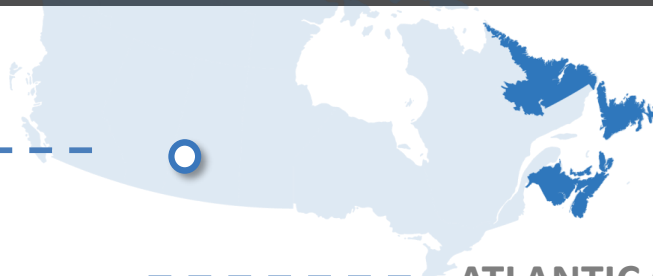




NOVEMBER 2025

## LABOUR MARKET BRIEF ■ ATLANTIC REGION



## CANADA

- ✦ Employment grew in the latest month by 53,600 jobs.
- ✦ Part-time jobs increased while full-time jobs declined.
- ✦ The unemployment rate fell in the month to 6.5%, reaching its lowest point since July 2024.
- ✦ The goods-producing sector added jobs (+11,000), while the services-producing sector saw growth of 42,800 jobs.

## ATLANTIC CANADA

- ✦ Employment grew at a strong pace in November, up from the prior month by 7,700 jobs.
- ✦ The growth occurred in both full-time and part-time positions.
- ✦ The unemployment rate fell in the month to 7.5%, influenced by the solid job gains.
- ✦ The services-producing sector gained 3,500 jobs in the month of October, while the goods-producing sector saw a decline of 4,800 jobs.

22,613,400 (-25,700)

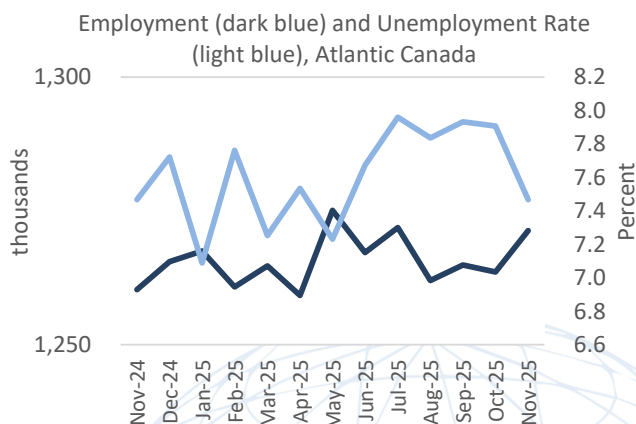
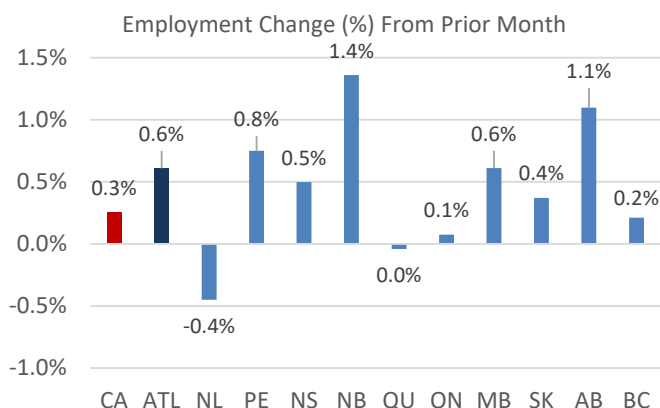
LABOUR FORCE

1,373,900 (+1,700)

21,135,500 (+53,600)

EMPLOYMENT

1,271,300 (+7,700)



6.5% (-0.4)

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

7.5% (-0.4)

65.1% (-0.2)

PARTICIPATION RATE

60.6% (0.0)

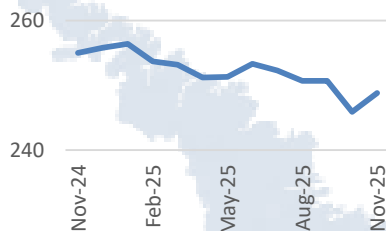
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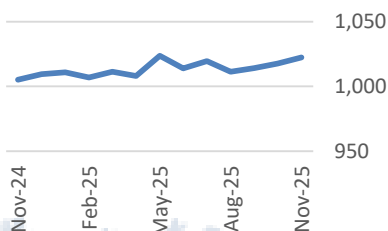
### Goods Sector

Employment ('000), Atl.



### Services Sector

Employment ('000), Atl.



# Did You Know...

The unemployment rate in the region has trended relatively flat around 7.5% for over two years, masking a gradual slackening in the labour market. Year-to-date, the job vacancy rate was 2.8%, down from 3.1% during the same period of 2024 and 4.6% in 2022. The number of vacancies has fallen from 48,000 in 2022 to just under 30,000 this year. While a higher job vacancy rate can create beneficial conditions for jobseekers, it can also indicate worker shortages that are severely disruptive to sectors like healthcare.

## FASTEST GROWING INDUSTRIES

Year/year employment change, Sep-Nov averages, Atl.

1. Business, building and other support services **+14%**
2. Manufacturing **+6%**
3. Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing **+5%**
4. Health care and social assistance **+5%**
5. Wholesale and retail trade **+1%**



### NOVA SCOTIA



### NEW BRUNSWICK

**561,000**

Labour Force

**523,600**

Employment

**6.7%**

Unemployment Rate

**+2,300**

Labour Force Change

**+2,600**

Employment Change

**0.0**

Unemployment Rate Change

**438,800**

Labour Force

**409,700**

Employment

**6.6%**

Unemployment Rate

**-200**

Labour Force Change

**+5,500**

Employment Change

**-1.3**

Unemployment Rate Change



### NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**272,300**

Labour Force

**244,000**

Employment

**10.4%**

Unemployment Rate

**-200**

Labour Force Change

**-1,100**

Employment Change

**+0.3**

Unemployment Rate Change

**101,800**

Labour Force

**94,000**

Employment

**7.7%**

Unemployment Rate

**-200**

Labour Force Change

**+700**

Employment Change

**-0.8**

Unemployment Rate Change

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

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