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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	**Aug-26**	**Jul-26**	**Aug-25**	M-M	*Chg*	Y-Y	*Chg*
	Employment (persons)							
76,355	All employees	76,599	77,442	75,658	-843	*-1.1%*	941	*1.2%*
44,249	Hourly paid employees	44,336	44,996	43,848	-660	*-1.5%*	488	*1.1%*
27,516	Salaried employees	26,506	26,947	28,158	-441	*-1.6%*	-1,652	*-5.9%*
77,864	**All employees - including unclassified occupations**	**77,912**	**78,692**	**77,163**	**-780**	***-1.0%***	**749**	***1.0%***
	Average weekly earnings - including overtime (dollars)							
1,076	**All employees**	**1,178.58**	**1,192.62**	**1,147.28**	**-14.04**	***-1.2%***	**31.30**	***2.7%***
825	Hourly employees	917.05	914.49	891.20	2.56	*0.3%*	25.8	*2.9%*
1,432	Salaried employees	1,618.61	1,639.16	1,513.44	-20.55	*-1.3%*	105.2	*6.9%*
	Average hourly earnings - including overtime (dollars)							
26.21	Hourly employees	29.77	29.92	28.35	-0.15	*-0.5%*	1.42	*5.0%*
37.31	Salaried employees	42.21	42.49	39.47	-0.28	*-0.7%*	2.74	*6.9%*
	Average weekly hours - including overtime							
31.46	Hourly employees	30.70	30.70	31.20	0.00	*0.0%*	-0.50	*-1.6%*

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 August 2026, PEI's seasonally adjusted employment (jobs) for non-farm employees increased 1.0% compared to a year ago, totaling 77,912. National employment increased by 0.3% over the same period.
- Average weekly earnings in PEI increased 2.7% (or $31.30) to $1,178.58 in August 2026 representing the fifth highest figure on record (dating back to 2001). PEI was below national growth (3.7%) 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 95,600 persons employed in August 2026, an increase of 1,400 persons compared to a year ago. There was a year-over-year increase in full-time employment (+700) and a year over year increase in part-time employment (+800).

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SEPH Employment by Industry: Prince Edward Island

Historical 2023-25		Current Period Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25	Y-Y	Chg	2026 YTD avg	2025 YTD avg	YTD Chg
77,864	**Industrial aggregate (including unclassified (1) businesses)**	**77,912**	**78,692**	**77,163**	**749**	***1.0%***	**78,210**	**78,421**	***-0.3%***
76,355	**Industrial aggregate (excluding unclassified businesses)**	**76,599**	**77,442**	**75,658**	**941**	***1.2%***	**76,838**	**76,792**	***0.1%***
12,565	**Goods producing industries**	**12,524**	**12,439**	**13,419**	**-895**	***-6.7%***	**12,637**	**13,524**	***-6.6%***
50	Forestry, logging and support	45	44	48	-3	*-6.3%*	45	50	*-10.3%*
21	Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	23	19	23	0	*0.0%*	21	22	*-4.3%*
412	Utilities	446	428	421	25	*5.9%*	418	395	*6.0%*
5,279	Construction	5,354	5,376	5,455	-101	*-1.9%*	5,408	5,423	*-0.3%*
6,832	Manufacturing	6,656	6,571	7,473	-817	*-10.9%*	6,745	7,639	*-11.7%*
63,790	**Service producing industries**	**64,075**	**65,003**	**62,239**	**1,836**	***2.9%***	**64,202**	**63,268**	***1.5%***
2,214	Wholesale trade	2,216	2,326	2,078	138	*6.6%*	2,192	2,241	*-2.2%*
9,654	Retail trade	9,582	9,692	9,430	152	*1.6%*	9,494	9,433	*0.7%*
2,949	Transportation and warehousing	2,973	2,907	2,674	299	*11.2%*	2,781	2,847	*-2.3%*
673	Information and cultural industries	483	483	505	-22	*-4.4%*	509	608	*-16.3%*
2,088	Finance and insurance	2,046	2,014	2,197	-151	*-6.9%*	2,062	2,176	*-5.2%*
1,066	Real estate and rental and leasing	1,099	1,114	1,099	0	*0.0%*	1,100	1,072	*2.6%*
2,977	Professional, scientific and technical services	2,983	2,908	2,931	52	*1.8%*	2,940	2,973	*-1.1%*
198	Management of companies and enterprises	200	194	187	13	*7.0%*	225	228	*-1.6%*
4,009	Admin/support/waste management/remediation services	2,460	2,637	3,198	-738	*-23.1%*	2,710	3,298	*-17.8%*
6,409	Educational services	5,920	6,733	5,935	-15	*-0.3%*	6,617	6,513	*1.6%*
10,423	Health care and social assistance	12,114	12,150	10,737	1,377	*12.8%*	11,966	10,709	*11.7%*
1,154	Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,140	1,083	1,081	59	*5.5%*	1,105	1,112	*-0.6%*
7,171	Accommodation and food services	7,700	7,582	7,230	470	*6.5%*	7,386	7,159	*3.2%*
2,522	Other services (except public administration)	2,982	2,970	2,790	192	*6.9%*	2,994	2,647	*13.1%*
10,331	Public administration	10,177	10,209	10,166	11	*0.1%*	10,119	10,254	*-1.3%*

