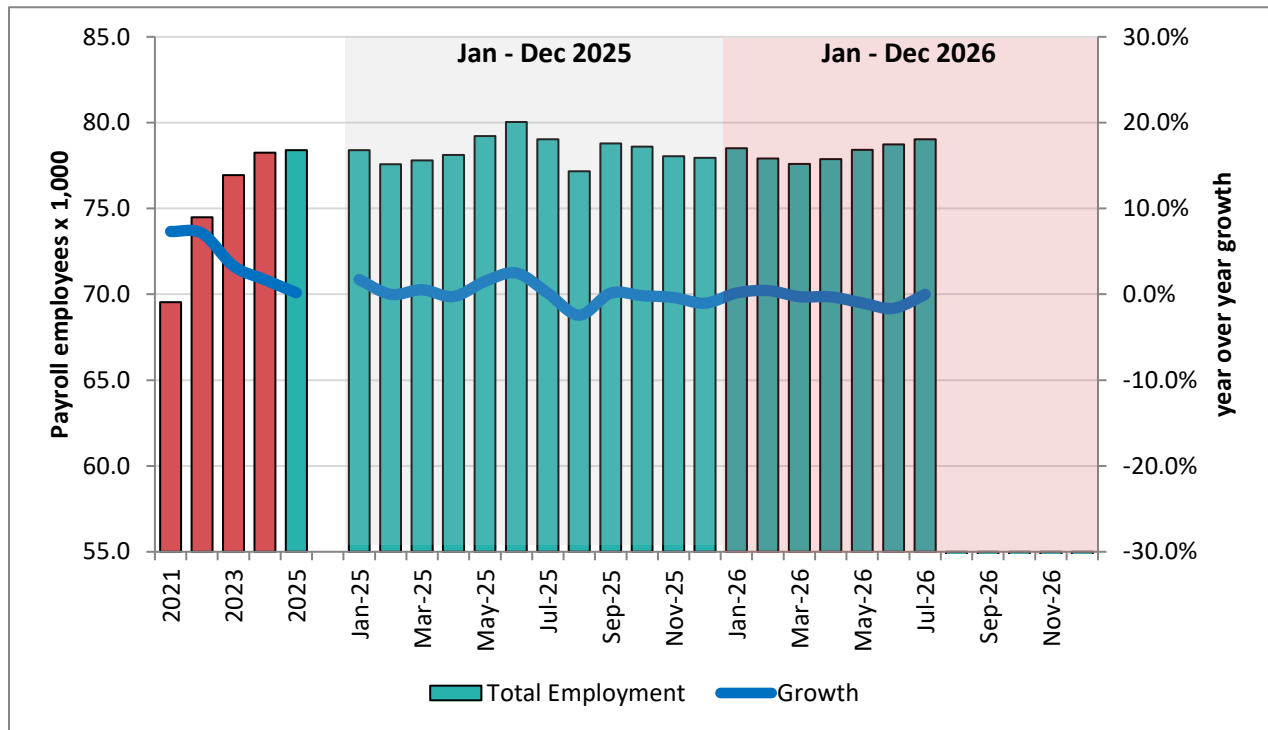
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Appendix 1 – Employment by Industry Progress Report

