

Survey of Employment, Payroll and Hours June 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						
		Jun-26	May-26	Jun-25	M-M	Chg	Y-Y	Chg
	Employment (persons)							
76,355	All employees	77,144	77,097	78,316	47	0.1%	-1,172	-1.5%
44,249	Hourly paid employees	44,016	44,224	45,855	-208	-0.5%	-1,839	-4.0%
27,516	Salaried employees	27,028	26,111	28,056	917	3.5%	-1,028	-3.7%
77,864	All employees - including unclassified occupations	78,387	78,424	80,046	-37	0.0%	-1,659	-2.1%
	Average weekly earnings - including overtime (dollars)							
1,076	All employees	1,193.19	1,193.05	1,157.25	0.14	0.0%	35.94	3.1%
825	Hourly employees	937.49	951.06	894.09	-13.57	-1.4%	43.4	4.9%
1,432	Salaried employees	1,656.28	1,637.91	1,539.63	18.37	1.1%	116.7	7.6%
	Average hourly earnings - including overtime (dollars)							
26.21	Hourly employees	29.54	29.85	28.15	-0.31	-1.0%	1.39	4.9%
37.31	Salaried employees	43.21	42.69	37.93	0.52	1.2%	5.28	13.9%
	Average weekly hours - including overtime							
31.46	Hourly employees	31.30	31.40	31.30	-0.10	-0.3%	0.00	0.0%

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 June 2026, PEI's seasonally adjusted employment (jobs) for non-farm employees decreased by 2.1% compared to a year ago, totaling 78,387. National employment increased by 0.8% over the same period.
- Average weekly earnings in PEI increased 3.1% (or \$35.94) to \$1,193.19 in June 2026 representing the highest figure on record (dating back to 2001). PEI was below national growth (3.4%) and had the seventh highest year over year percentage growth among provinces.
- Labour Force Survey note regarding employment: According to Labour Force Survey, there were 96,600 persons employed in June 2026, an increase of 4,600 persons compared to 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).

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SEPH Employment by Industry: Prince Edward Island

Historical 2023-25		Current Period					2026	2025	YTD
		Jun-26	May-26	Jun-25	Y-Y	Chg	YTD avg	YTD avg	Chg
77,864	Industrial aggregate (including unclassified (1) businesses)	78,387	78,424	80,046	-1,659	-2.1%	78,121	78,530	-0.5%
76,355	Industrial aggregate (excluding unclassified businesses)	77,144	77,097	78,316	-1,172	-1.5%	76,721	76,881	-0.2%
12,565	Goods producing industries	12,532	12,466	14,105	-1,573	-11.2%	12,692	13,530	-6.2%
50	Forestry, logging and support	43	40	48	-5	-10.4%	45	50	-11.3%
21	Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	19	23	22	-3	-13.6%	21	22	-4.5%
412	Utilities	442	443	405	37	9.1%	413	386	7.1%
5,279	Construction	5,449	5,415	5,447	2	0.0%	5,423	5,407	0.3%
6,832	Manufacturing	6,579	6,545	8,182	-1,603	-19.6%	6,790	7,667	-11.4%
63,790	Service producing industries	64,612	64,631	64,212	400	0.6%	64,029	63,351	1.1%
2,214	Wholesale trade	2,134	2,163	2,313	-179	-7.7%	2,154	2,292	-6.0%
9,654	Retail trade	9,595	9,709	9,582	13	0.1%	9,432	9,386	0.5%
2,949	Transportation and warehousing	2,896	2,772	2,875	21	0.7%	2,727	2,874	-5.1%
673	Information and cultural industries	492	520	462	30	6.5%	518	645	-19.7%
2,088	Finance and insurance	2,048	2,094	2,256	-208	-9.2%	2,074	2,166	-4.2%
1,066	Real estate and rental and leasing	1,100	1,072	1,052	48	4.6%	1,095	1,063	3.0%
2,977	Professional, scientific and technical services	2,847	2,860	2,963	-116	-3.9%	2,926	2,985	-2.0%
198	Management of companies and enterprises	204	204	196	8	4.1%	234	239	-1.9%
4,009	Admin/support/waste management/remediation services	2,717	2,694	3,331	-614	-18.4%	2,765	3,308	-16.4%
6,409	Educational services	6,768	6,784	6,596	172	2.6%	6,714	6,587	1.9%
10,423	Health care and social assistance	12,025	12,022	11,087	938	8.5%	11,905	10,672	11.6%
1,154	Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,107	1,104	1,204	-97	-8.1%	1,104	1,118	-1.2%
7,171	Accommodation and food services	7,322	7,328	7,223	99	1.4%	7,283	7,146	1.9%
2,522	Other services (except public administration)	3,059	3,046	2,823	236	8.4%	3,002	2,599	15.5%
10,331	Public administration	10,299	10,258	10,248	51	0.5%	10,097	10,274	-1.7%