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- The number of jobs in August 2026 (for non-farm employees) *including* unclassified businesses increased by 749 employees from August 2025 to 77,912. The number of jobs in August 2026 (for non-farm employees) *excluding* unclassified businesses increased 941 employees from August 2025 to 76,599- there was a loss in goods producing industries (-895) and a gain in service producing industries (+1,836).

- There was year over year gains in Utilities (+25), Wholesale trade (+138), Retail trade (+152), Transportation and warehousing (+299), Professional, scientific and technical services (+52), Management of companies and enterprises (+13), Health Care and social assistance (+1,377), Arts, entertainment and recreation (+59), Accommodation and food services (+470), Other services (except public administration) (+192) and Public administration (+11).

- There was year over year losses in Forestry, logging and support (-3), Construction (-101), Manufacturing (-817), Information and cultural industries (-22), Finance and insurance (-151), Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services (-738) and Educational services (-15).

See Appendix 1 for further graphs on Employment by Industry

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

2023-25		Current Period Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25	Y-Y	Chg	2026 YTD avg	2025 YTD avg	YTD Chg
1,075.63	**Industrial aggregate (excluding unclassified businesses)**	1,178.58	1,194.19	1,147.28	31.30	*2.7%*	1,179.15	1,126.69	*4.7%*
	Goods producing industries	**1,305.03**	**1,291.78**	**1,305.81**	**-0.78**	***-0.1%***	**1,319.50**	**1,300.50**	***1.5%***
1,215.28	Construction	1,393.80	1,306.43	1,259.19	134.61	*10.7%*	1,330.90	1,272.16	*4.6%*
1,203.93	Manufacturing	1,235.45	1,243.38	1,326.64	-91.19	*-6.9%*	1,286.33	1,290.72	*-0.3%*
	Service producing industries	**1,151.36**	**1,174.31**	**1,109.15**	**42.21**	***3.8%***	**1,149.62**	**1,089.23**	***5.5%***
1,307.47	Wholesale trade	1,641.30	1,606.97	1,511.72	129.58	*8.6%*	1,460.48	1,402.87	*4.1%*
714.30	Retail trade	760.83	784.88	719.88	40.95	*5.7%*	771.77	707.53	*9.1%*
1,109.68	Transportation and warehousing	1,189.12	1,217.03	1,221.23	-32.11	*-2.6%*	1,244.21	1,163.51	*6.9%*
1,398.42	Information and cultural industries	1,667.11	1,451.59	1,583.60	83.51	*5.3%*	1,507.50	1,439.90	*4.7%*
1,531.25	Finance and insurance	1,780.44	1,827.13	1,539.15	241.29	*15.7%*	1,703.57	1,608.05	*5.9%*
973.92	Real estate and rental and leasing	1,062.75	1,064.13	F	n/a	n/a	1,103.45	1,007.38	*9.5%*
1,521.85	Professional, scientific and technical services	1,673.82	1,649.73	1,707.51	-33.69	*-2.0%*	1,670.96	1,640.71	*1.8%*
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	986.69	1,018.46	811.96	174.73	*21.5%*	958.34	785.50	*22.0%*
1,269.46	Educational services	1,411.81	1,358.40	1,332.58	79.23	*5.9%*	1,346.28	1,300.48	*3.5%*
1,080.91	Health care and social assistance	1,171.82	1,176.29	1,176.09	-4.27	*-0.4%*	1,194.98	1,123.20	*6.4%*
641.65	Arts, entertainment and recreation	782.60	721.67	675.93	106.67	*15.8%*	780.28	648.29	*20.4%*
489.29	Accommodation and food services	504.51	531.39	539.94	-35.43	*-6.6%*	520.56	510.92	*1.9%*
881.04	Other services (except public administration)	861.29	F	F	n/a	n/a	856.16	881.55	n/a
1,413.59	Public administration	1,600.90	1,666.37	1,514.10	86.80	*5.7%*	1,579.34	1,486.82	*0.0%*