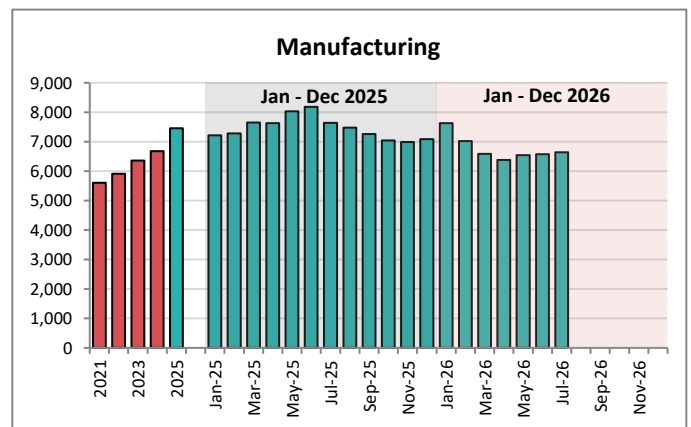
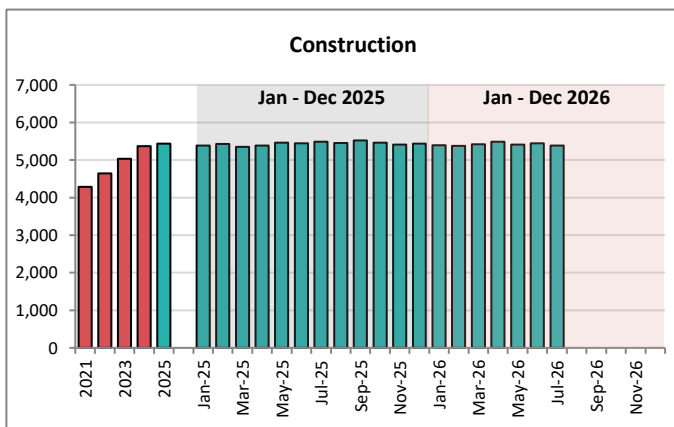
Survey of Employment, Payroll and Hours data is released on a monthly basis. The purpose of this section is to track the progress of employment by industry with historical context. “Year-to-date” (YTD) compares average values of available months