Employment Insurance, September 2013

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Following three months of little change, the number of people receiving regular Employment Insurance (EI) benefits decreased slightly in September (-1.4% or -7,100) to 503,800. Compared with September 2012, the number of beneficiaries was down 8.8%.

However, the slight monthly decrease nationally did not mirror variations observed at the provincial level, as British Columbia and Ontario posted notable declines in September, while Saskatchewan and Alberta exhibited smaller declines. At the same time, there were more beneficiaries in Quebec and Manitoba, as well as in the Atlantic provinces.

The change in the number of regular EI beneficiaries reflects various situations, including people becoming beneficiaries, people going back to work, and people who no longer receive regular benefits.





Provincial and metropolitan area overview

In British Columbia, the number of regular EI beneficiaries fell by 8.5% in September. All four metropolitan areas in the province posted declines, ranging from 6.6% in Abbotsford–Mission to 12.9% in Vancouver.

The number of beneficiaries in Ontario decreased by 8.3%, and all metropolitan areas in the province saw declines from the previous month. In Toronto, the number of people receiving regular benefits fell 10.0% in September to 55,900.

There were slightly fewer beneficiaries in Saskatchewan (-1.2%) and Alberta (-1.1%). Metropolitan areas in both provinces saw decreases, except Calgary, where the number of beneficiaries increased, partly offsetting a decline the previous month.





In Quebec, the number of people receiving benefits rose by 5.6% in September. All six metropolitan areas in the province showed increases, ranging from 4.1% in Québec to 11.6% in Trois-Rivières. In Montréal, the number of beneficiaries rose by 8.4% to 56,600 in September, similar to the level recorded in December 2012.

More people received regular benefits in Manitoba (+4.0%) in September. In Winnipeg, the number of beneficiaries rose by 4.3%. For both the province and Winnipeg, the increase in September offset a decline the previous month.

In September, all four Atlantic provinces saw increases in the number of beneficiaries, ranging from 1.8% to 3.2%.

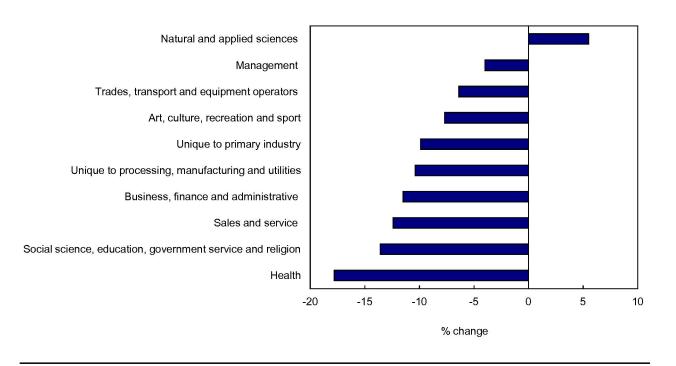
Regular Employment Insurance beneficiaries by occupation

In September, there were fewer beneficiaries in five major occupation groups, most notably social science, education, government service and religion (-4.4%) and sales and service (-3.1%). In contrast, there was a slight increase in art, culture, recreation and sport (+1.3%) and in processing, manufacturing and utilities (+1.3%). There was little change in the remaining occupation groups.

On a year-over-year basis, the number of beneficiaries was down in all occupation groups, except natural and applied science occupations. The declines ranged from 4.0% in management to 17.8% in health occupations, the group where the number of beneficiaries continues to decrease at the fastest pace. At the same time, the number of regular El beneficiaries in natural and applied science occupations rose by 5.5% in September, the seventh consecutive month of year-over-year increases for this group.

Chart 2

Number of regular Employment Insurance beneficiaries by occupation, percentage change, September 2012 to September 2013



Employment Insurance beneficiaries in major demographic groups

In September, there were fewer beneficiaries among women of all age groups and among men aged 55 and older. The declines ranged from 1.3% for women aged 25 to 54 to 9.1% for their younger counterparts aged 15 to 24. As for men younger than 55 receiving benefits, there was virtually no change in September, following an increase in August.

On a year-over-year basis, women of all age groups receiving benefits continued to exhibit faster rates of decline than men.

