

# Employment Insurance, May 2018

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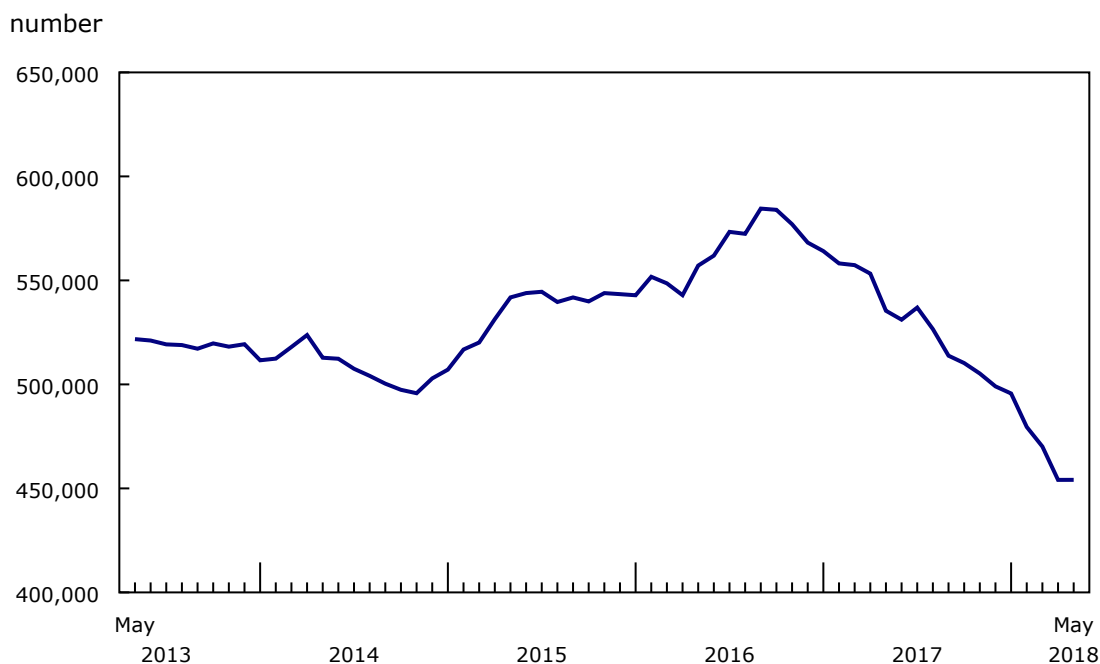
In May, 454,100 people received regular Employment Insurance (EI) benefits, virtually unchanged from April.

Declines in Alberta, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Newfoundland and Labrador were offset by increases in Quebec and Ontario.

In the 12 months to May, the number of EI recipients in Canada fell by 81,300 (-15.2%). Over the same period, the Labour Force Survey (LFS) shows that the unemployment rate declined by 0.7 percentage points to 5.8% in May.

In general, variations in the number of beneficiaries can reflect changes in the circumstances in a number of different groups, including those becoming beneficiaries, those going back to work, those exhausting their regular benefits, and those no longer receiving benefits for other reasons.

**Chart 1**  
**Regular Employment Insurance beneficiaries**



Source(s): Table 14-10-0011-01 (formerly CANSIM table 276-0022).

## Provincial and sub-provincial overview

The number of beneficiaries in Alberta continued a downward trend that began in the fall of 2016, decreasing by 5.8% to 52,800 in May. Declines were observed throughout the province, led by the census agglomerations (CAs) (-8.7%). The number of beneficiaries also decreased in the census metropolitan areas (CMAs) of Calgary (-7.1%) and Edmonton (-2.4%). In the 12 months to May, the number of EI recipients in the province fell by 21,000 (-28.4%). Over the same period, LFS data show that the unemployment rate in Alberta declined from 7.8% to 6.2%.

In New Brunswick, the number of EI recipients fell by 3.2% to 26,900 in May, a sixth consecutive monthly decline. Decreases were led by the CMA of Moncton (-5.4%). On a year-over-year basis, the number of EI recipients in the province was down 16.0%.



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The number of people receiving EI benefits in Prince Edward Island declined by 2.3% to 7,600, with decreases concentrated in the CAs (-4.3%). In the 12 months to May, the number of recipients was down 2.8%.

EI beneficiaries in British Columbia totalled 41,000 in May, down 2.2% from April. Declines were led by the CAs (-4.0%), with decreases also observed in the CMAs of Abbotsford–Mission (-4.0%) and Kelowna (-3.8%). Compared with 12 months earlier, the number of EI recipients in the province was down by 20.9%.

