



LABOUR MARKET BRIEF ■ ATLANTIC REGION



CANADA

- 🇦🇵 Employment grew at a strong pace in December, up from the prior month by 104,000 jobs, making it the fourth consecutive monthly gain.
- 🇦🇵 The growth occurred in both full-time and part-time positions, though primarily full-time.
- 🇦🇵 The unemployment rate declined slightly in December to 5.0%, influenced by the solid job gains.
- 🇦🇵 The goods-producing sector added jobs (+22,200), while the services-producing sector saw growth of 81,700 jobs.

ATLANTIC CANADA

- 🇦🇵 Employment grew at a strong pace in December, up from the prior month by 6,800 jobs.
- 🇦🇵 The growth occurred in both full-time and part-time positions.
- 🇦🇵 The unemployment rate moved higher in the month to 7.8%.
- 🇦🇵 The goods-producing sector added jobs (+1,000), while the services-producing sector saw growth of 5,700 jobs.

**20,807,100 (+91,200)**

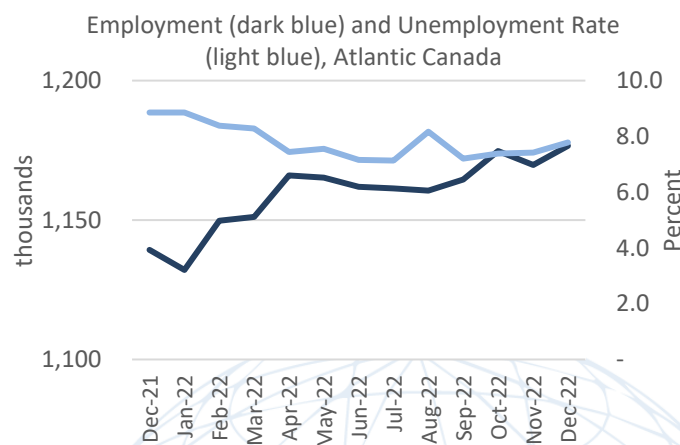
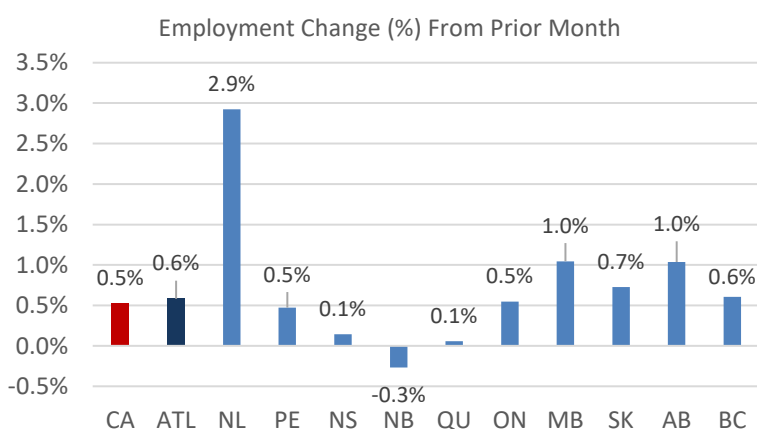
LABOUR FORCE

**1,276,000 (+12,500)**

**19,770,300 (+104,000)**

EMPLOYMENT

**1,176,600 (+6,800)**



**5.0% (-0.1)**

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

**7.8% (+0.4)**

**65.0% (+0.2)**

PARTICIPATION RATE

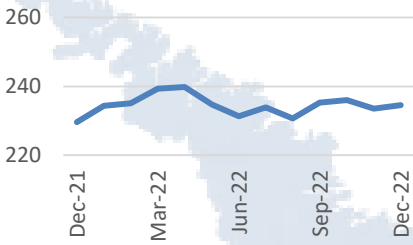
**60.4% (+0.5)**

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



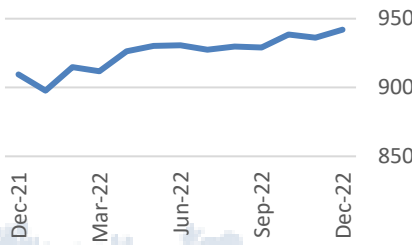
**Goods Sector**

Employment ('000), Atl.



**Services Sector**

Employment ('000), Atl.



# Did You Know...

Recent immigrants in Atlantic Canada between the ages of 25 and 54 had favourable labour market outcomes in 2022 relative to the rest of the country. The 2022 unemployment rate for this group was 6.5%, compared to 7.7% in the rest of Canada, and down from 9% in previous years. This group also had a higher participation rate in the Atlantic Region.

## FASTEST GROWING INDUSTRIES

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

1. Information, culture and recreation **+13%**
2. Construction **+12%**
3. Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing **+10%**
4. Public administration **+9%**
5. Health care and social assistance **+8%**



### NOVA SCOTIA



### NEW BRUNSWICK

**518,100**

Labour Force

**483,200**

Employment

**6.7%**

Unemployment Rate

**+4,500**

Labour Force Change

**+700**

Employment Change

**+0.7**

Unemployment Rate Change

**405,400**

Labour Force

**372,500**

Employment

**8.1%**

Unemployment Rate

**+2,700**

Labour Force Change

**-1,000**

Employment Change

**+0.8**

Unemployment Rate Change



### NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**262,200**

Labour Force

**235,800**

Employment

**10.1%**

Unemployment Rate

**+5,900**

Labour Force Change

**+6,700**

Employment Change

**-0.6**

Unemployment Rate Change

**90,300**

Labour Force

**85,100**

Employment

**5.6%**

Unemployment Rate

**-600**

Labour Force Change

**+400**

Employment Change

**-1.2**

Unemployment Rate Change

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

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