



# LABOUR MARKET BRIEF ■ ATLANTIC REGION

## CANADA

- Employment rose during the month by 39,800 jobs, making it the fourth consecutive monthly gain.
- Full-time jobs increased alongside fewer part-time.
- The unemployment rate fell in the month to 5.1%, reaching its lowest point since the survey began in 1976.
- The goods-producing sector lost jobs in May (-41,200), while the services-producing sector saw growth of 80,900 jobs.

## ATLANTIC CANADA

- The Atlantic Region experienced a reduction in employment in the month, shedding 800 jobs.
- Full-time jobs increased alongside fewer part-time.
- The unemployment rate moved higher in the month to 7.6%, resting just above the 12-month low of 7.4%.
- The goods-producing sector lost jobs in May (-5,100), while the services-producing sector saw growth of 4,000 jobs.

**20,698,100 (+11,800)**

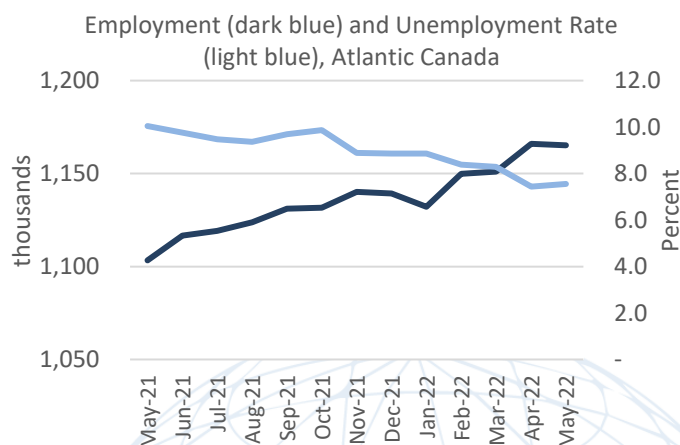
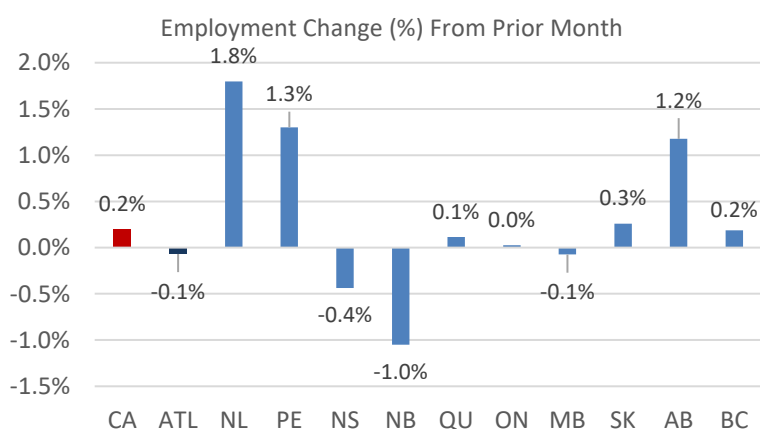
**LABOUR FORCE**

**1,260,400 (+700)**

**19,640,300 (+39,800)**

**EMPLOYMENT**

**1,165,200 (-800)**



**5.1% (-0.1)**

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**

**7.6% (+0.1)**

**65.3% (0.0)**

**PARTICIPATION RATE**

**60.5% (-0.1)**

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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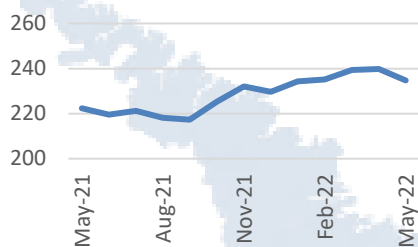
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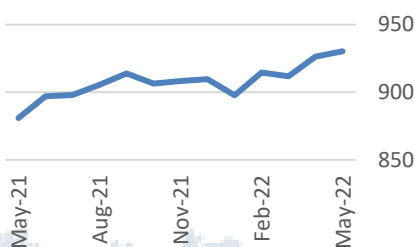
## Goods Sector

Employment ('000), Atl.



## Services Sector

Employment ('000), Atl.



## Did You Know...

Over the past year, employment growth in construction outpaced all other industries with the addition of 16,500 workers (+20.5%). Gains occurred in all four Atlantic Provinces, led by New Brunswick, which accounted for nearly half of the increase. During the past two quarters, the number of housing units under construction in the region has reached levels not seen since 1976.

## FASTEST GROWING INDUSTRIES

Year/year employment change, Mar-May averages, Atl.

1. Construction **+18%**
2. Professional, scientific and technical services **+15%**
3. Accommodation and food services **+9%**
4. Educational services **+8%**
5. Agriculture **+5%**



## NOVA SCOTIA



## NEW BRUNSWICK

**513,800**

Labour Force

**479,400**

Employment

**6.7%**

Unemployment Rate

**+1,700**

Labour Force Change

**-2,100**

Employment Change

**+0.7**

Unemployment Rate Change

**395,700**

Labour Force

**367,800**

Employment

**7.1%**

Unemployment Rate

**-4,000**

Labour Force Change

**-3,900**

Employment Change

**+0.1**

Unemployment Rate Change

NEWFOUNDLAND  
AND LABRADORPRINCE EDWARD  
ISLAND**258,100**

Labour Force

**232,400**

Employment

**10.0%**

Unemployment Rate

**+2,300**

Labour Force Change

**+4,100**

Employment Change

**-0.8**

Unemployment Rate Change

**92,800**

Labour Force

**85,600**

Employment

**7.8%**

Unemployment Rate

**+700**

Labour Force Change

**+1,100**

Employment Change

**-0.3**

Unemployment Rate Change

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

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