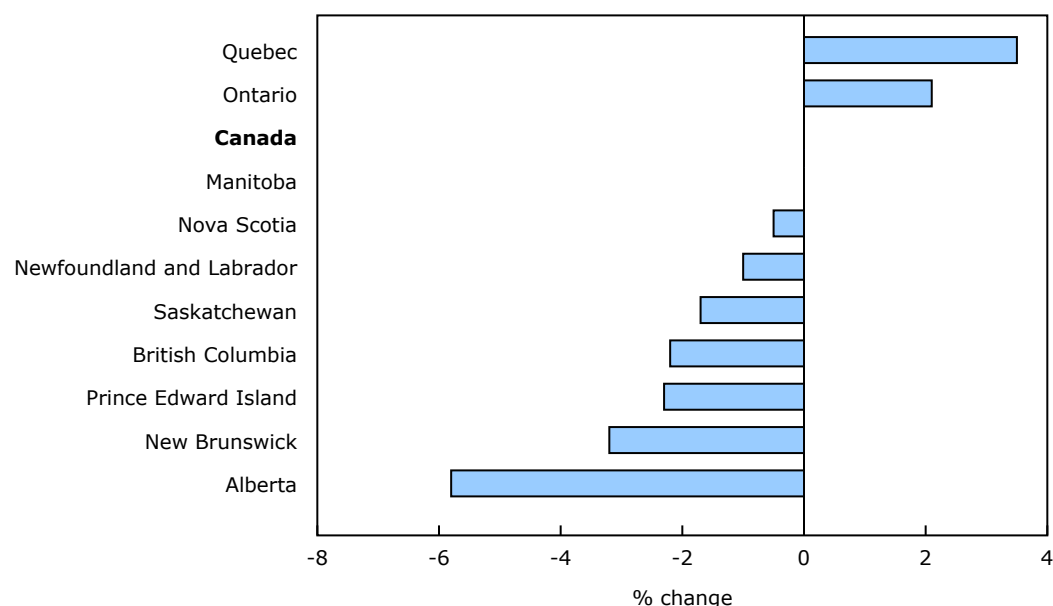
The number of people receiving regular EI benefits in Saskatchewan decreased by 1.7% to 16,900 in May, led by areas outside the CMAs and CAs (-1.8%). On a year-over-year basis, the number of EI recipients in Saskatchewan declined by 10.7%.

In Newfoundland and Labrador, the number of EI beneficiaries decreased slightly (-1.0%) to 36,800 in May, primarily due to declines in areas outside the CMA and CAs (-1.2%). Compared with 12 months earlier, there were 6.1% fewer beneficiaries in the province, the fastest year-over-year decline since December 2014. Data from the LFS show that the province's unemployment rate changed little over the 12 months, and was 14.5% in May.

In Quebec, the number of EI recipients increased by 3.5% to 108,200. Gains were concentrated in the CMAs (+6.2%), led by the CMA of Ottawa–Gatineau (Quebec part) (+13.3%). In the 12 months to May, the number of beneficiaries in the province was down by 17.8%.

There were 119,400 EI recipients in Ontario in May, an increase of 2.1% from April. Gains were widespread across the province, led by the CMA of Kingston (+8.3%). On a year-over-year basis, the number of EI beneficiaries in the province decreased by 11.6%.

**Chart 2**  
**Regular Employment Insurance beneficiaries by province, April to May 2018**



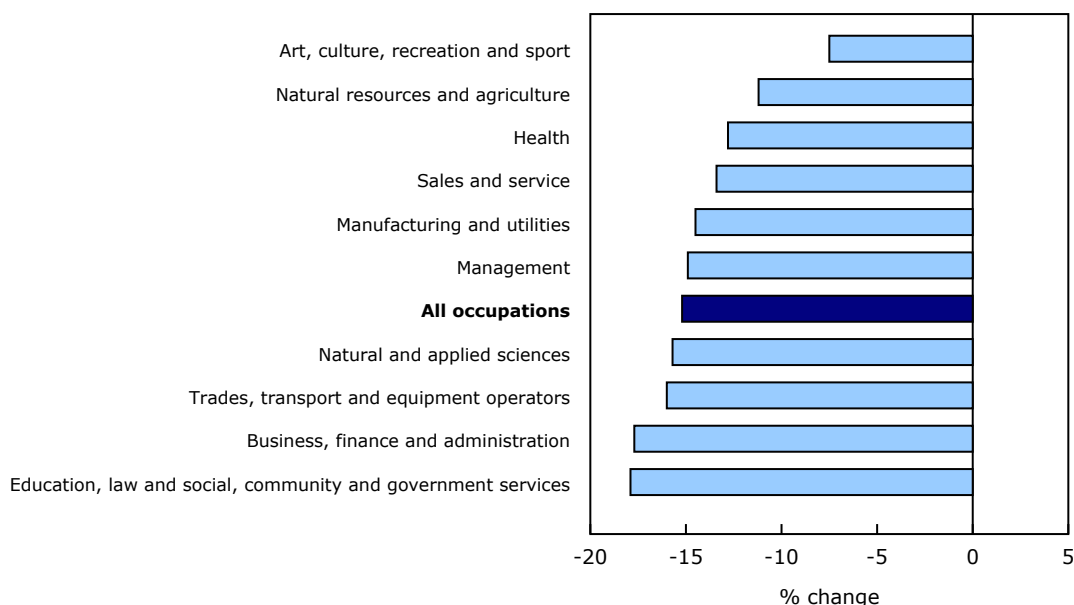
Source(s): Table 14-10-0011-01 (formerly CANSIM table 276-0022).