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- The wages in August 2026 (for non-farm employees) increased by $31.30 up 2.7% from August 2025 to $1,178.58. There was a decrease of $0.78 in the average weekly earnings related to the goods producing industries and an increase of $42.21 in the average weekly earnings associated with the service producing industries on a year over year basis.

- In August 2026, there was a year over year gain in average weekly earnings in Construction ($134.61), Wholesale trade ($129.58), Retail trade ($40.95), Information and cultural industries ($83.51), Finance and insurance ($241.29), Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services ($174.42), Educational services ($79.23), Arts, entertainment and recreation ($106.67) and Public administration ($86.80).

- In August 2026, there was a year over year decrease in average weekly earnings in Manufacturing (-$91.19), Transportation and warehousing (-$32.11), Professional, scientific and technical services (-$33.69) and Health care and social assistance (-$4.27) and Accommodation and food services (-$35.43).

Employment and Average Weekly Wages by Province

	Employment			Wages ($)		
	Aug-25	Aug-26	Y-Y Change	Aug-25	Aug-26	Y-Y Change
Canada	18,311,256	18,368,488	0.3%	1,306.43	1,354.55	3.7%
Newfoundland & Labrador	220,781	224,702	1.8%	1,291.21	1,320.79	2.3%
Prince Edward Island	77,163	77,912	1.0%	1,147.28	1,178.58	2.7%
Nova Scotia	464,296	469,535	1.1%	1,178.59	1,220.93	3.6%
New Brunswick	366,124	370,895	1.3%	1,195.61	1,267.77	6.0%
Quebec	4,084,210	4,090,116	0.1%	1,272.09	1,293.22	1.7%
Ontario	7,090,601	7,058,662	-0.5%	1,343.45	1,395.60	3.9%
Manitoba	643,210	654,387	1.7%	1,183.63	1,244.01	5.1%
Saskatchewan	528,461	536,218	1.5%	1,271.36	1,308.55	2.9%
Alberta	2,192,808	2,229,563	1.7%	1,356.69	1,404.59	3.5%
British Columbia	2,568,331	2,578,049	0.4%	1,302.02	1,369.91	5.2%

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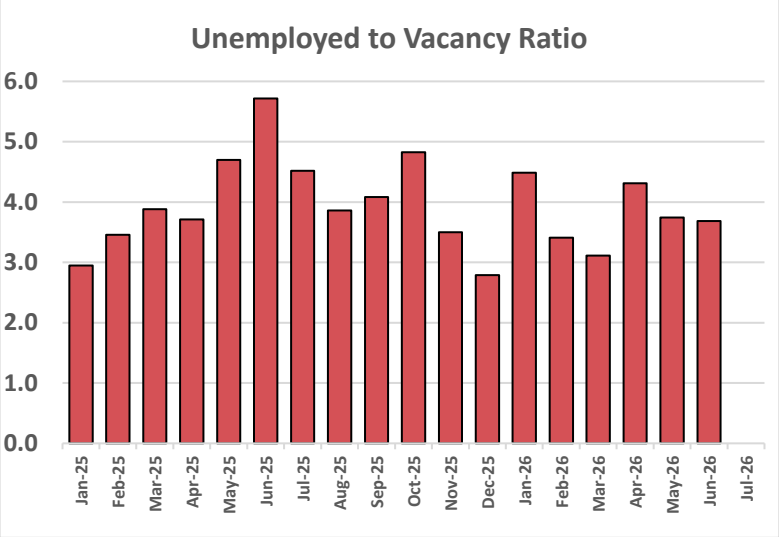
Unemployed Persons to Vacancy Ratio

NOTE: *The July and August 2026 job vacancies figures and job vacancy rates 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.