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- The number of jobs in June 2026 (for non-farm employees) *including* unclassified businesses decreased by 1,659 employees from June 2025 to 78,387. The number of jobs in June 2026 (for non-farm employees) *excluding* unclassified businesses decreased 1,172 employees from June 2025 to 77,144- there was a loss in goods producing industries (-1,573) and a gain in service producing industries (+400).
- There was year over year gains in Utilities (+37), Construction (+2), Retail trade (+13), Transportation and warehousing (+21), Information and cultural industries (+30), Real estate and rental and leasing (+48), Management of companies and enterprises (+8), Educational services (+172), Health Care and social assistance (+938), Accommodation and food services (+99) and Other services (except public administration) (+236) and Public administration (+51).
- There was year over year losses in Forestry, logging and support (-5), Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction (-3), Manufacturing (-1,603), Wholesale trade (-179), Finance and insurance (-208), Professional, scientific and technical services (-116), Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services (-614), and Arts, entertainment and recreation (-97).

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 YTD avg	2025 YTD avg	YTD Chg
		Jun-26	May-26	Jun-25	Y-Y	Chg			
1,075.63	Industrial aggregate (excluding unclassified businesses)	1,193.19	1,193.05	1,157.25	35.94	3.1%	1,176.83	1,117.70	5.3%
	Goods producing industries	1,289.66	1,322.48	1,327.73	-38.07	-2.9%	1,320.79	1,293.79	2.1%
1,215.28	Construction	1,301.82	1,314.17	1,326.33	-24.51	-1.8%	1,311.67	1,277.99	2.6%
1,203.93	Manufacturing	1,238.61	1,258.66	1,324.77	-86.16	-6.5%	1,291.46	1,270.43	1.7%
	Service producing industries	1,174.58	1,178.03	1,114.80	59.78	5.4%	1,146.91	1,081.21	6.1%
1,307.47	Wholesale trade	1,599.95	1,535.21	1,453.86	146.09	10.0%	1,455.99	1,372.96	6.0%
714.30	Retail trade	787.76	771.90	701.97	85.79	12.2%	768.72	707.68	8.6%
1,109.68	Transportation and warehousing	1,231.02	1,358.65	1,178.57	52.45	4.5%	1,257.45	1,155.59	8.8%
1,398.42	Information and cultural industries	1,437.35	1,492.34	1,401.64	35.71	2.5%	1,483.37	1,404.44	5.6%
1,531.25	Finance and insurance	1,840.22	1,732.79	1,601.40	238.82	14.9%	1,668.74	1,620.89	3.0%
973.92	Real estate and rental and leasing	1,062.61	1,188.57	1,024.87	37.74	3.7%	1,105.14	1,004.31	10.0%
1,521.85	Professional, scientific and technical services	1,655.38	1,626.05	1,637.88	17.50	1.1%	1,666.41	1,620.68	2.8%
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	1,018.66	982.89	837.22	181.44	21.7%	941.77	777.28	21.2%
1,269.46	Educational services	1,361.17	1,392.92	1,304.73	56.44	4.3%	1,329.20	1,286.07	3.4%
1,080.91	Health care and social assistance	1,168.15	1,169.79	1,229.24	-61.09	-5.0%	1,197.57	1,090.05	9.9%
641.65	Arts, entertainment and recreation	717.61	771.94	610.72	106.89	17.5%	782.39	636.57	22.9%
489.29	Accommodation and food services	533.10	524.85	498.22	34.88	7.0%	526.71	506.38	4.0%
881.04	Other services (except public administration)	833.15	837.90	866.36	-33.21	-3.8%	845.71	883.94	n/a
1,413.59	Public administration	1,671.28	1,639.43	1,529.77	141.51	9.3%	1,568.69	1,479.19	0.0%