## Employment Insurance beneficiaries by occupation

In the 12 months to May, the number of EI recipients fell in all 10 broad occupation groups. The largest declines were among those whose last job was in education, law and social, community and government services (-17.9%); business, finance and administration (-17.7%); trades, transport and equipment operators (-16.0%); as well as in natural and applied sciences (-15.7%). For the second consecutive month, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, and Alberta posted year-over-year declines in all broad occupation groups.

### Chart 3

#### Regular Employment Insurance beneficiaries by occupation, May 2017 to May 2018



Source(s): Table 14-10-0337-01 (formerly CANSIM table 276-0043).

## Employment Insurance beneficiaries in major demographic groups

Among both men and women, there was little change in the overall number of EI beneficiaries in May. Recipients increased among young men aged 15 to 24 (+7.0%), while they decreased among young women (-3.5%). A slight decline was observed for men aged 55 and older (-1.1%).

On a year-over-year basis, the number of beneficiaries declined in all major demographic groups, led by young women (-19.4%).

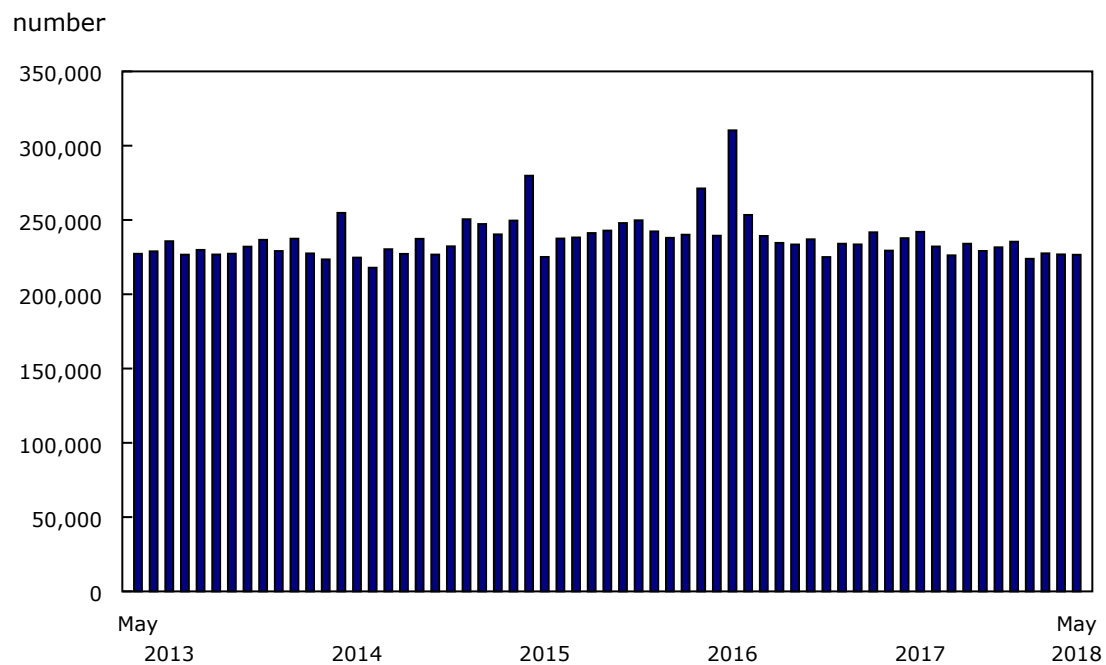
## Employment Insurance claims

The number of claims totalled 226,600 in May, little changed from April. The number of claims provides an indication of the number of people who could become beneficiaries.

In May, claims fell in Prince Edward Island (-6.7%), Newfoundland and Labrador (-4.0%), Saskatchewan (-3.1%), New Brunswick (-2.4%) and Quebec (-1.8%). In contrast, there were increases in Alberta (+3.0%) and, to a lesser extent, Manitoba (+1.5%), Nova Scotia (+1.3%) and Ontario (+1.1%). There was little change in British Columbia.

In the 12 months to May, claims decreased by 1.2% nationally.

**Chart 4**  
**Employment Insurance claims**



Source(s): Table [14-10-0005-01](#) (formerly CANSIM table 276-0004).

## Note to readers

### Concepts and methodology

The analysis presented here focuses on people who received regular Employment Insurance (EI) benefits related to job loss. Claims data pertain to initial and renewal claims received for any type of EI benefits, including special benefits.

EI 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.

Regular EI benefits are available to eligible individuals who lose their jobs and who are available for and able to work, but cannot find a job. To receive EI benefits, individuals must first submit a claim.

EI statistics indicate the number of people who received EI benefits, and should not be confused with Labour Force Survey (LFS) data, which provide estimates of the total number of unemployed people. 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 [Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions](#).

Numbers in the Daily text are rounded to the nearest hundred.

