

# Employment Insurance, May 2024

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In May, 464,000 Canadians received regular Employment Insurance (EI) benefits, up 1.9% (+8,700) from April. Prior to the increase in May, the number of regular EI recipients had held relatively steady since September 2023.

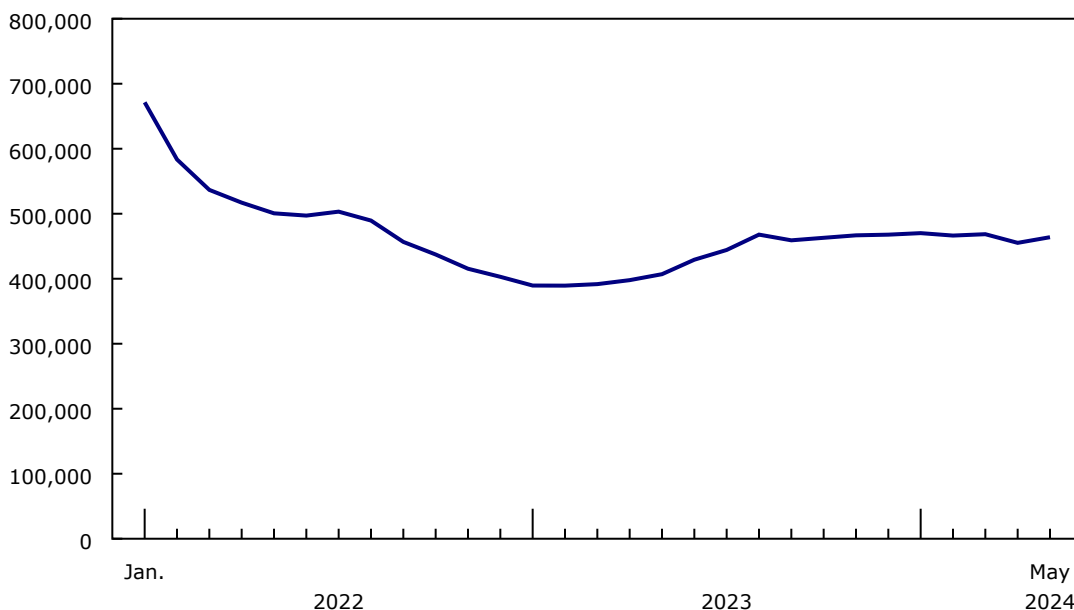
On a year-over-year basis, the number of regular EI beneficiaries was up by 57,000 (+14.0%) in May 2024.

Data from the Labour Force Survey show that employment was little changed in May and the unemployment rate rose 0.1 percentage points to 6.2%. Compared with 12 months earlier, the unemployment rate was up by 0.9 percentage points in May.

In general, variations in the number of EI beneficiaries can reflect changes in the circumstances 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**  
**The trend in the number of regular Employment Insurance beneficiaries holds relatively steady since September 2023**

number of regular Employment Insurance beneficiaries



Source(s): Employment Insurance Statistics (2604), table 14-10-0011-01.

## More men receive regular Employment Insurance benefits in May

The number of regular EI beneficiaries among young men (15 to 24 years old) rose by 5.3% (+1,600) in May, partly offsetting a decrease of 2,200 in April. Men aged 55 and older (+3,400; +4.6%) as well as core-aged men (25 to 54 years old) (+3,100; +1.8%) also posted increases in the month. For men aged 55 and older, the increase partly offset a decrease in April, while for core-aged men, the increase in May followed three consecutive monthly declines.

The number of regular EI beneficiaries among young women declined 2.5% (-300) in May, while it increased 1.4% (+700) among women aged 55 and older and was little changed among core-aged women.

On a year-over-year basis, there were more regular EI beneficiaries among all major demographic groups, led by core-aged men (+18.3%; +27,000) and core-aged women (+12.4%; +13,000).