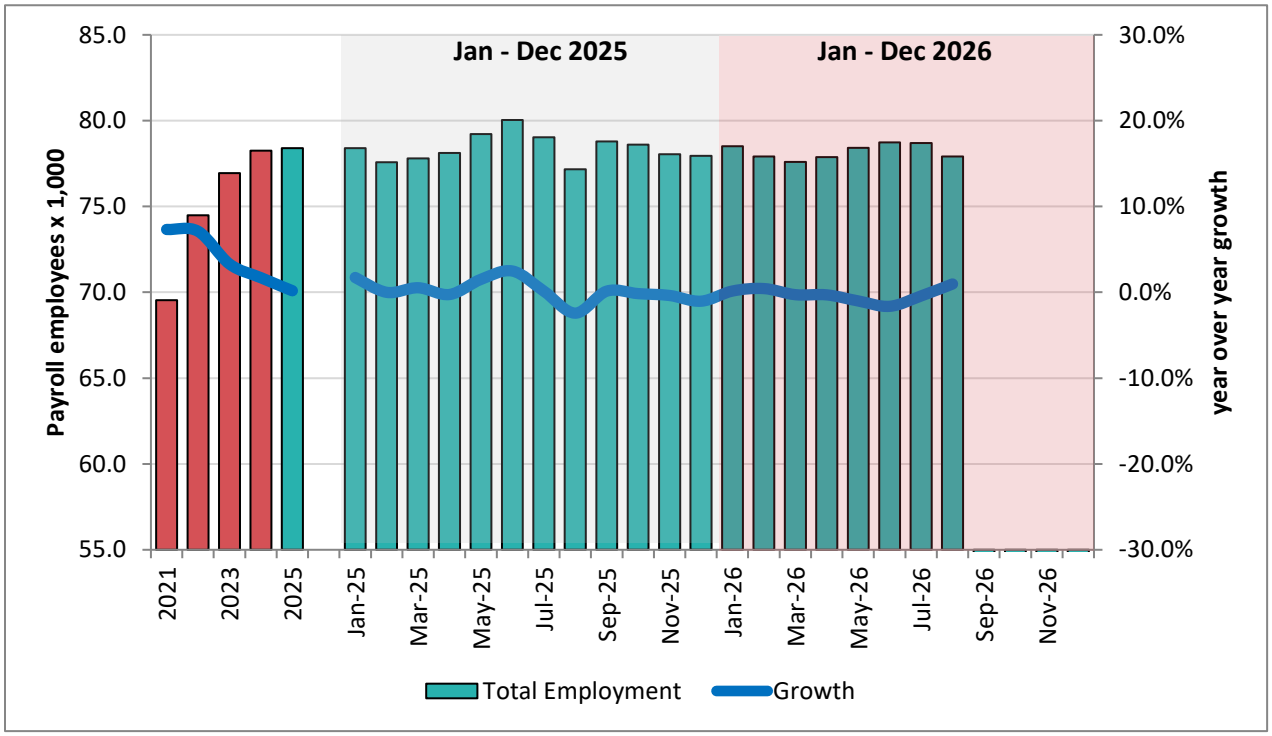
Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0432-01 Job vacancies, payroll employees, and job vacancy rate by provinces and territories, monthly, adjusted for seasonality and Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0287-01 Labour force characteristics, monthly, seasonally adjusted and trend-cycle, last 5 months. Calculation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

Appendix 1 – Employment by Industry Progress Report

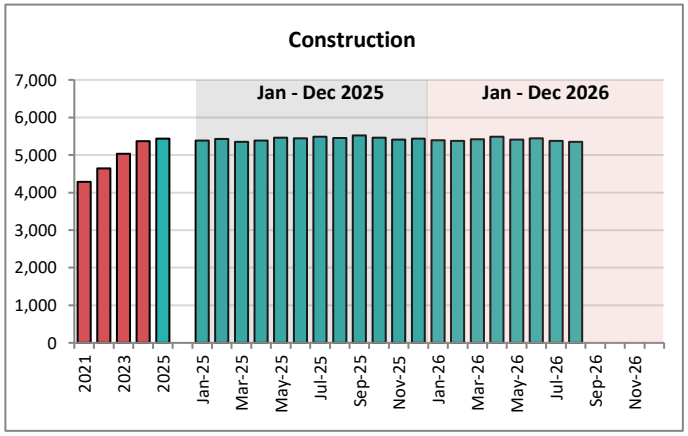
Survey of Employment, Payroll and Hours data is released on a monthly basis. The purpose of this section is to track the progress of employment by industry with historical context. "Year-to-date" (YTD) compares average values of available months in 2026 to the same in 2025. ***Note: Months with suppressed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