Employment Insurance claims unchanged

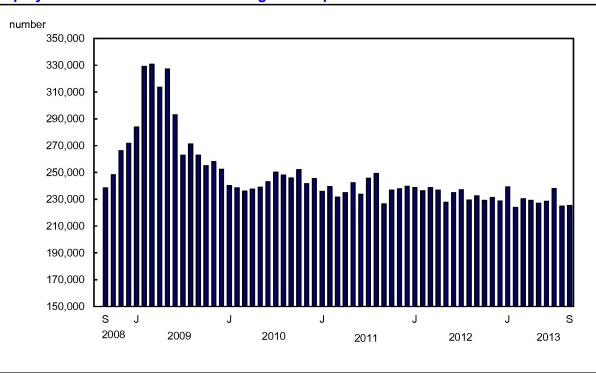
The number of claims provides an indication of the number of people who could become beneficiaries.

Following a notable decline in August, the number of initial and renewal claims was essentially unchanged in September, at 225,300. Compared with September 2012, claims were down 3.1%.

Provincially, claims increased by 9.6% in Saskatchewan. There were smaller increases in Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick and Alberta.

At the same time, the number of claims fell by 2.9% in Quebec and declined slightly in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador. British Columbia was the only province where claims were virtually unchanged.





Note to readers

Regular Employment Insurance (EI) benefits are available to eligible individuals who lose their jobs and who are available for and able to work, but can't find a job. To receive EI benefits, individuals must first submit a claim. The number of claims provides an indication of the number of people who could become beneficiaries.

There is always a certain proportion of unemployed people who do not qualify for benefits. Some unemployed people have not contributed to the program because they have not worked in the past 12 months or their employment is not insured. Other unemployed people have contributed to the program but do not meet the eligibility criteria, such as workers who left their job voluntarily or those who did not accumulate enough hours of work to receive benefits.

All data in this release are seasonally adjusted. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see Seasonal adjustment and identifying economic trends.

El statistics are produced from administrative data sources provided by Service Canada and Employment and Social Development Canada. These statistics may, from time to time, be affected by changes to the Employment Insurance Act or administrative procedures. Recent examples are the pilot project entitled "Working While on Claim," introduced on August 5, 2012, and the regulation on search for suitable employment, that came into effect on January 6, 2013.

The number of regular EI beneficiaries and the number of claims received for the current and previous month are subject to revision.

The number of beneficiaries is a measure of all people who received El benefits from September 15 to 21. This period coincides with the reference week of the Labour Force Survey (LFS).

El statistics indicate the number of people who received El benefits, and should not be confused with LFS data, which provide information on the total number of unemployed people.

Table 1Beneficiaries receiving regular income benefits1 by province and territory,2 sex and age –Seasonally adjusted