in 2026 to the same in 2025. ***Note: Months with suppressed 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

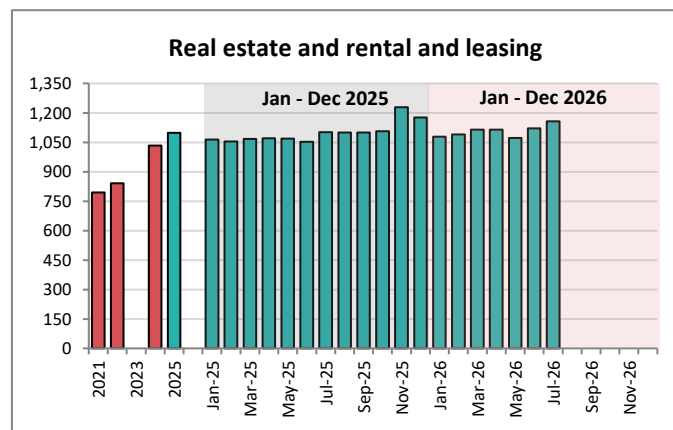
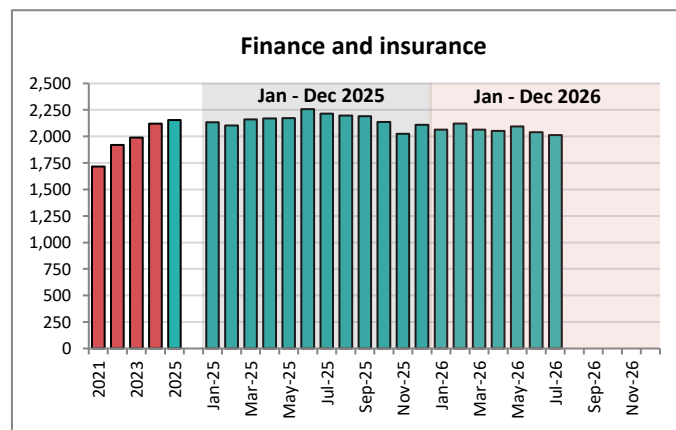
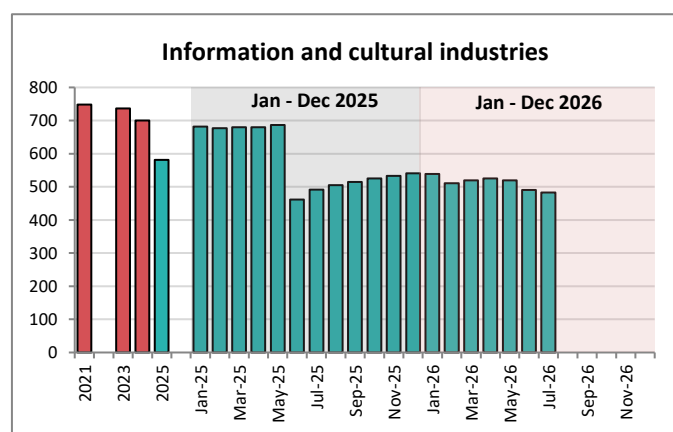
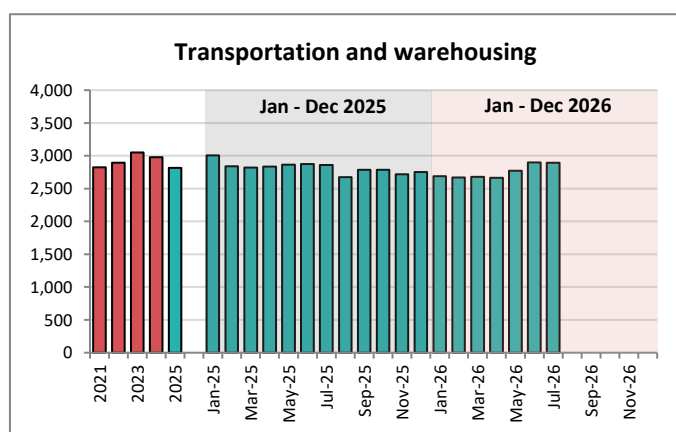
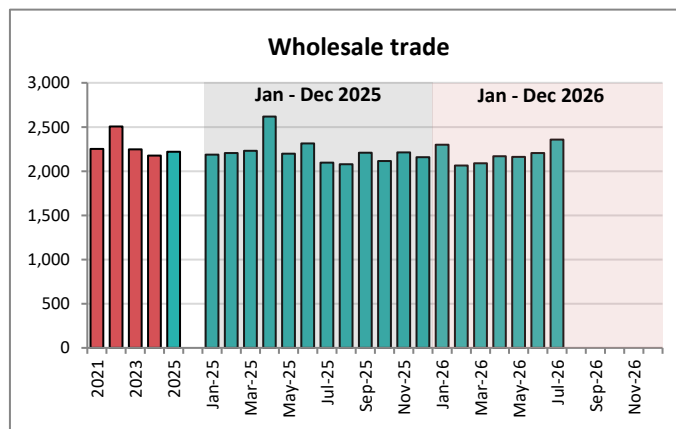