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 EI benefits from May 13 to 19. This period coincides with the reference week of the LFS. However, claims data are for the entire month.

### Geographical definitions

A census metropolitan area (CMA) or a census agglomeration (CA) is formed by one or more adjacent municipalities centred on a population centre. A CMA must have a total population of at least 100,000. A CA must have a population of at least 10,000. See [Standard Geographical Classification 2011 – definitions](#) for more information.

### Next release

Data on Employment Insurance for June will be released on August 23.

**Table 1**  
**Beneficiaries receiving regular income benefits<sup>1</sup> by province and territory, sex and age group –**  
**Seasonally adjusted**

	May 2017	April 2018 <sup>P</sup>	May 2018 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2018	May 2017 to May 2018	April to May 2018	May 2017 to May 2018
	number			change		% change	
<b>Canada</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>535,400</b>	<b>454,090</b>	<b>454,110</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-81,290</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-15.2</b>
15 to 24 years	50,900	40,220	41,820	1,600	-9,080	4.0	-17.8
25 to 54 years	346,050	289,370	288,990	-380	-57,060	-0.1	-16.5
55 years and over	138,450	124,500	123,290	-1,210	-15,160	-1.0	-10.9
<b>Men</b>	<b>333,870</b>	<b>278,540</b>	<b>279,790</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>-54,080</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-16.2</b>
15 to 24 years	37,070	28,660	30,680	2,020	-6,390	7.0	-17.2
25 to 54 years	211,430	174,060	174,100	40	-37,330	0.0	-17.7
55 years and over	85,370	75,820	75,020	-800	-10,350	-1.1	-12.1
<b>Women</b>	<b>201,530</b>	<b>175,550</b>	<b>174,320</b>	<b>-1,230</b>	<b>-27,210</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-13.5</b>
15 to 24 years	13,830	11,560	11,150	-410	-2,680	-3.5	-19.4
25 to 54 years	134,620	115,310	114,900	-410	-19,720	-0.4	-14.6
55 years and over	53,080	48,680	48,280	-400	-4,800	-0.8	-9.0
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>39,210</b>	<b>37,190</b>	<b>36,830</b>	<b>-360</b>	<b>-2,380</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-6.1</b>
15 to 24 years	3,510	3,500	3,510	10	0	0.3	0.0
25 to 54 years	22,560	21,370	21,010	-360	-1,550	-1.7	-6.9
55 years and over	13,140	12,320	12,320	0	-820	0.0	-6.2
<b>Men</b>	<b>23,680</b>	<b>23,120</b>	<b>22,740</b>	<b>-380</b>	<b>-940</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-4.0</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>15,530</b>	<b>14,070</b>	<b>14,090</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-1,440</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-9.3</b>
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>7,810</b>	<b>7,770</b>	<b>7,590</b>	<b>-180</b>	<b>-220</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>-2.8</b>
15 to 24 years	1,000	1,240	1,180	-60	180	-4.8	18.0
25 to 54 years	4,340	4,160	4,050	-110	-290	-2.6	-6.7
55 years and over	2,470	2,370	2,360	-10	-110	-0.4	-4.5
<b>Men</b>	<b>4,580</b>	<b>4,520</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>-120</b>	<b>-180</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-3.9</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>3,230</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>-60</b>	<b>-40</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>27,660</b>	<b>26,390</b>	<b>26,270</b>	<b>-120</b>	<b>-1,390</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-5.0</b>
15 to 24 years	2,840	2,980	2,840	-140	0	-4.7	0.0
25 to 54 years	17,090	15,920	15,880	-40	-1,210	-0.3	-7.1
55 years and over	7,730	7,490	7,540	50	-190	0.7	-2.5
<b>Men</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>16,920</b>	<b>16,790</b>	<b>-130</b>	<b>-710</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-4.1</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>10,160</b>	<b>9,470</b>	<b>9,480</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-680</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-6.7</b>
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>31,990</b>	<b>27,760</b>	<b>26,880</b>	<b>-880</b>	<b>-5,110</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>-16.0</b>
15 to 24 years	4,390	3,300	3,440	140	-950	4.2	-21.6
25 to 54 years	18,060	15,630	15,020	-610	-3,040	-3.9	-16.8
55 years and over	9,540	8,830	8,430	-400	-1,110	-4.5	-11.6
<b>Men</b>	<b>20,570</b>	<b>18,120</b>	<b>17,310</b>	<b>-810</b>	<b>-3,260</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>-15.8</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>11,420</b>	<b>9,640</b>	<b>9,570</b>	<b>-70</b>	<b>-1,850</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-16.2</b>
<b>Quebec</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>131,600</b>	<b>104,600</b>	<b>108,220</b>	<b>3,620</b>	<b>-23,380</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>-17.8</b>
15 to 24 years	11,650	7,680	8,610	930	-3,040	12.1	-26.1
25 to 54 years	84,190	65,380	68,370	2,990	-15,820	4.6	-18.8
55 years and over	35,770	31,540	31,240	-300	-4,530	-1.0	-12.7
<b>Men</b>	<b>84,580</b>	<b>64,910</b>	<b>67,650</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>-16,930</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>-20.0</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>47,020</b>	<b>39,680</b>	<b>40,570</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>-6,450</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>-13.7</b>
<b>Ontario</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>135,060</b>	<b>116,930</b>	<b>119,410</b>	<b>2,480</b>	<b>-15,650</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-11.6</b>
15 to 24 years	11,470	8,830	9,700	870	-1,770	9.9	-15.4
25 to 54 years	91,900	77,820	79,050	1,230	-12,850	1.6	-14.0
55 years and over	31,690	30,290	30,650	360	-1,040	1.2	-3.3
<b>Men</b>	<b>79,390</b>	<b>65,620</b>	<b>68,490</b>	<b>2,870</b>	<b>-10,900</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-13.7</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>55,670</b>	<b>51,310</b>	<b>50,920</b>	<b>-390</b>	<b>-4,750</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-8.5</b>

