



LABOUR MARKET BRIEF ■ ATLANTIC REGION

CANADA

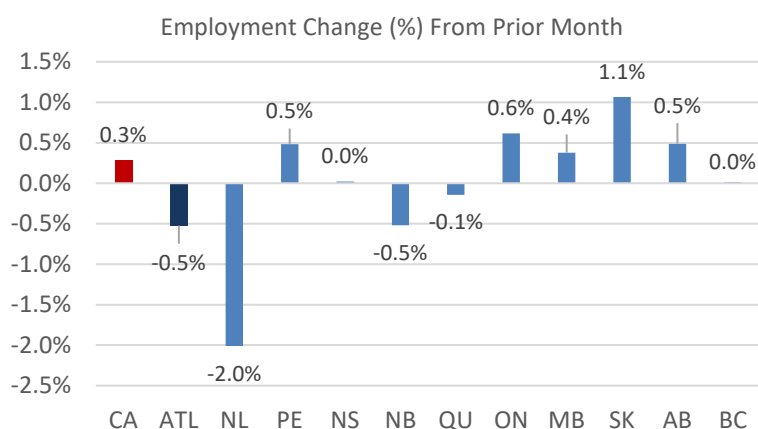
- ✶ The country experienced growth in employment in December, amounting to 54,700 jobs, making it the seventh consecutive monthly gain.
- ✶ Full-time jobs increased alongside fewer part-time.
- ✶ The unemployment rate declined slightly in December to 5.9%, reaching its lowest point since February 2020.
- ✶ The goods-producing sector added jobs (+44,200), while the services-producing sector saw growth of 10,600 jobs.

20,583,200 (+23,200)

LABOUR FORCE

19,370,800 (+54,700)

EMPLOYMENT



5.9% (-0.1)

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

65.3% (0.0)

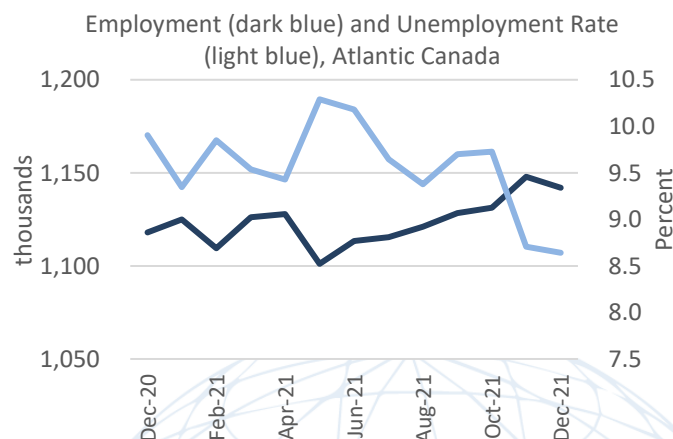
PARTICIPATION RATE

ATLANTIC CANADA

- ✶ Employment fell sharply in December, down from the previous month by 6,000 jobs.
- ✶ The job reductions occurred in both full-time and part-time positions.
- ✶ The unemployment rate declined slightly in December to 8.6%, reaching its lowest point since January 2020.
- ✶ The goods-producing sector lost jobs (-3,900), while the service sector saw job reductions of 2,400.

1,249,800 (-7,900)

1,141,900 (-6,000)



8.6% (-0.1)

60.5% (-0.5)

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



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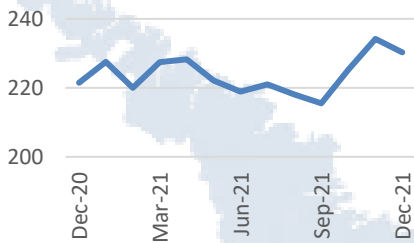
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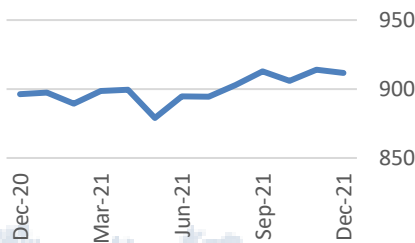
Goods Sector

Employment ('000), Atl.



Services Sector

Employment ('000), Atl.



Did You Know...

Jobs in the public sector in the Atlantic Region continue to expand, up nearly 35,000 since the start of the pandemic. The rates of growth in all four Atlantic provinces, ranging from 10% to 13% over the 22-month period, well exceed the national average growth rate of 8%. Nearly 1 in 3 employees in the Region now work in a public-sector industry, namely healthcare, education or public administration.

FASTEST GROWING INDUSTRIES

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

1. Transportation and warehousing **+11%**
2. Natural resources **+8%**
3. Professional, scientific and technical services **+7%**
4. Public administration **+5%**
5. Utilities **+4%**



NOVA SCOTIA



NEW BRUNSWICK

510,500

Labour Force

470,500

Employment

7.9%

Unemployment Rate

-1,600

Labour Force Change

+100

Employment Change

-0.2

Unemployment Rate Change

395,200

Labour Force

363,800

Employment

7.9%

Unemployment Rate

-4,700

Labour Force Change

-1,900

Employment Change

-0.6

Unemployment Rate Change



NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

253,800

Labour Force

224,300

Employment

11.6%

Unemployment Rate

-1,700

Labour Force Change

-4,600

Employment Change

+1.2

Unemployment Rate Change

90,300

Labour Force

83,300

Employment

7.8%

Unemployment Rate

+100

Labour Force Change

+400

Employment Change

-0.2

Unemployment Rate Change

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

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