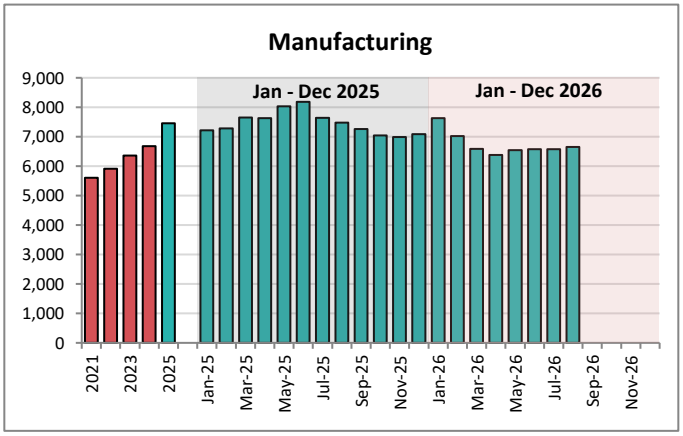
Graph interpretation:	*Annual – Historical perspective:*	*2021 – 2025*
	Monthly – Current perspective:	*2025 - 2026 (YTD)*

All Industries



Goods-Producing Industries

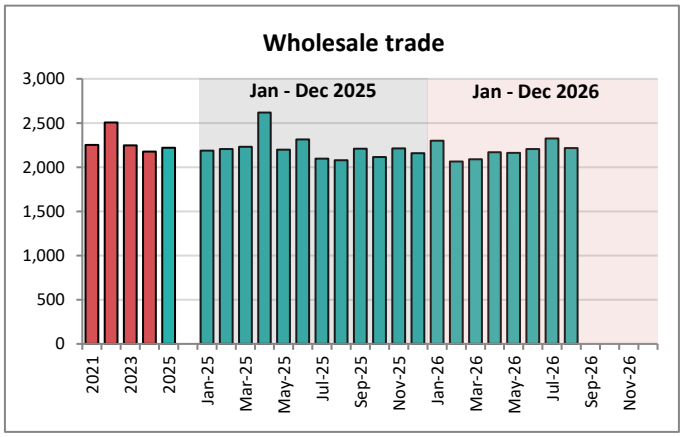


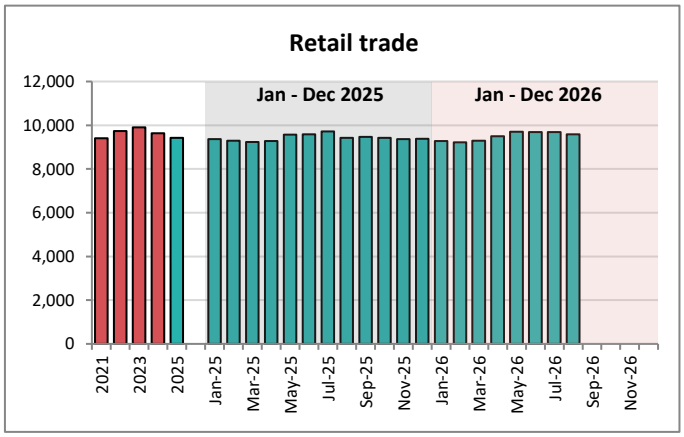