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- The wages in June 2026 (for non-farm employees) increased by \$35.94 up 3.1% from June 2025 to \$1,193.19. There was a decrease of \$38.07 in the average weekly earnings related to the goods producing industries and an increase of \$59.78 in the average weekly earnings associated with the service producing industries on a year over year basis.
- In June 2026, there was a year over year gain in average weekly earnings in Wholesale trade (\$146.09), Retail trade (\$85.79), Transportation and warehousing (\$52.45), Information and cultural industries (\$35.71), Finance and insurance (\$238.82), Real estate and rental and leasing (\$37.74), Professional, scientific and technical services (\$17.50), Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services (\$181.44), Educational services (\$56.44), Arts, entertainment and recreation (\$106.89), Accommodation and food services (\$34.88) and Public administration (\$141.51).
- In May 2026, there was a year over year decrease in average weekly earnings in Construction (-\$24.51), Manufacturing (-\$86.16), Health care and social assistance (-\$61.09) and Other services (except public administration) (-\$33.21).

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Employment and Average Weekly Wages by Province

	Employment			Wages (\$)		
	Jun-25	Jun-26	Y-Y Change	Jun-25	Jun-26	Y-Y Change
Canada	18,263,349	18,418,343	0.8%	1,299.68	1,343.86	3.4%
Newfoundland & Labrador	221,157	223,958	1.3%	1,276.08	1,302.07	2.0%
Prince Edward Island	80,046	78,387	-2.1%	1,157.25	1,193.19	3.1%
Nova Scotia	464,891	469,622	1.0%	1,151.56	1,229.95	6.8%
New Brunswick	365,084	372,336	2.0%	1,194.11	1,246.25	4.4%
Quebec	4,074,055	4,098,272	0.6%	1,257.47	1,291.91	2.7%
Ontario	7,059,603	7,090,086	0.4%	1,332.34	1,383.94	3.9%
Manitoba	641,286	650,437	1.4%	1,172.41	1,210.66	3.3%
Saskatchewan	526,240	538,316	2.3%	1,262.61	1,306.71	3.5%
Alberta	2,184,969	2,235,084	2.3%	1,361.32	1,387.44	1.9%
British Columbia	2,570,953	2,585,610	0.6%	1,302.31	1,351.02	3.7%

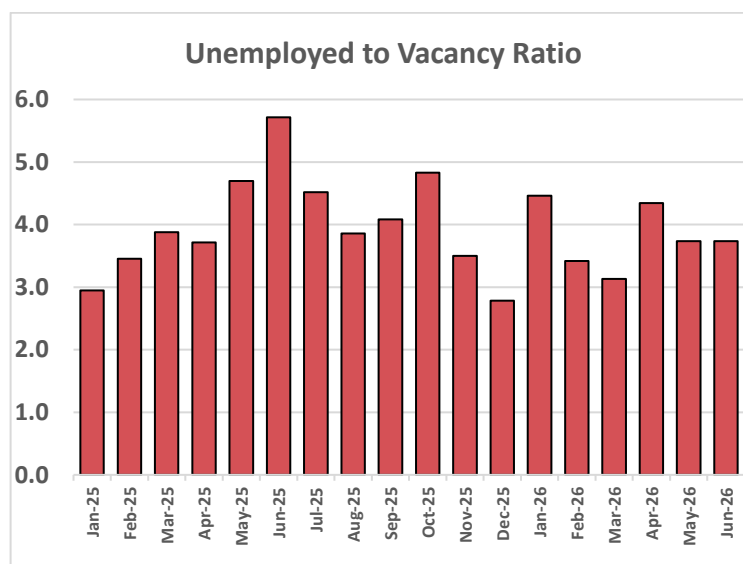
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Unemployed Persons to Vacancy Ratio