### More regular Employment Insurance recipients in six provinces in May

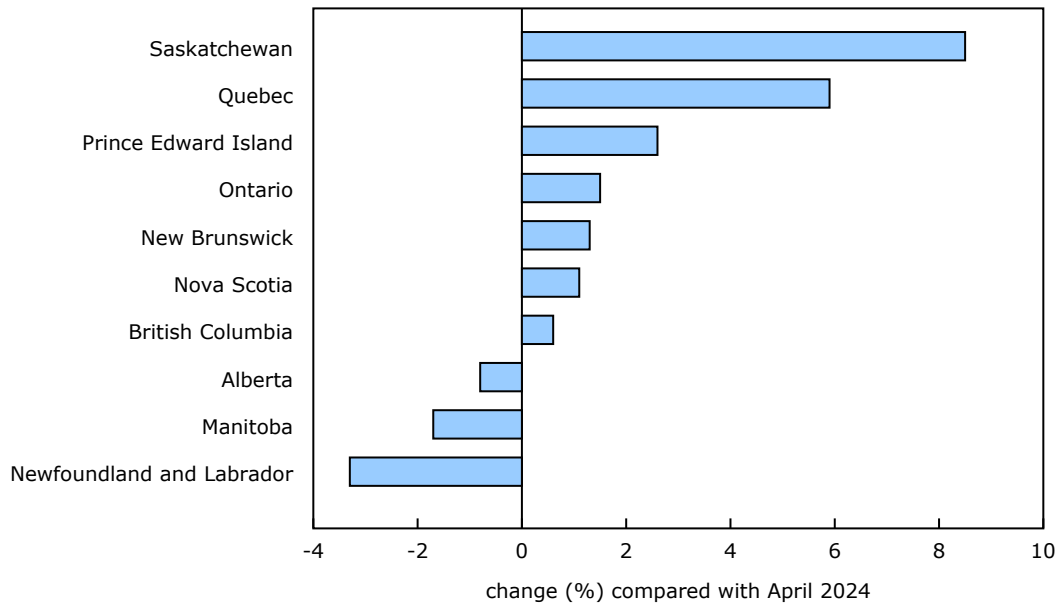
The number of regular EI beneficiaries rose in six provinces in May. Saskatchewan (+8.5%; +1,100) posted the largest proportional increase, followed by Quebec (+5.9%; +6,100). The increase in Saskatchewan partly offset a decline of regular EI recipients in April (-10.7%; -1,600), while the additional recipients in Quebec marked the third increase in four months.

In Saskatchewan, the province's two census metropolitan areas (CMAs) accounted for over one-third (37.3%) of the 1,100 increase in the number of regular EI recipients in the province, with the number of recipients in Saskatoon up 10.5% (+300) and the number in Regina up 6.0% (+100) in May.

In Quebec, the Montréal CMA saw the number of regular EI beneficiaries increase by 8.4% (+3,500) in May compared with April, and accounted for over half (57.9%) of the provincial increase (+6,100) in the number of regular EI recipients in May.

There were also more EI recipients in Prince Edward Island (+2.6%; +200), Ontario (+1.5%; +2,100), New Brunswick (+1.3%; +300) and Nova Scotia (+1.1%; +200) in May. Newfoundland and Labrador posted a third consecutive monthly decline in May, as the number of recipients decreased 3.3% (-900) in the month. The number of EI recipients in Manitoba (-1.7%; -300) was also down in May, the second consecutive monthly decline. Alberta and British Columbia posted little change in the month.

**Chart 2**  
**Number of regular Employment Insurance recipients increases in most provinces in May, led by Saskatchewan and Quebec**



Source(s): Employment Insurance Statistics (2604), table 14-10-0011-01.