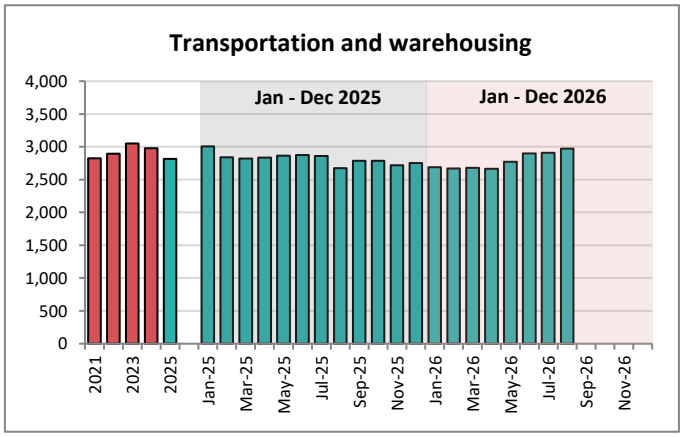
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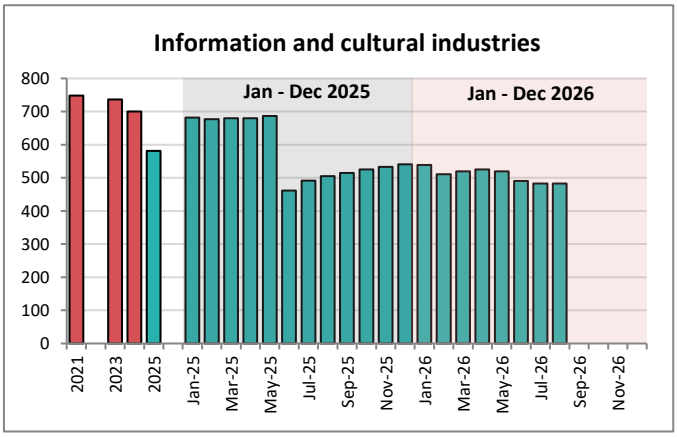
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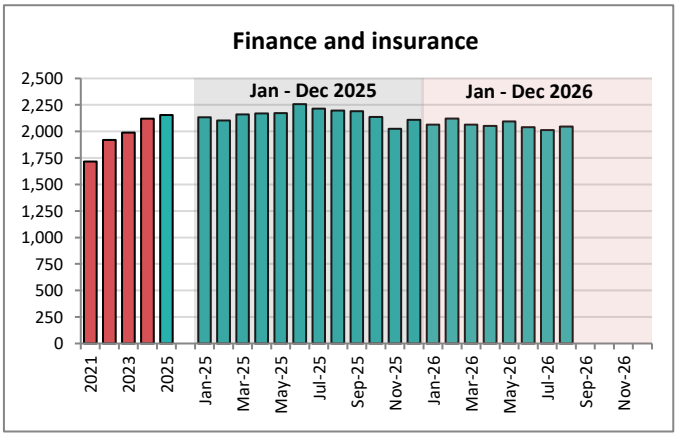
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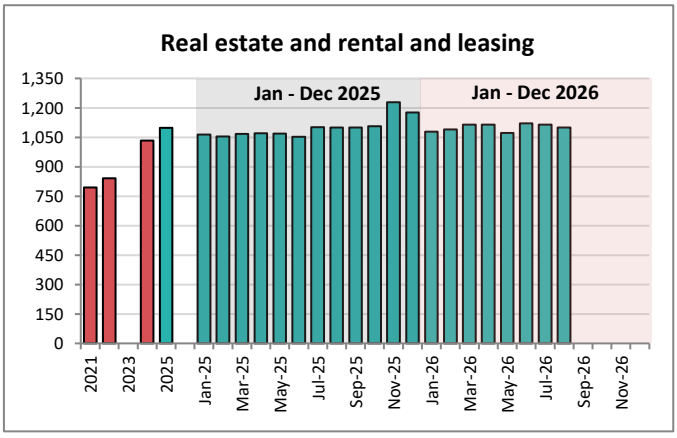