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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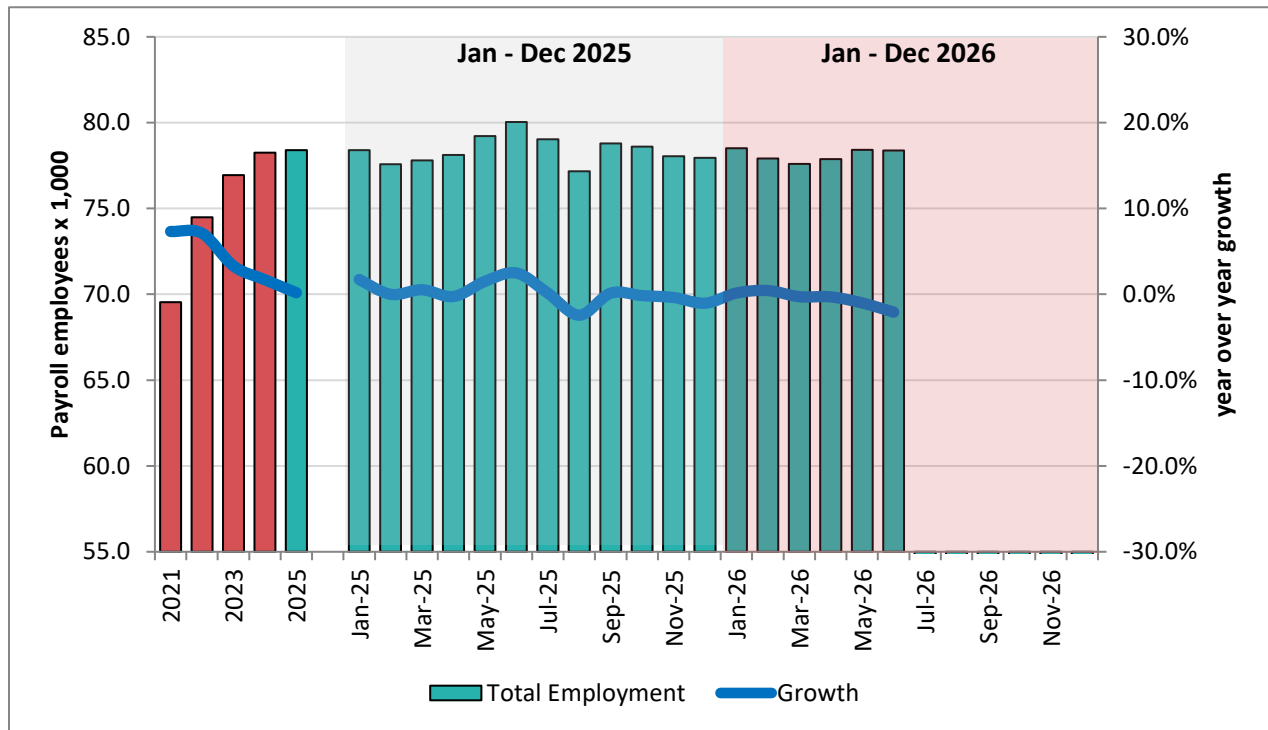
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Appendix 1 – Employment by Industry Progress Report

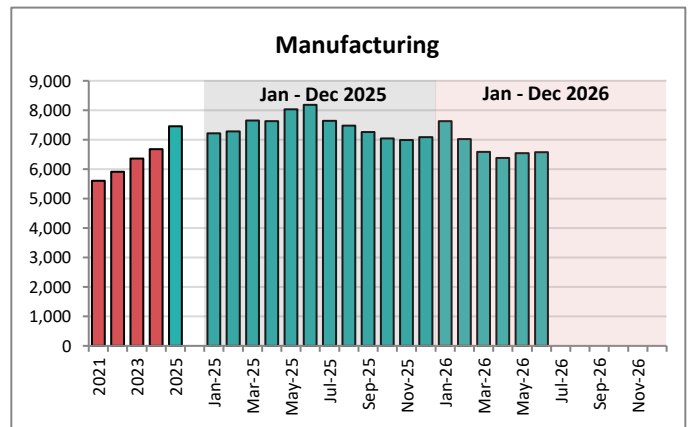
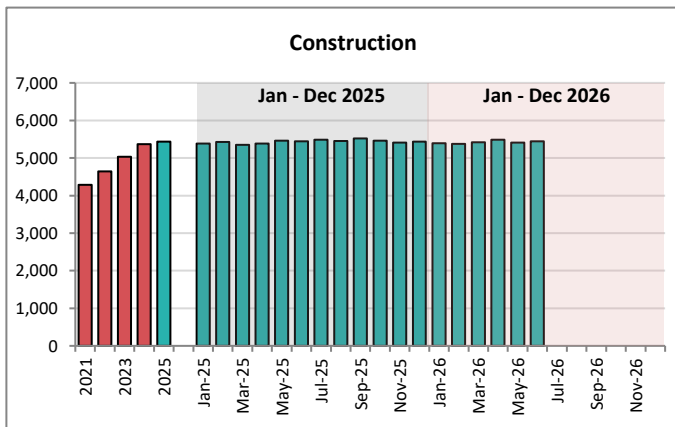
Survey of Employment, Payroll and Hours data is released on a monthly basis. The purpose of this section is to track the progress of employment by industry with historical context. “Year-to-date” (YTD) compares average values of available months in 2026 to the same in 2025. ***Note: Months with suppressed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

