



LABOUR MARKET BRIEF ■ ATLANTIC REGION



CANADA

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- Full-time jobs increased alongside fewer part-time.
- The unemployment rate increased slightly in December to 8.6%, influenced by the job reductions.
- The goods-producing sector added jobs (+11,300), while the service sector saw job reductions of 74,000.

ATLANTIC CANADA

- Employment fell sharply in December, down from the previous month by 12,600 jobs.
- The job reductions occurred in both full-time and part-time positions.
- The rate of unemployment rose sharply, going from 8.9% to 9.7%, influenced by the job reductions.
- The goods-producing sector lost jobs in December (-3,900), while the service sector saw job reductions of 8,500.

20,308,800 (-42,000)

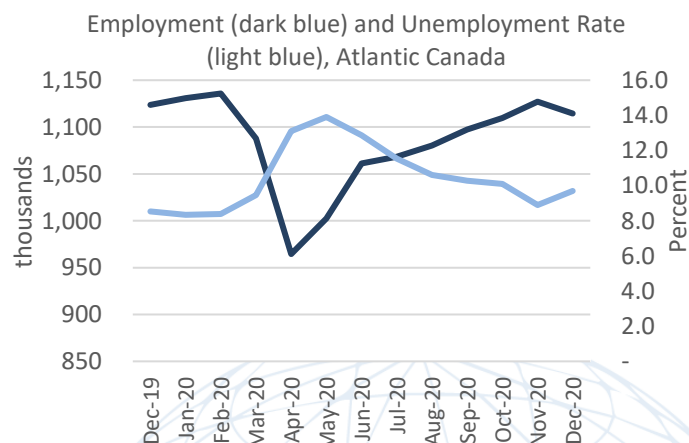
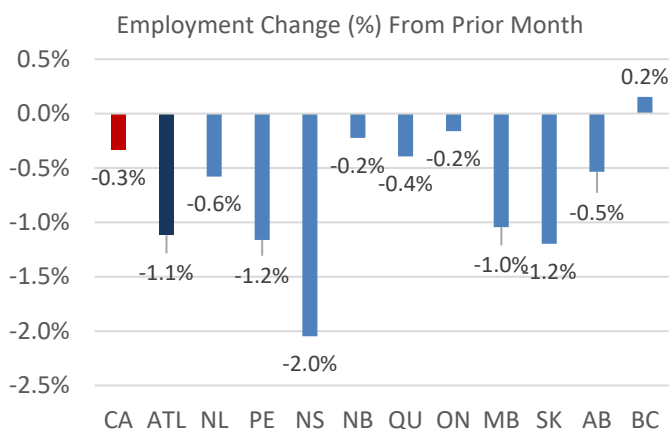
LABOUR FORCE

1,234,500 (-2,600)

18,553,000 (-62,600)

EMPLOYMENT

1,114,600 (-12,600)



8.6% (+0.1)

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

9.7% (+0.8)

64.9% (-0.2)

PARTICIPATION RATE

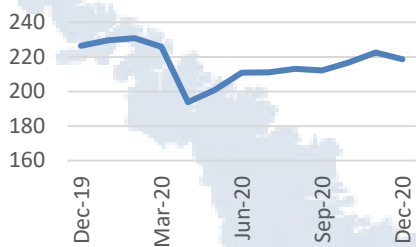
60.8% (-0.2)

Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Table 14-10-0287-01
Data above are seasonally adjusted. Values in brackets are month-over-month changes.



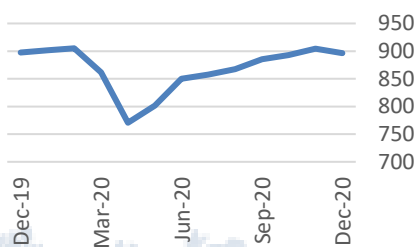
Goods Sector

Employment ('000), Atl.



Services Sector

Employment ('000), Atl.



Did You Know...

Added COVID-19 restrictions in December, leading to the shutdown of many restaurants in the region, was likely a factor behind the 12% month-over-month decline in employment in the accommodation and food services industry group. Nova Scotia saw the largest percentage drop, followed by Prince Edward Island. Nationally, employment fell by 6% in the industry in December.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT DECLINES

Year/year employment change, Oct-Dec averages, Atl.

1. Accommodation and food services **-11%**
2. Information, culture and recreation **-11%**
3. Business, building and other support services **-7%**
4. Construction **-6%**
5. Natural resources **-4%**



NOVA SCOTIA

502,300

Labour Force

458,900

Employment

8.6%

Unemployment Rate

+1,600

Labour Force Change

-9,600

Employment Change

+2.2

Unemployment Rate Change



NEW BRUNSWICK

392,600

Labour Force

356,100

Employment

9.3%

Unemployment Rate

-1,900

Labour Force Change

-800

Employment Change

-0.3

Unemployment Rate Change



NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

254,500

Labour Force

223,100

Employment

12.3%

Unemployment Rate

-1,100

Labour Force Change

-1,300

Employment Change

+0.1

Unemployment Rate Change



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

85,100

Labour Force

76,500

Employment

10.1%

Unemployment Rate

-1,200

Labour Force Change

-900

Employment Change

-0.1

Unemployment Rate Change

Provincial estimates based on seasonally-adjusted data for the latest month and compared to the previous month.

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