



LABOUR MARKET BRIEF ■ ATLANTIC REGION



CANADA

- More people were working in February, with the addition of 21,800 jobs, making it the sixth consecutive monthly gain.
- Full-time jobs increased alongside fewer part-time.
- The rate of unemployment saw no change from last month, remaining at 5.0%.
- The goods-producing sector added jobs (+17,500), while the services-producing sector saw growth of 4,200 jobs.

ATLANTIC CANADA

- Employment grew at a strong pace in February, up from the prior month by 5,900 jobs, making it the seventh consecutive monthly gain.
- The growth occurred in both full-time and part-time positions.
- The unemployment rate fell in the month to 6.9%, reaching its lowest point since the survey began in 1976.
- The goods-producing sector added jobs (+4,100), while the services-producing sector saw growth of 1,700 jobs.

21,120,500 (+42,200)

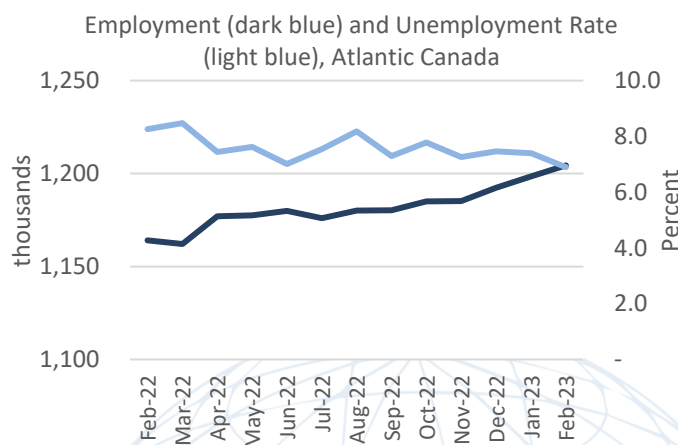
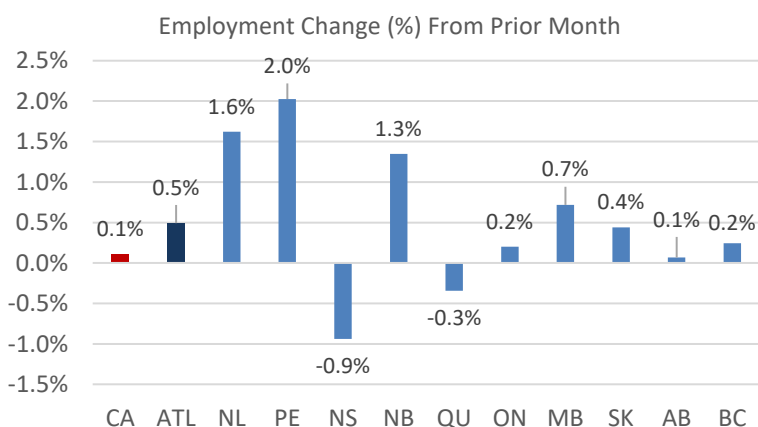
LABOUR FORCE

1,293,600 (-600)

20,054,100 (+21,800)

EMPLOYMENT

1,204,400 (+5,900)



5.0% (0.0)

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

6.9% (-0.5)

65.7% (0.0)

PARTICIPATION RATE

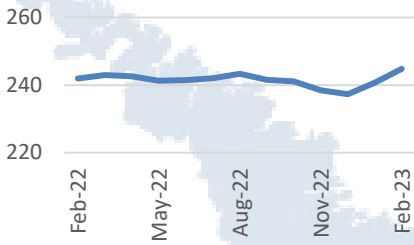
60.9% (-0.2)

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



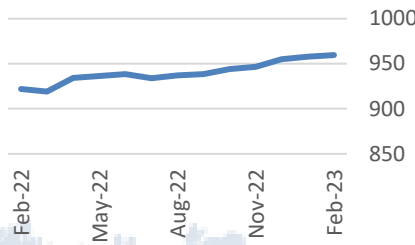
Goods Sector

Employment ('000), Atl.



Services Sector

Employment ('000), Atl.



Did You Know...

The public administration industry led job growth in the region over the past 12 months, adding 11,800 workers. Labour Force Survey estimates indicate that the federal government (including defense services) accounted for 95% of this increase, while employment in other levels of government remained comparatively flat.

FASTEST GROWING INDUSTRIES

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

1. Information, culture and recreation **+21%**
2. Other services (except public administration) **+18%**
3. Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing **+13%**
4. Accommodation and food services **+12%**
5. Public administration **+11%**



NOVA SCOTIA



NEW BRUNSWICK

527,100

Labour Force

496,900

Employment

5.7%

Unemployment Rate

-1,000

Labour Force Change

-4,700

Employment Change

+0.7

Unemployment Rate Change

409,600

Labour Force

383,600

Employment

6.3%

Unemployment Rate

+200

Labour Force Change

+5,100

Employment Change

-1.2

Unemployment Rate Change



NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

264,600

Labour Force

238,300

Employment

9.9%

Unemployment Rate

-1,300

Labour Force Change

+3,800

Employment Change

-1.9

Unemployment Rate Change

92,300

Labour Force

85,600

Employment

7.3%

Unemployment Rate

+1,500

Labour Force Change

+1,700

Employment Change

-0.4

Unemployment Rate Change

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

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