



## CANADA

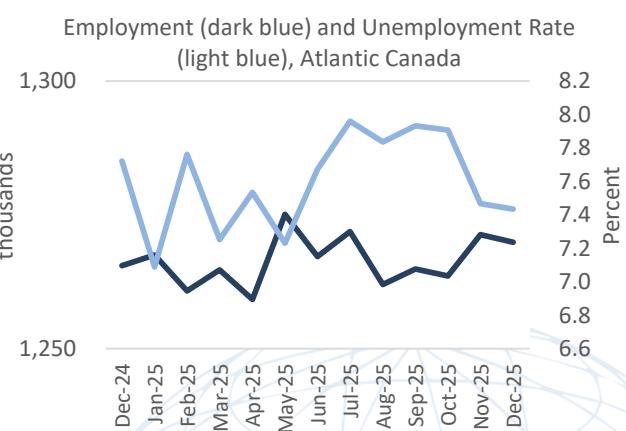
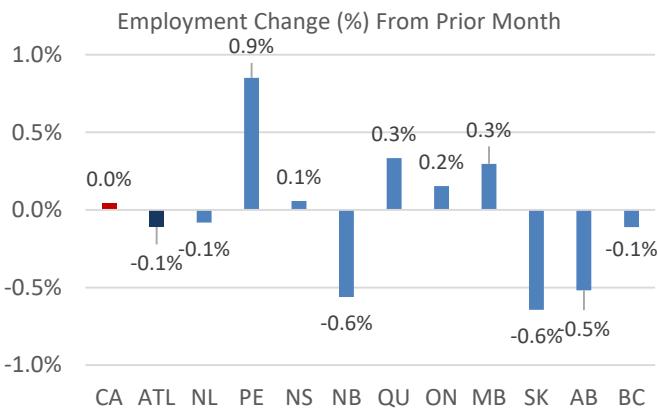
- The country experienced growth in employment in December, amounting to 8,200 jobs, making it the fourth consecutive monthly gain.
- Full-time jobs increased alongside fewer part-time.
- The unemployment rate moved higher in the month to 6.8%.
- The goods-producing sector added jobs (+8,000), while the services-producing sector saw growth of 100 jobs.

**22,694,400 (+81,000)**

## LABOUR FORCE

**1,372,000 (-1,900)****21,143,700 (+8,200)**

## EMPLOYMENT

**1,269,900 (-1,400)****6.8% (+0.3)**

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

**7.4% (-0.1)****65.4% (+0.3)**

## PARTICIPATION RATE

**60.4% (-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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# Did You Know...

## FASTEST GROWING INDUSTRIES

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

1. Business, building and other support services
2. Manufacturing
3. Health care and social assistance
4. Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing
5. Other services (except public administration)

+11%  
+6%  
+5%  
+4%  
+3%

Annual average labour market figures show that employment went up in the Atlantic region by 8,200 in 2025, a marked slowdown from the previous four years. The number of public sector employees and self-employed individuals rose by 7,700 and 2,400 respectively, both driven by the health care and social assistance industry (+5,500 and +2,500 respectively). Private sector employment fell by 1,900 as more industries posted job loss than growth. Manufacturing was one bright spot, however, adding 6,400 private-sector employees.



### NOVA SCOTIA

<b>560,300</b>	<b>523,900</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
Labour Force	Employment	Unemployment Rate
<b>-700</b>	<b>+300</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Labour Force Change	Employment Change	Unemployment Rate Change



### NEW BRUNSWICK

<b>436,300</b>	<b>407,400</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
Labour Force	Employment	Unemployment Rate
<b>-2,500</b>	<b>-2,300</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Labour Force Change	Employment Change	Unemployment Rate Change



### NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

<b>273,100</b>	<b>243,800</b>	<b>10.7%</b>
Labour Force	Employment	Unemployment Rate
<b>+800</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>+0.3</b>
Labour Force Change	Employment Change	Unemployment Rate Change



### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

<b>102,300</b>	<b>94,800</b>	<b>7.3%</b>
Labour Force	Employment	Unemployment Rate
<b>+500</b>	<b>+800</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Labour Force Change	Employment Change	Unemployment Rate Change

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

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