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

All Industries



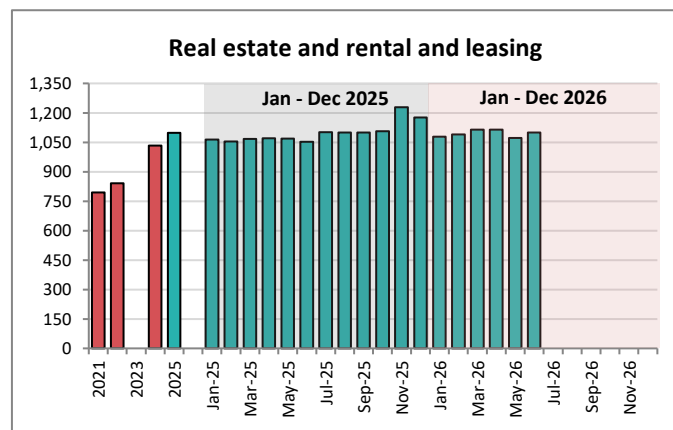
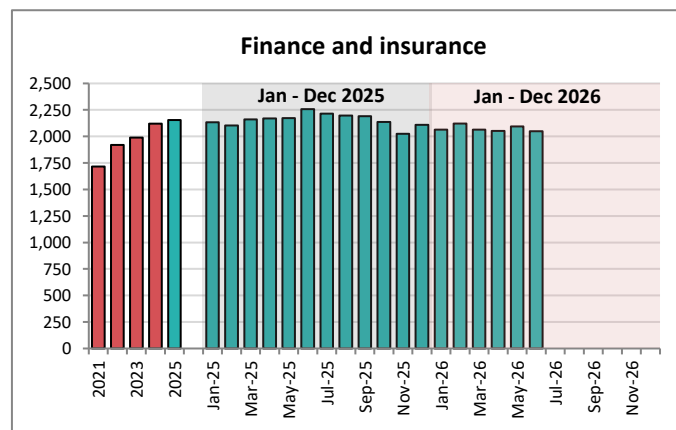
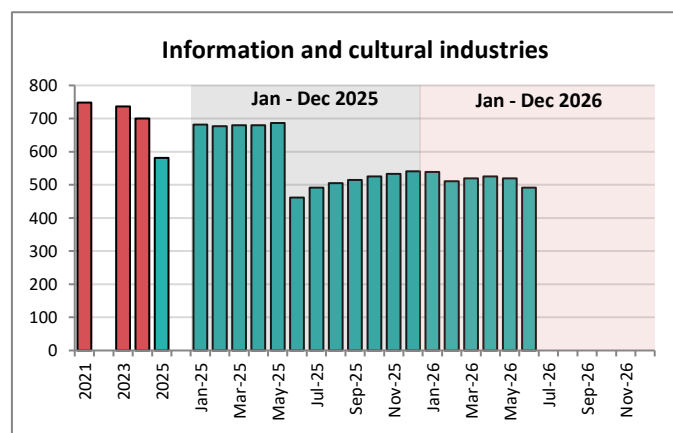
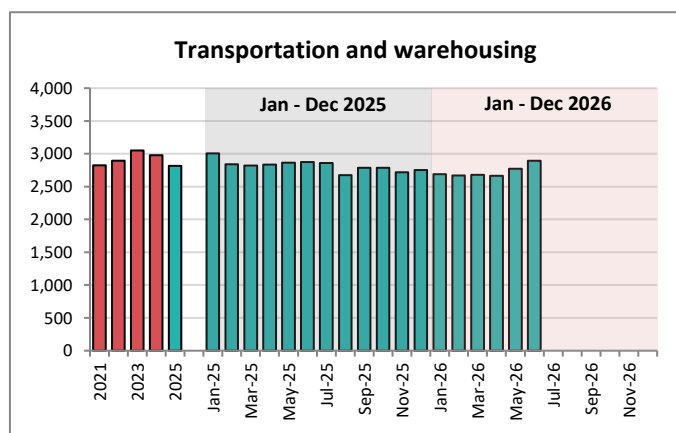
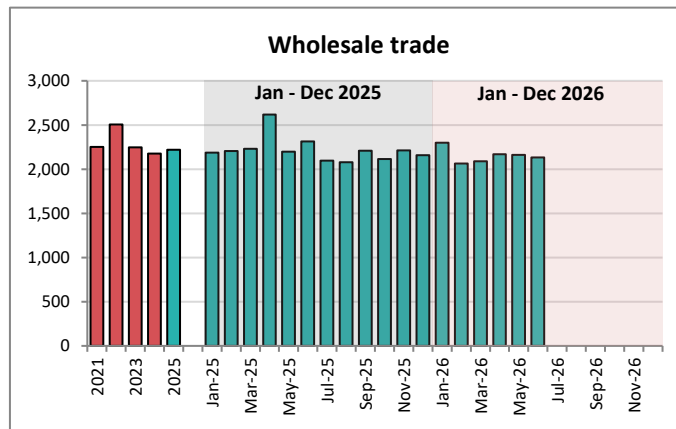
Goods-Producing Industries