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**Beneficiaries receiving regular income benefits<sup>1</sup> by province and territory, sex and age group – Seasonally adjusted**

	May 2017	April 2018 <sup>P</sup>	May 2018 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2018	May 2017 to May 2018	April to May 2018	May 2017 to May 2018
<b>Manitoba</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>15,270</b>	<b>15,190</b>	<b>15,190</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-80</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
15 to 24 years	2,140	2,140	2,200	60	60	2.8	2.8
25 to 54 years	9,970	10,040	10,020	-20	50	-0.2	0.5
55 years and over	3,170	3,010	2,980	-30	-190	-1.0	-6.0
<b>Men</b>	<b>9,960</b>	<b>10,140</b>	<b>10,200</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>5,310</b>	<b>5,050</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>-50</b>	<b>-310</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-5.8</b>
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>18,910</b>	<b>17,180</b>	<b>16,880</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-2,030</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-10.7</b>
15 to 24 years	2,390	1,980	2,020	40	-370	2.0	-15.5
25 to 54 years	12,320	11,230	11,050	-180	-1,270	-1.6	-10.3
55 years and over	4,210	3,970	3,810	-160	-400	-4.0	-9.5
<b>Men</b>	<b>12,990</b>	<b>11,830</b>	<b>11,610</b>	<b>-220</b>	<b>-1,380</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-10.6</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>5,920</b>	<b>5,340</b>	<b>5,270</b>	<b>-70</b>	<b>-650</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-11.0</b>
<b>Alberta</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>73,790</b>	<b>56,120</b>	<b>52,840</b>	<b>-3,280</b>	<b>-20,950</b>	<b>-5.8</b>	<b>-28.4</b>
15 to 24 years	6,700	4,830	4,670	-160	-2,030	-3.3	-30.3
25 to 54 years	50,370	38,270	35,860	-2,410	-14,510	-6.3	-28.8
55 years and over	16,710	13,020	12,310	-710	-4,400	-5.5	-26.3
<b>Men</b>	<b>48,610</b>	<b>36,760</b>	<b>34,680</b>	<b>-2,080</b>	<b>-13,930</b>	<b>-5.7</b>	<b>-28.7</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>25,180</b>	<b>19,370</b>	<b>18,160</b>	<b>-1,210</b>	<b>-7,020</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>-27.9</b>
<b>British Columbia</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>51,840</b>	<b>41,950</b>	<b>41,020</b>	<b>-930</b>	<b>-10,820</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>-20.9</b>
15 to 24 years	4,570	3,460	3,390	-70	-1,180	-2.0	-25.8
25 to 54 years	33,670	27,420	26,570	-850	-7,100	-3.1	-21.1
55 years and over	13,590	11,070	11,060	-10	-2,530	-0.1	-18.6
<b>Men</b>	<b>30,590</b>	<b>24,680</b>	<b>24,060</b>	<b>-620</b>	<b>-6,530</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-21.3</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>21,250</b>	<b>17,270</b>	<b>16,960</b>	<b>-310</b>	<b>-4,290</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-20.2</b>
<b>Yukon</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>-150</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>-21.7</b>
15 to 24 years	70	50	50	0	-20	0.0	-28.6
25 to 54 years	430	370	350	-20	-80	-5.4	-18.6
55 years and over	190	150	140	-10	-50	-6.7	-26.3
<b>Men</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>-40</b>	<b>-70</b>	<b>-10.0</b>	<b>-16.3</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-80</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>-30.8</b>
<b>Northwest Territories</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>4.6</b>
15 to 24 years	80	60	60	0	-20	0.0	-25.0
25 to 54 years	470	510	470	-40	0	-7.8	0.0
55 years and over	110	140	140	0	30	0.0	27.3
<b>Men</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>9.3</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-8.7</b>	<b>-4.5</b>
<b>Nunavut</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>
15 to 24 years	80	60	60	0	-20	0.0	-25.0
25 to 54 years	410	440	430	-10	20	-2.3	4.9
55 years and over	50	60	60	0	10	0.0	20.0
<b>Men</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>5.7</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<sup>P</sup> 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, the Job Creation Partnerships Program and the Self-employment Program.