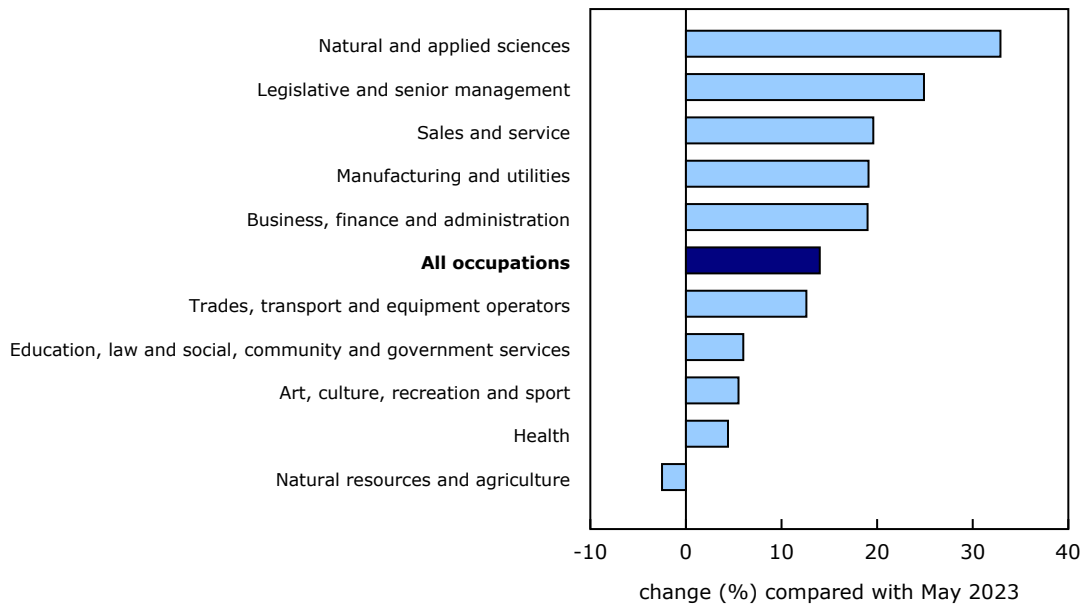
## The number of regular Employment Insurance beneficiaries up in most major occupational groups

On a year-over-year basis, the number of regular EI beneficiaries was up in all broad occupational categories in May, except in natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations.

The largest proportional increase was among regular EI recipients who last worked in natural and applied sciences and related occupations (+32.9%; +8,200). Over the same period, there was also a notable increase in the number of regular EI beneficiaries who last worked in sales and service occupations (+19.6%; +13,000), including as sales and service representatives and other customer and personal services occupations (+21.4%; +4,000) and sales and service support occupations (+14.8%; +3,300).

In May 2024, 34.2% of regular EI beneficiaries had last worked in trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations, the highest proportion among the major occupational categories. This was followed by sales and service occupations (16.6%) and business, finance and administration occupations (12.0%).

**Chart 3**  
**Largest 12-month increase in regular EI beneficiaries among those who last worked in natural and applied sciences**



Source(s): Employment Insurance Statistics (2604), table 14-10-0456-01.

## Sustainable Development Goals

On January 1, 2016, the world officially began implementing the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)—the United Nations' transformative plan of action that addresses urgent global challenges over the following 15 years. The plan is based on 17 specific sustainable development goals.

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## Note to readers

### Revisions to Employment Insurance statistics

With the July 18, 2024, release of May data, the seasonally adjusted series of Employment Insurance statistics have been revised back to January 2000 to reflect the most recent seasonal factors as well as the 2021 Standard Geographical Classification (SGC). Also, data for Employment Insurance (EI) beneficiaries by occupation conforming to the 2021 National Occupational Classification are available from January 2008 onwards.

### Concepts and methodology

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.

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 was not insured. Other unemployed people have contributed to the program, but do not meet the eligibility criteria, such as workers who left their jobs voluntarily or those who did not accumulate enough hours of work to receive benefits.

All data in this release are seasonally adjusted, unless otherwise specified. To model the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, values for all series from March 2020 to December 2022 have been treated with a combination of level shifts and outliers to determine a seasonal pattern for seasonal adjustment. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see [Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions](#).