	September 2012	August 2013 ^p	September 2013 ^p	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September
		number		char	2013	% ch	2013
Canada		namber			ige	70 011	
Canada Both sexes	552,440	510,870	503,800	-7,070	-48,640	-1.4	-8.8
15 to 24 years	58,250	53,310	51,910	-1,400	-6,340	-2.6	-10.9
25 to 54 years	376,950	344,440	342,750	-1,690	-34,200	-0.5	-9.1
55 years and over	117,240	113,120	109,140	-3,980	-8,100	-3.5	-6.9
Men	333,160	314,710	312,370	-2,340	-20,790	-0.7	-6.2
15 to 24 years	42,840	40,060	39,860	-200	-2,980	-0.5	-7.0
25 to 54 years	219,650	205,900	206,000	100	-13,650	0.0	-6.2
55 years and over	70,680	68,750	66,510	-2,240	-4,170	-3.3	-5.9
Women	219,280	196,160	191,430	-4,730	-27,850	-2.4	-12.7
15 to 24 years	15,410	13,250	12,040	-1,210	-3,370	-9.1	-21.9
25 to 54 years	157,300	138,540	136,750	-1,790	-20,550	-1.3	-13.1
55 years and over	46,560	44,370	42,640	-1,730	-3,920	-3.9	-8.4
Newfoundland and Labrador							
Both sexes	34,860	31,330	32,200	870	-2,660	2.8	-7.6
15 to 24 years	3,210	2,880	2,920	40	-290	1.4	-9.0
25 to 54 years	21,760	19,300	20,110	810	-1,650	4.2	-7.6
55 years and over	9,900	9,150	9,170	20	-730	0.2	-7.4
Men	19,870	18,250	18,710	460	-1,160	2.5	-5.8
Women	14,990	13,080	13,490	410	-1,500	3.1	-10.0
Prince Edward Island							
Both sexes	8,720	7,170	7,400	230	-1,320	3.2	-15.1
15 to 24 years	1,000	770	830	60	-170	7.8	-17.0
25 to 54 years	5,390	4,400	4,680	280	-710	6.4	-13.2
55 years and over Men	2,330 5,140	2,000 4,380	1,880 4,390	-120 10	-450 -750	-6.0 0.2	-19.3 -14.6
Women	3,580	2,790	3,000	210	-580	7.5	-16.2
Nova Scotia							
Both sexes	30,990	27,060	27,560	500	-3,430	1.8	-11.1
15 to 24 years	3,440	2,840	2,850	10	-590	0.4	-17.2
25 to 54 years	20,370	17,570	18,010	440	-2,360	2.5	-11.6
55 years and over	7,180	6,650	6,690	40	-490	0.6	-6.8
Men	19,260	17,230	17,570	340	-1,690	2.0	-8.8
Women	11,730	9,840	9,990	150	-1,740	1.5	-14.8
New Brunswick							
Both sexes	35,510	31,710	32,730	1,020	-2,780	3.2	-7.8
15 to 24 years	4,180	3,690	3,740	50	-440	1.4	-10.5
25 to 54 years	22,570	19,610	20,400	790	-2,170	4.0	-9.6
55 years and over	8,760	8,400	8,590	190	-170	2.3	-1.9
Men Women	22,460 13,050	20,230 11,480	20,680 12,060	450 580	-1,780 -990	2.2 5.1	-7.9 -7.6
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Quebec Both sexes	164,140	144,640	152,750	8,110	-11,390	5.6	-6.9
15 to 24 years	17,560	15,920	16,030	110	-1,530	0.7	-8.7
25 to 54 years	110,690	95,320	103,730	8,410	-6,960	8.8	-6.3
55 years and over	35,890	33,400	32,990	-410	-2,900	-1.2	-8.1
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Men	103,930	95,290	98,960	3,670	-4,970	3.9	-4.8

Table 1 - continuedBeneficiaries receiving regular income benefits1 by province and territory,2 sex and age –Seasonally adjusted