Source(s): Table 14-10-0011-01 (formerly CANSIM table 276-0022).

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

	May 2017	April 2018 <sup>p</sup>	May 2018 <sup>p</sup>	April to May 2018	May 2017 to May 2018	April to May 2018	May 2017 to May 2018
	number			change		% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>229,350</b>	<b>226,800</b>	<b>226,570</b>	<b>-230</b>	<b>-2,780</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	9,060	9,480	9,100	-380	40	-4.0	0.4
Prince Edward Island	2,510	2,390	2,230	-160	-280	-6.7	-11.2
Nova Scotia	9,350	9,260	9,380	120	30	1.3	0.3
New Brunswick	10,310	10,070	9,830	-240	-480	-2.4	-4.7
Quebec	63,430	62,520	61,420	-1,100	-2,010	-1.8	-3.2
Ontario	69,900	69,790	70,570	780	670	1.1	1.0
Manitoba	8,300	8,070	8,190	120	-110	1.5	-1.3
Saskatchewan	7,110	7,150	6,930	-220	-180	-3.1	-2.5
Alberta	23,470	23,380	24,080	700	610	3.0	2.6
British Columbia	25,070	23,730	23,900	170	-1,170	0.7	-4.7
Yukon	280	300	290	-10	10	-3.3	3.6
Northwest Territories	250	300	250	-50	0	-16.7	0.0
Nunavut	190	220	220	0	30	0.0	15.8

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

Source(s): Table 14-10-0005-01 (formerly CANSIM table 276-0004).



**Table 3****Beneficiaries receiving regular income benefits<sup>1</sup> by census metropolitan category<sup>2</sup> – Seasonally adjusted**

	May 2017	April 2018 <sup>P</sup>	May 2018 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2018	May 2017 to May 2018	April to May 2018	May 2017 to May 2018
	number		change		% change		
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
Census metropolitan areas	5,480	5,100	5,060	-40	-420	-0.8	-7.7
St. John's	5,480	5,100	5,060	-40	-420	-0.8	-7.7
Census agglomerations	3,960	3,920	3,940	20	-20	0.5	-0.5
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	29,760	28,170	27,840	-330	-1,920	-1.2	-6.5
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
Census agglomerations	2,860	2,790	2,670	-120	-190	-4.3	-6.6
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	4,940	4,980	4,920	-60	-20	-1.2	-0.4
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
Census metropolitan areas	5,390	5,040	4,970	-70	-420	-1.4	-7.8
Halifax	5,390	5,040	4,970	-70	-420	-1.4	-7.8
Census agglomerations	8,570	8,720	8,600	-120	30	-1.4	0.4
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	13,700	12,630	12,700	70	-1,000	0.6	-7.3
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
Census metropolitan areas	5,430	4,650	4,510	-140	-920	-3.0	-16.9
Moncton	2,870	2,600	2,460	-140	-410	-5.4	-14.3
Saint John	2,560	2,050	2,050	0	-510	0.0	-19.9
Census agglomerations	6,760	5,670	5,590	-80	-1,170	-1.4	-17.3
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	19,790	17,430	16,780	-650	-3,010	-3.7	-15.2
<b>Quebec</b>							
Census metropolitan areas	69,310	54,650	58,020	3,370	-11,290	6.2	-16.3
Montréal	48,310	37,940	40,790	2,850	-7,520	7.5	-15.6
Ottawa–Gatineau (Quebec part)	3,570	2,480	2,810	330	-760	13.3	-21.3
Québec	8,580	7,170	7,200	30	-1,380	0.4	-16.1
Saguenay	3,570	2,780	2,740	-40	-830	-1.4	-23.2
Sherbrooke	2,760	2,280	2,410	130	-350	5.7	-12.7
Trois-Rivières	2,520	2,010	2,090	80	-430	4.0	-17.1
Census agglomerations	17,920	13,710	13,950	240	-3,970	1.8	-22.2
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	44,380	36,230	36,240	10	-8,140	0.0	-18.3
<b>Ontario</b>							
Census metropolitan areas	96,200	83,600	84,690	1,090	-11,510	1.3	-12.0
Barrie	2,220	1,990	1,980	-10	-240	-0.5	-10.8
Brantford	1,680	1,440	1,530	90	-150	6.3	-8.9
Greater Sudbury	2,840	2,250	2,100	-150	-740	-6.7	-26.1
Guelph	1,300	1,030	1,030	0	-270	0.0	-20.8
Hamilton	7,040	5,500	5,560	60	-1,480	1.1	-21.0
Kingston	1,520	1,200	1,300	100	-220	8.3	-14.5
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	4,470	4,040	4,070	30	-400	0.7	-8.9
London	4,710	3,960	4,030	70	-680	1.8	-14.4
Oshawa	3,670	3,590	3,640	50	-30	1.4	-0.8
Ottawa–Gatineau (Ontario part)	6,810	5,850	6,280	430	-530	7.4	-7.8
Peterborough	1,380	1,130	1,140	10	-240	0.9	-17.4
St. Catharines–Niagara	5,170	4,390	4,520	130	-650	3.0	-12.6
Thunder Bay	1,520	1,350	1,340	-10	-180	-0.7	-11.8
Toronto	49,320	43,130	43,250	120	-6,070	0.3	-12.3
Windsor	2,550	2,760	2,940	180	390	6.5	15.3
Census agglomerations	15,680	14,010	14,260	250	-1,420	1.8	-9.1
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	23,180	19,320	20,460	1,140	-2,720	5.9	-11.7