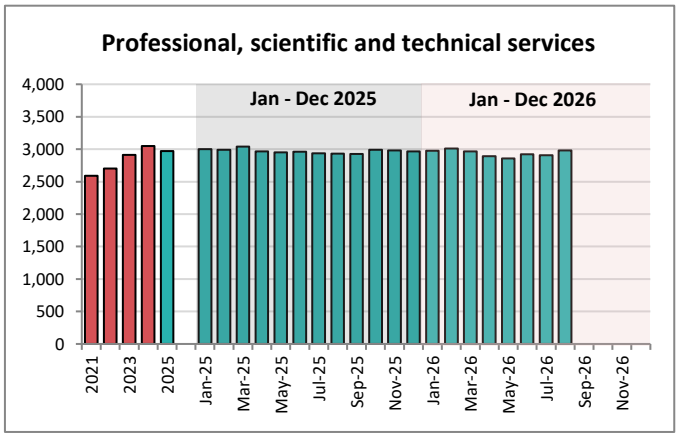


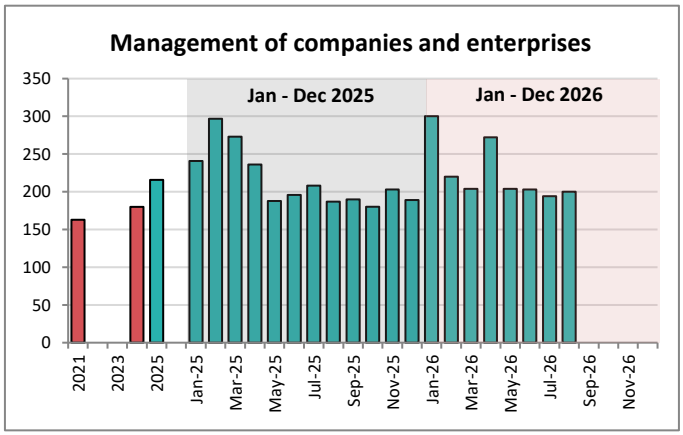


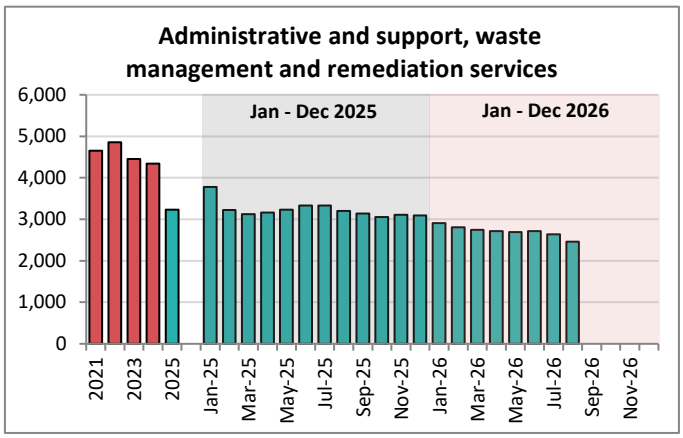


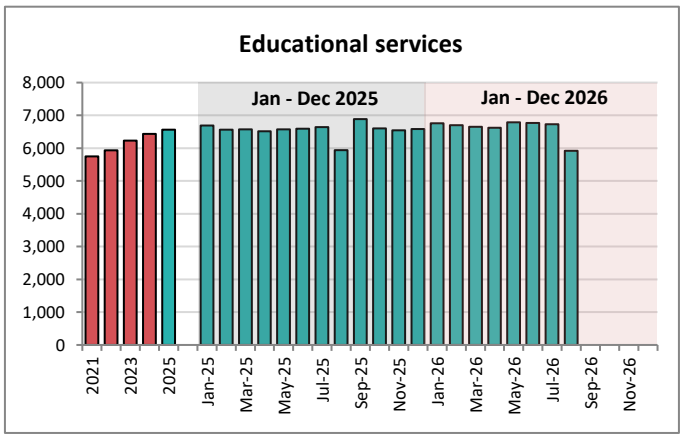
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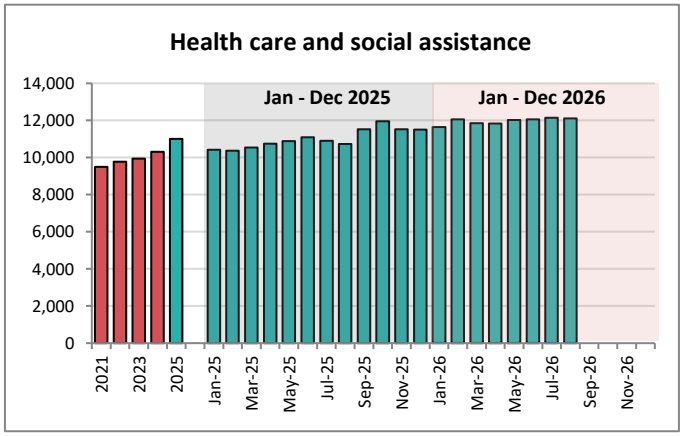
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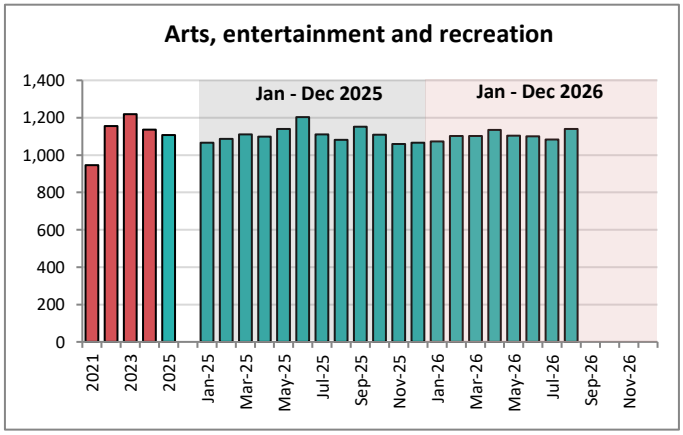