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Services-Producing Industries

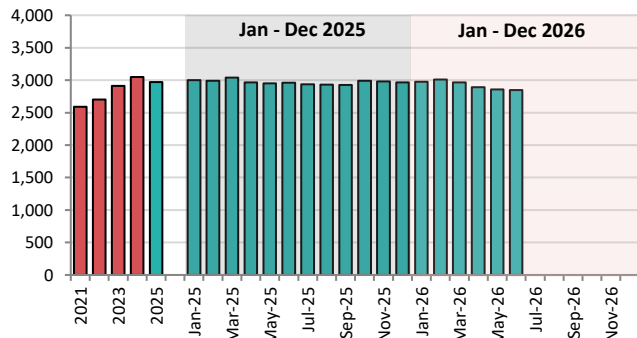


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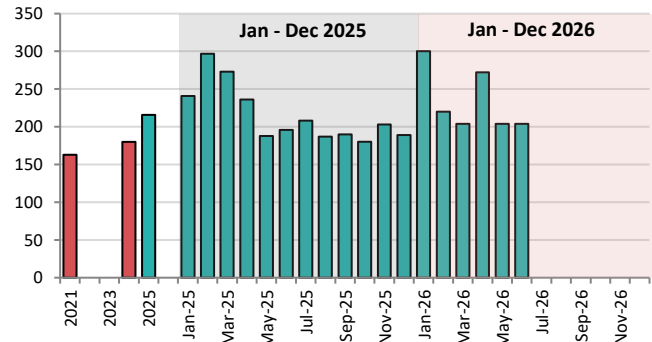