Table 3 - continued

**Beneficiaries receiving regular income benefits<sup>1</sup> by census metropolitan category<sup>2</sup> – Seasonally adjusted**

	May 2017	April 2018 <sup>P</sup>	May 2018 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2018	May 2017 to May 2018	April to May 2018	May 2017 to May 2018
<b>Manitoba</b>							
Census metropolitan areas	7,430	7,160	7,220	60	-210	0.8	-2.8
Winnipeg	7,430	7,160	7,220	60	-210	0.8	-2.8
Census agglomerations	1,080	1,040	1,050	10	-30	1.0	-2.8
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	6,760	6,990	6,920	-70	160	-1.0	2.4
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
Census metropolitan areas	7,300	6,050	5,960	-90	-1,340	-1.5	-18.4
Regina	2,370	1,970	1,940	-30	-430	-1.5	-18.1
Saskatoon	4,930	4,080	4,020	-60	-910	-1.5	-18.5
Census agglomerations	3,180	2,930	2,870	-60	-310	-2.0	-9.7
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	8,430	8,200	8,050	-150	-380	-1.8	-4.5
<b>Alberta</b>							
Census metropolitan areas	51,030	38,690	36,840	-1,850	-14,190	-4.8	-27.8
Calgary	25,640	19,060	17,700	-1,360	-7,940	-7.1	-31.0
Edmonton	25,400	19,620	19,140	-480	-6,260	-2.4	-24.6
Census agglomerations	10,290	7,920	7,230	-690	-3,060	-8.7	-29.7
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	12,460	9,520	8,770	-750	-3,690	-7.9	-29.6
<b>British Columbia</b>							
Census metropolitan areas	24,690	20,820	20,660	-160	-4,030	-0.8	-16.3
Abbotsford–Mission	2,190	1,750	1,680	-70	-510	-4.0	-23.3
Kelowna	3,040	2,400	2,310	-90	-730	-3.8	-24.0
Vancouver	17,030	14,670	14,670	0	-2,360	0.0	-13.9
Victoria	2,420	2,000	2,010	10	-410	0.5	-16.9
Census agglomerations	14,770	11,400	10,940	-460	-3,830	-4.0	-25.9
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	12,390	9,740	9,420	-320	-2,970	-3.3	-24.0

<sup>P</sup> 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, the Job Creation Partnerships Program and the Self-employment Program.

2. 2011 Standard Geographical Classification.

Source(s): Table 14-10-0013-01 (formerly CANSIM table 276-0034).

**Table 4**  
**Beneficiaries receiving regular income benefits<sup>1</sup> by occupation,<sup>2</sup> Canada – Seasonally adjusted**