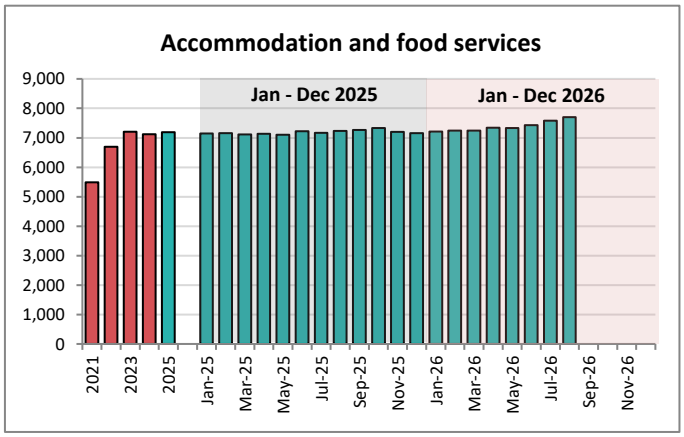


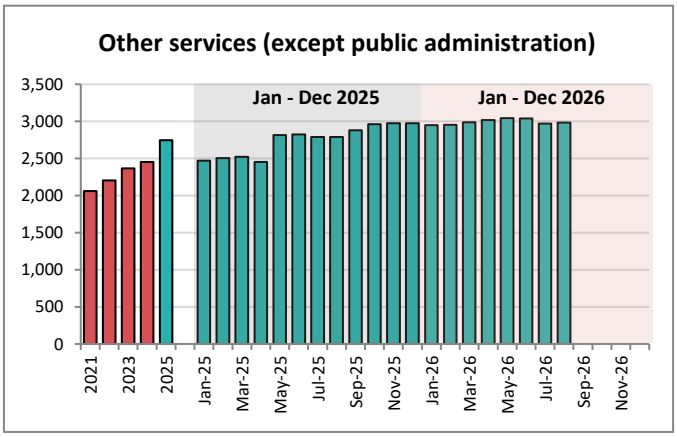


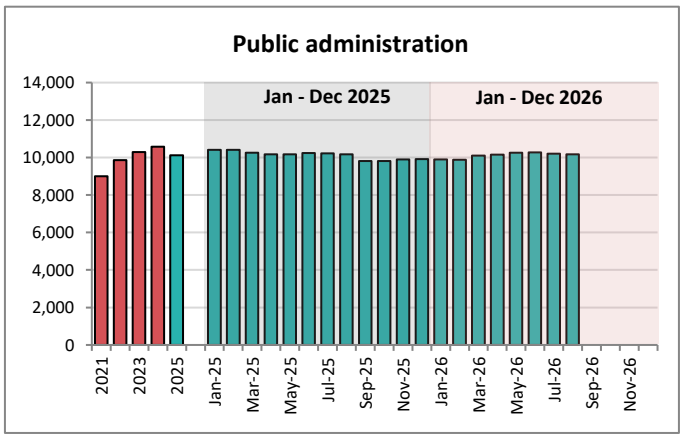







Accommodation and food services
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Jan - Dec 2026
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2021
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Other services (except public administration)
Jan - Dec 2025
Jan - Dec 2026
3,500
3,000
2,500
2,000
1,500
1,000
500
0
2021
2023
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Mar-25
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Public administration
Jan - Dec 2025
Jan - Dec 2026
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