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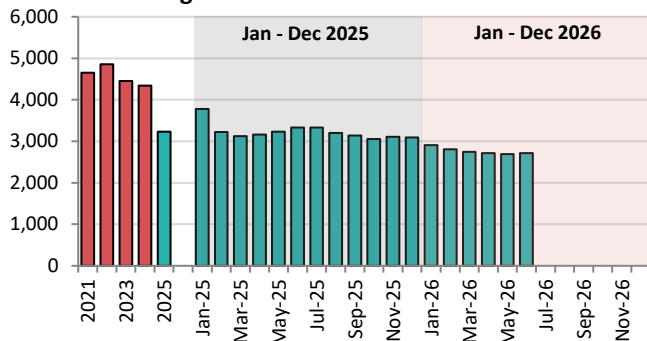
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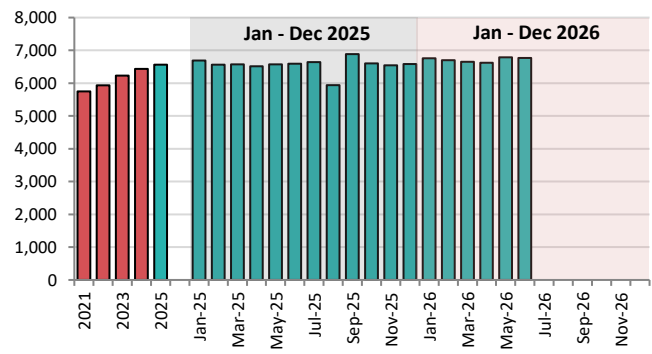
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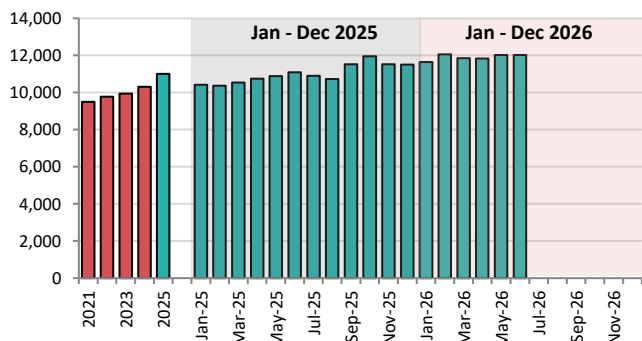
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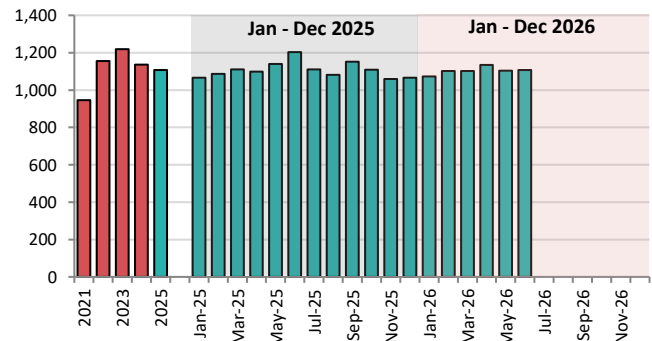
Educational services



Health care and social assistance



Arts, entertainment and recreation

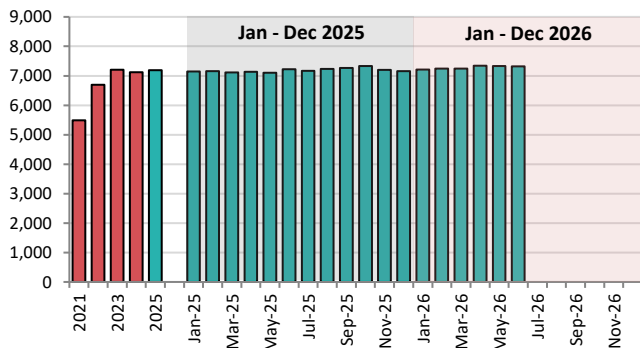


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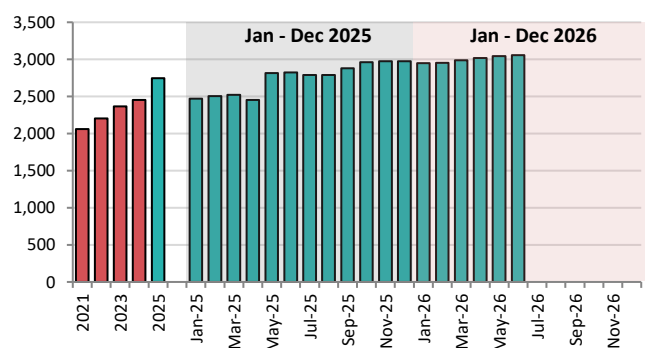


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Accommodation and food services



Other services (except public administration)



Public administration