	May 2017	April 2018 <sup>P</sup>	May 2018 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2018	May 2017 to May 2018	April to May 2018	May 2017 to May 2018
	number			change		% change	
<b>All occupations</b>	<b>535,400</b>	<b>454,090</b>	<b>454,110</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-81,290</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-15.2</b>
<b>Management occupations</b>	<b>35,540</b>	<b>30,710</b>	<b>30,260</b>	<b>-450</b>	<b>-5,280</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-14.9</b>
Senior management occupations	3,120	2,890	2,830	-60	-290	-2.1	-9.3
Specialized middle management occupations	12,610	10,650	10,420	-230	-2,190	-2.2	-17.4
Middle management occupations in retail and wholesale trade and customer services	12,210	10,910	10,700	-210	-1,510	-1.9	-12.4
Middle management occupations in trades, transportation, production and utilities	7,610	6,270	6,310	40	-1,300	0.6	-17.1
<b>Business, finance and administration occupations</b>	<b>58,590</b>	<b>48,820</b>	<b>48,220</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-10,370</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-17.7</b>
Professional occupations in business and finance	7,000	6,040	5,820	-220	-1,180	-3.6	-16.9
Administrative and financial supervisors and administrative occupations	24,230	21,060	20,740	-320	-3,490	-1.5	-14.4
Finance, insurance and related business administrative occupations	2,230	1,920	1,870	-50	-360	-2.6	-16.1
Office support occupations	17,430	13,400	13,290	-110	-4,140	-0.8	-23.8
Distribution, tracking and scheduling co-ordination occupations	7,690	6,400	6,500	100	-1,190	1.6	-15.5
<b>Natural and applied sciences and related occupations</b>	<b>29,770</b>	<b>24,600</b>	<b>25,110</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>-4,660</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-15.7</b>
Professional occupations in natural and applied sciences	9,040	7,220	7,150	-70	-1,890	-1.0	-20.9
Technical occupations related to natural and applied sciences	20,720	17,380	17,970	590	-2,750	3.4	-13.3
<b>Health occupations</b>	<b>8,040</b>	<b>7,120</b>	<b>7,010</b>	<b>-110</b>	<b>-1,030</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-12.8</b>
Professional occupations in nursing	800	700	660	-40	-140	-5.7	-17.5
Professional occupations in health (except nursing)	690	530	520	-10	-170	-1.9	-24.6
Technical occupations in health	2,730	2,450	2,430	-20	-300	-0.8	-11.0
Assisting occupations in support of health services	3,830	3,430	3,400	-30	-430	-0.9	-11.2
<b>Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services</b>	<b>50,600</b>	<b>41,630</b>	<b>41,550</b>	<b>-80</b>	<b>-9,050</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-17.9</b>
Professional occupations in education services	14,400	10,940	11,610	670	-2,790	6.1	-19.4
Professional occupations in law and social, community and government services	5,450	4,740	4,620	-120	-830	-2.5	-15.2
Paraprofessional occupations in legal, social, community and education services	10,790	8,750	8,640	-110	-2,150	-1.3	-19.9
Occupations in front-line public protection services	640	620	610	-10	-30	-1.6	-4.7
Care providers and educational, legal and public protection support occupations	19,320	16,570	16,070	-500	-3,250	-3.0	-16.8
<b>Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport</b>	<b>9,450</b>	<b>8,600</b>	<b>8,740</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>-710</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-7.5</b>
Professional occupations in art and culture	1,960	1,690	1,700	10	-260	0.6	-13.3
Technical occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	7,490	6,910	7,040	130	-450	1.9	-6.0
<b>Sales and service occupations</b>	<b>85,450</b>	<b>74,770</b>	<b>74,010</b>	<b>-760</b>	<b>-11,440</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-13.4</b>
Retail sales supervisors and specialized sales occupations	4,460	3,890	3,790	-100	-670	-2.6	-15.0
Service supervisors and specialized service occupations	16,200	14,510	14,460	-50	-1,740	-0.3	-10.7
Sales representatives and salespersons - wholesale and retail trade	12,210	11,800	11,460	-340	-750	-2.9	-6.1
Service representatives and other customer and personal services occupations	22,490	18,840	18,730	-110	-3,760	-0.6	-16.7
Sales support occupations	8,170	7,220	7,100	-120	-1,070	-1.7	-13.1
Service support and other service occupations, n.e.c.	21,930	18,500	18,480	-20	-3,450	-0.1	-15.7
<b>Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations</b>	<b>178,000</b>	<b>150,490</b>	<b>149,460</b>	<b>-1,030</b>	<b>-28,540</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-16.0</b>
Industrial, electrical and construction trades	69,450	55,220	55,950	730	-13,500	1.3	-19.4
Maintenance and equipment operation trades	17,990	14,200	14,460	260	-3,530	1.8	-19.6
Other installers, repairers and servicers and material handlers	9,580	8,070	8,440	370	-1,140	4.6	-11.9
Transport and heavy equipment operation and related maintenance occupations	41,430	38,900	36,790	-2,110	-4,640	-5.4	-11.2
Trades helpers, construction labourers and related occupations	39,550	34,100	33,820	-280	-5,730	-0.8	-14.5

Table 4 - continued

**Beneficiaries receiving regular income benefits<sup>1</sup> by occupation,<sup>2</sup> Canada – Seasonally adjusted**

	May 2017	April 2018 <sup>P</sup>	May 2018 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2018	May 2017 to May 2018	April to May 2018	May 2017 to May 2018
<b>Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations</b>	<b>36,190</b>	<b>30,890</b>	<b>32,130</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>-4,060</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>-11.2</b>
Supervisors and technical occupations in natural resources, agriculture and related production	7,230	6,670	6,490	-180	-740	-2.7	-10.2
Workers in natural resources, agriculture and related production	15,320	12,890	13,370	480	-1,950	3.7	-12.7
Harvesting, landscaping and natural resources labourers	13,640	11,330	12,270	940	-1,370	8.3	-10.0
<b>Occupations in manufacturing and utilities</b>	<b>42,400</b>	<b>35,300</b>	<b>36,240</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>-6,160</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-14.5</b>
Processing, manufacturing and utilities supervisors and central control operators	2,980	2,590	2,500	-90	-480	-3.5	-16.1
Processing and manufacturing machine operators and related production workers	12,810	9,890	10,260	370	-2,550	3.7	-19.9
Assemblers in manufacturing	6,090	5,340	5,430	90	-660	1.7	-10.8
Labourers in processing, manufacturing and utilities	20,520	17,480	18,040	560	-2,480	3.2	-12.1

<sup>P</sup> 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, the Job Creation Partnerships Program and the Self-employment Program.

2. National Occupational Classification 2011.

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