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Services-Producing Industries

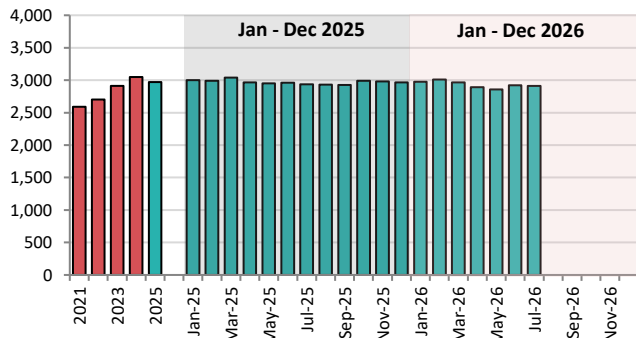


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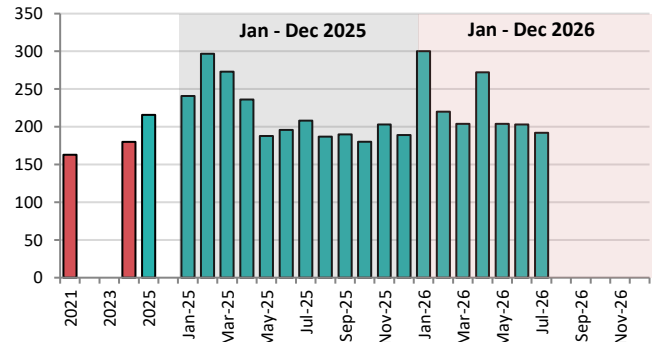
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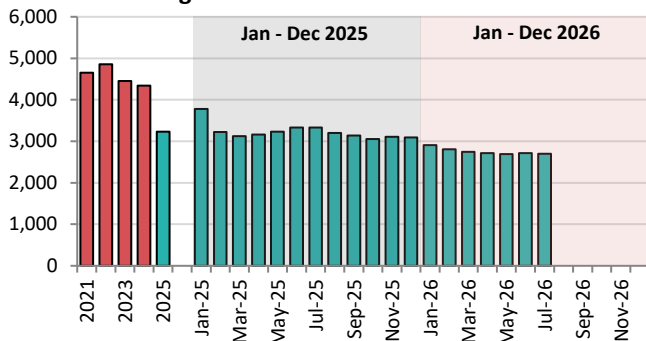
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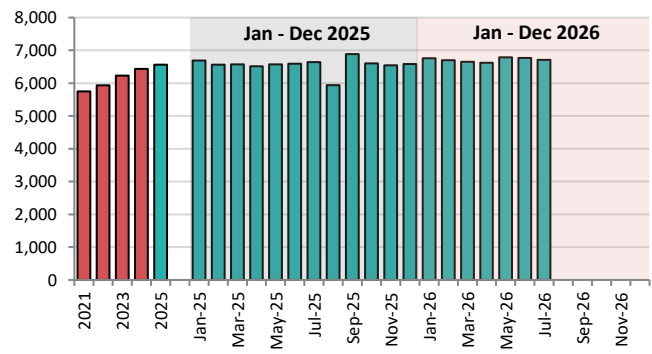
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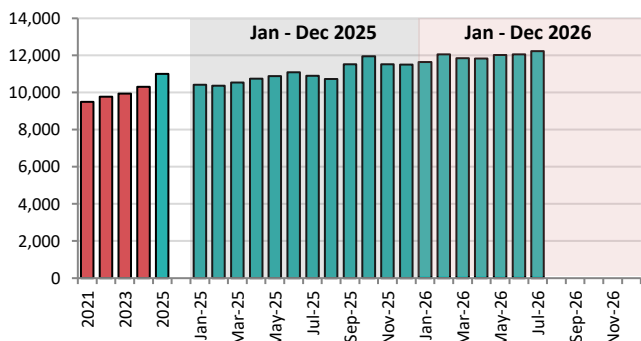
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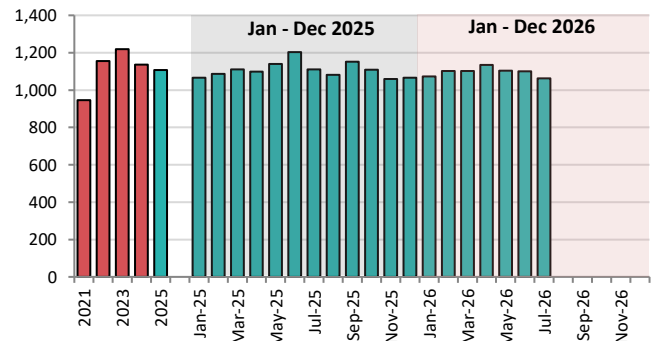
Educational services



Health care and social assistance



Arts, entertainment and recreation

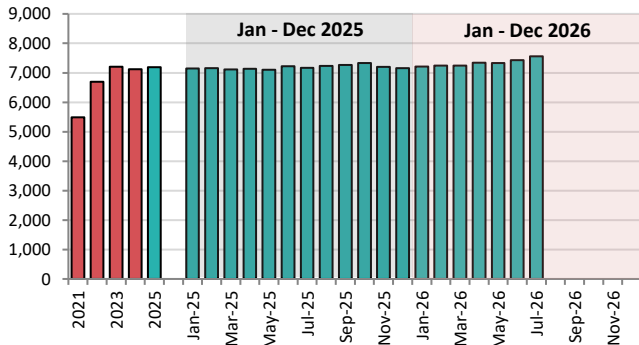


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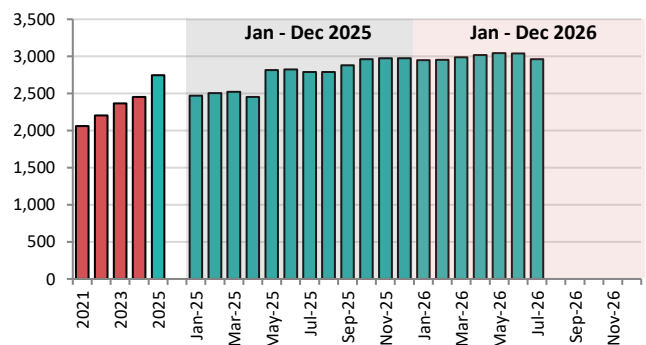
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Accommodation and food services



Other services (except public administration)



Public administration