	September	August	September	August to	September	August to	September
	2012	2013 ^p	2013 ^p	September	2012 to	September	2012 to
				2013	September	2013	September
					2013		2013
Ontario							
Both sexes	161,400	159,810	146,600	-13,210	-14,800	-8.3	-9.2
15 to 24 years	15,680	15,000	13,390	-1,610	-2,290	-10.7	-14.6
25 to 54 years	115,830	113,850	104,120	-9,730	-11,710	-8.5	-10.1
55 years and over	29,890	30,960	29,090	-1,870	-800	-6.0	-2.7
Men	92,960	93,590	88,750	-4,840	-4,210	-5.2	-4.5
Women	68,440	66,210	57,850	-8,360	-10,590	-12.6	-15.5
Manitoba							
Both sexes	14,660	12,740	13,250	510	-1,410	4.0	-9.6
15 to 24 years	1,980	1,790	1,820	30	-160	1.7	-8.1
25 to 54 years	10,120	8,530	9,050	520	-1,070	6.1	-10.6
55 years and over	2,560	2,410	2,380	-30	-180	-1.2	-7.0
Men	9,260	8,420	8,400	-20	-860	-0.2	-9.3
Women	5,400	4,310	4,850	540	-550	12.5	-10.2
Saskatchewan							
Both sexes	11,340	10,100	9,980	-120	-1,360	-1.2	-12.0
15 to 24 years	1,550	1,350	1,360	10	-190	0.7	-12.3
25 to 54 years	7,480	6,590	6,510	-80	-970	-1.2	-12.3
55 years and over	2,310	2,170	2,110	-60	-200	-1.2	-13.0 -8.7
Men	7,260	6,590	6,400	-190	-200 -860	-2.8 - 2.9	-0.7
Women	4,080	3,520	3,580	60	-500	-2.9	-12.3
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Both sexes	29,730	29,470	29,140	-330	-590	-1.1	-2.0
15 to 24 years	3,530	3,400	3,980	580	450	17.1	12.7
25 to 54 years	20,770	20,540	20,170	-370	-600	-1.8	-2.9
55 years and over	5,430	5,530	4,990	-540	-440	-9.8	-8.1
Men	17,760	17,950	18,260	310	500	1.7	2.8
Women	11,970	11,520	10,880	-640	-1,090	-5.6	-9.1
British Columbia							
Both sexes	57,850	52,540	48,050	-4,490	-9,800	-8.5	-16.9
15 to 24 years	5,760	5,260	4,580	-680	-1,180	-12.9	-20.5
25 to 54 years	39,640	35,620	32,990	-2,630	-6,650	-7.4	-16.8
55 years and over	12,450	11,660	10,480	-1,180	-1,970	-10.1	-15.8
Men	33,180	30,300	27,670	-2,630	-5,510	-8.7	-16.6
Women	24,670	22,240	20,380	-1,860	-4,290	-8.4	-17.4
Yukon							
Both sexes	1,060	960	1,010	50	-50	5.2	-4.7
15 to 24 years	130	130	130	0	0	0.0	0.0
25 to 54 years	690	620	660	40	-30	6.5	-4.3
55 years and over	240	210	220	10	-20	4.8	-8.3
Men	720	630	660	30	-60	4.8	-8.3
Women	350	330	360	30	10	9.1	2.9
Northwest Territories							
	070	720	700	50	00	6.0	10.3
Both sexes	870	730	780	50	-90	6.8	-10.3
15 to 24 years	80 660	60 560	60 590	0 30	-20 -70	0.0 5.4	-25.0 -10.6
25 to 54 years							
55 years and over	130	110	130	20	0	18.2	0.0
Men Women	580 300	480 250	510 260	30 10	-70 -40	6.3 4.0	-12.1 -13.3
	300	230	200	10	-40	4.0	-13.3

Table 1 Beneficiaries receiving regular income benefits¹ by province and territory,² sex and age – Seasonally adjusted

	September 2012	August 2013 ^p	September 2013 ^p	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September 2013	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September 2013
Nunavut							
Both sexes	590	450	450	0	-140	0.0	-23.7
15 to 24 years	80	50	40	-10	-40	-20.0	-50.0
25 to 54 years	450	360	380	20	-70	5.6	-15.6
55 years and over	60	40	30	-10	-30	-25.0	-50.0
Men	430	290	280	-10	-150	-3.4	-34.9
Women	160	150	170	20	10	13.3	6.3

^P preliminary
 1. Includes people who receive regular income benefits whether or not they participate in one of three employment benefit programs, namely the Skills Development Program, Job Creation Partnerships Program and Self-employment Program.
 2. 2006 Standard Geographical Classification.
 Note(s): Related CANSIM table: 276-0022.

Table 2 Initial and renewal claims received, by province and territory - Seasonally adjusted

	September 2012	August 2013 ^p	September 2013 ^p	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September 2013	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September 2013
		number		char	nge	% cha	ange
Canada	232,460	224,860	225,280	420	-7,180	0.2	-3.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	8,740	8,900	8,790	-110	50	-1.2	0.6
Prince Edward Island	2,500	2,350	2,320	-30	-180	-1.3	-7.2
Nova Scotia	9,510	9,240	9,060	-180	-450	-1.9	-4.7
New Brunswick	10,000	9,450	9,580	130	-420	1.4	-4.2
Quebec	69,670	68,030	66,050	-1,980	-3,620	-2.9	-5.2
Ontario	72,930	69,430	71,260	1,830	-1,670	2.6	-2.3
Manitoba	7,560	7,130	7,330	200	-230	2.8	-3.0
Saskatchewan	5,830	5,340	5,850	510	20	9.6	0.3
Alberta	18,230	18,510	18,700	190	470	1.0	2.6
British Columbia	26,460	25,550	25,370	-180	-1,090	-0.7	-4.1
Yukon	340	350	320	-30	-20	-8.6	-5.9
Northwest Territories	320	280	300	20	-20	7.1	-6.3
Nunavut	200	210	190	-20	-10	-9.5	-5.0

^p preliminary Note(s): Related CANSIM table: 276-0004.

Table 3 Beneficiaries receiving regular income benefits¹ by census metropolitan area² – Seasonally adjusted

	September 2012	August 2013 ^p	September 2013 ^p	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September 2013	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September 2013
	number		change		% change		
Newfoundland and Labrador St. John's	3,920	3,620	3,380	-240	-540	-6.6	-13.8
Nova Scotia Halifax	5,310	4,580	4,460	-120	-850	-2.6	-16.0
New Brunswick							
Moncton Saint John	3,160 2,720	2,780 2,450	2,760 2,460	-20 10	-400 -260	-0.7 0.4	-12.7 -9.6
Quebec							
Saguenay	3,790	3,870	4,040	170	250	4.4	6.6
Québec	9,660	9,050	9,420	370	-240	4.1	-2.5
Sherbrooke Trois-Rivières	3,610 3,640	3,130 3,020	3,330 3,370	200 350	-280 -270	6.4 11.6	-7.8 -7.4
Montréal	58,760	52,170	56,550	4,380	-2,210	8.4	-7.4
Ottawa–Gatineau, Quebec part	3,880	3,310	3,640	330	-240	10.0	-6.2
Ontario							
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part	7,520	7,200	6,850	-350	-670	-4.9	-8.9
Kingston	1,620	1,620	1,590	-30	-30	-1.9	-1.9
Peterborough Oshawa	1,490 4,420	1,450 4,900	1,260 3,940	-190 -960	-230 -480	-13.1 -19.6	-15.4 -10.9
Toronto	62,450	4,900 62,080	55,890	-6,190	-480	-10.0	-10.9
Hamilton	7,300	7,230	6,750	-480	-550	-6.6	-7.5
St. Catharines–Niagara	6,640	6,390	6,280	-110	-360	-1.7	-5.4
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	5,500	5,490	4,880	-610	-620	-11.1	-11.3
Brantford	2,150	2,090	1,970	-120	-180	-5.7	-8.4
Guelph	1,460	1,380	1,060	-320	-400	-23.2	-27.4
London	6,170	5,860	5,470	-390	-700	-6.7	-11.3
Windsor	4,550	4,710	4,360	-350	-190	-7.4	-4.2
Barrie	2,460	2,480	2,100	-380	-360	-15.3	-14.6
Greater Sudbury	2,380	2,610	2,400	-210	20	-8.0	0.8
Thunder Bay	1,690	1,560	1,500	-60	-190	-3.8	-11.2
Manitoba Winnipeg	7,390	6,500	6,780	280	-610	4.3	-8.3
Saskatchewan							
Regina	1,340	1,290	1,230	-60	-110	-4.7	-8.2
Saskatoon	2,190	1,900	1,760	-140	-430	-7.4	-19.6
Alberta	0 690	0.000	10.020	040	250	0.4	0.0
Calgary Edmonton	9,680 9,550	9,820 9,730	10,030 9,360	210 -370	350 -190	2.1 -3.8	3.6 -2.0
British Columbia							
Kelowna	2,740	2,420	2,250	-170	-490	-7.0	-17.9
Abbotsford–Mission	3,100	2,590	2,420	-170	-680	-6.6	-21.9
Vancouver	23,540	22,810	19,870	-2,940	-3,670	-12.9	-15.6
Victoria	3,220	2,900	2,660	-240	-560	-8.3	-17.4

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 Includes people who receive regular income benefits whether or not they participate in one of three employment benefit programs, namely the Skills Development Program, Job Creation Partnerships Program and Self-employment Program.

2. 2006 Standard Geographical Classification.

Note(s): Related CANSIM table: 276-0031.

Table 4Beneficiaries receiving regular income benefits1 by occupation,2 Canada – Seasonally adjusted

	September 2012	August 2013 ^p	September 2013 ^p	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September 2013	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September 2013
	number			char	nge	% cha	ange
All occupations	552,440	510,870	503,800	-7,070	-48,640	-1.4	-8.8
Management occupations	32,340	31,120	31,050	-70	-1,290	-0.2	-4.0
Senior management occupations	2,780	2,640	2,600	-40	-180	-1.5	-6.5
Other management occupations	29,570	28,470	28,440	-30	-1,130	-0.1	-3.8
Business, finance and administrative occupations	72,420	64,360	64,080	-280	-8,340	-0.4	-11.5
Professional occupations in business and finance	5,240	5,000	5,020	20	-220	0.4	-4.2
Financial, secretarial and administrative occupations	18,830	16,920	17,120	200	-1,710	1.2	-9.1
Clerical occupations, including supervisors	48,360	42,450	41,950	-500	-6,410	-1.2	-13.3
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	25,630	27,350	27,050	-300	1,420	-1.1	5.5
Health occupations Professional occupations in health, nurse supervisors and	8,860	7,410	7,280	-130	-1,580	-1.8	-17.8
registered nurses Technical, assisting and related	1,400	1,210	1,190	-20	-210	-1.7	-15.0
occupations in health	7,470	6,200	6,090	-110	-1,380	-1.8	-18.5
Occupations in social science, education, government service and religion Occupations in social science, government service and religion Teachers and professors	32,250 16,290 15,960	29,130 15,260 13,870	27,860 14,460 13,400	-1,270 -800 -470	-4,390 -1,830 -2,560	-4.4 -5.2 -3.4	-13.6 -11.2 -16.0
Occupations in art, culture,	10,000		.0,.00		2,000	0.1	
recreation and sport	10,810	9,850	9,980	130	-830	1.3	-7.7
Sales and service occupations Wholesale, technical, insurance, real estate sales specialists, and retail,	105,920	95,720	92,780	-2,940	-13,140	-3.1	-12.4
wholesale and grain buyers Retail salespersons, sales clerks, cashiers, including	5,590	5,200	5,160	-40	-430	-0.8	-7.7
clerks, cashiers, including retail trade supervisors Chefs and cooks, and occupations in food and beverage service, including	19,630	18,330	17,660	-670	-1,970	-3.7	-10.0
supervisors Occupations in protective	20,600	17,870	16,490	-1,380	-4,110	-7.7	-20.0
services Childcare and home support	5,790	5,280	5,260	-20	-530	-0.4	-9.2
workers	17,510	15,910	15,420	-490	-2,090	-3.1	-11.9

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	September 2012	August 2013 ^p	September 2013 ^p	August to September 2013	September 2012 to September 2013	August to September 2013	Septembe 2012 to Septembe 2013
Sales and service occupations (not elsewhere classified), including occupations in travel and accommodation, attendants in recreation and							
sport as well as supervisors	36,810	33,120	32,780	-340	-4,030	-1.0	-10.9
Trades, transport and equipment operators and							
related occupations	168,640	160,800	157,790	-3,010	-10,850	-1.9	-6.4
Contractors and supervisors in	5.040	0.400	5 000	200	20		0.0
trades and transportation	5,940	6,120	5,920	-200	-20	-3.3	-0.3
Construction trades	34,050	32,220	31,590	-630	-2,460	-2.0	-7.2
Other trades occupations Transport and equipment	38,570	37,850	38,870	1,020	300	2.7	3.0
operators Trades helpers, construction and transportation labourers	40,850	39,200	36,740	-2,460	-4,110	-6.3	-10.1
and related occupations	49,230	45,420	44,680	-740	-4,550	-1.6	-9.2
Occupations unique to primary industry	40,520	36,300	36,510	210	-4,010	0.6	-9.9
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	54,950	48,620	49,260	640	-5,690	1.3	-10.4
Machine operators and assemblers in manufacturing,	,•	,0	,_30		-,		
including supervisors Labourers in processing,	26,940	23,960	24,780	820	-2,160	3.4	-8.0
manufacturing and utilities	28,000	24,660	24,480	-180	-3,520	-0.7	-12.6

Table 4 - continued

Beneficiaries receiving regular income benefits¹ by occupation,² Canada – Seasonally adjusted

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1. Includes people who receive regular income benefits whether or not they participate in one of three employment benefit programs, namely the Skills Development Program, Job Creation Partnerships Program and Self-employment Program.

2. 2006 National Occupational Classification – Statistics.

Note(s): Related CANSIM table: 276-0041.

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Data tables are also now available online. From the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Summary tables*, choose *Subject*, then *Labour*.

Data on Employment Insurance for October will be released on December 19.

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