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

The **number of beneficiaries** is all people who received regular EI benefits from May 12 to 18, 2024. This period coincides with the reference week of the LFS.

A **census metropolitan area (CMA)** and a **census agglomeration (CA)** are 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 \(SGC\) 2021](#) for more information.

### Next release

Data on EI for June will be released on August 22.

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

	May 2023	April 2024 <sup>P</sup>	May 2024 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2024	May 2023 to May 2024	April to May 2024	May 2023 to May 2024
	number			change		% change	
<b>Canada</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>406,990</b>	<b>455,200</b>	<b>463,890</b>	<b>8,690</b>	<b>56,900</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>14.0</b>
15 to 24 years	40,670	43,850	45,150	1,300	4,480	3.0	11.0
25 to 54 years	253,190	290,160	293,460	3,300	40,270	1.1	15.9
55 years and over	113,130	121,200	125,280	4,080	12,150	3.4	10.7
<b>Men</b>	<b>249,000</b>	<b>279,550</b>	<b>287,680</b>	<b>8,130</b>	<b>38,680</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>15.5</b>
15 to 24 years	29,040	30,810	32,430	1,620	3,390	5.3	11.7
25 to 54 years	149,720	174,060	177,140	3,080	27,420	1.8	18.3
55 years and over	70,240	74,680	78,110	3,430	7,870	4.6	11.2
<b>Women</b>	<b>157,990</b>	<b>175,660</b>	<b>176,210</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>18,220</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>11.5</b>
15 to 24 years	11,630	11,040	12,720	-320	1,090	-2.5	9.4
25 to 54 years	103,470	116,100	116,320	220	12,850	0.2	12.4
55 years and over	42,890	46,520	47,170	650	4,280	1.4	10.0
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>29,890</b>	<b>27,290</b>	<b>26,400</b>	<b>-890</b>	<b>-3,490</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>-11.7</b>
15 to 24 years	2,500	2,290	2,270	-20	-230	-0.9	-9.2
25 to 54 years	14,710	13,690	13,260	-430	-1,450	-3.1	-9.9
55 years and over	12,680	11,310	10,870	-440	-1,810	-3.9	-14.3
<b>Men</b>	<b>17,480</b>	<b>16,650</b>	<b>16,240</b>	<b>-410</b>	<b>-1,240</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-7.1</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>12,410</b>	<b>10,640</b>	<b>10,160</b>	<b>-480</b>	<b>-2,250</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>-18.1</b>
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>6,420</b>	<b>6,910</b>	<b>7,090</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>10.4</b>
15 to 24 years	1,110	1,270	1,260	-10	150	-0.8	13.5
25 to 54 years	3,140	3,330	3,390	60	250	1.8	8.0
55 years and over	2,170	2,310	2,440	130	270	5.6	12.4
<b>Men</b>	<b>3,810</b>	<b>4,040</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>10.2</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>2,610</b>	<b>2,870</b>	<b>2,890</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>21,250</b>	<b>21,070</b>	<b>21,310</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>
15 to 24 years	2,210	1,980	2,190	210	-20	10.6	-0.9
25 to 54 years	12,350	12,310	12,410	100	60	0.8	0.5
55 years and over	6,680	6,780	6,710	-70	30	-1.0	0.4
<b>Men</b>	<b>13,520</b>	<b>13,250</b>	<b>13,620</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>7,730</b>	<b>7,820</b>	<b>7,690</b>	<b>-130</b>	<b>-40</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>24,050</b>	<b>23,320</b>	<b>23,620</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>-430</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-1.8</b>
15 to 24 years	2,380	2,210	2,240	30	-140	1.4	-5.9
25 to 54 years	12,900	12,580	12,700	120	-200	1.0	-1.6
55 years and over	8,770	8,540	8,670	130	-100	1.5	-1.1
<b>Men</b>	<b>15,580</b>	<b>15,100</b>	<b>15,180</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-2.6</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>8,470</b>	<b>8,230</b>	<b>8,440</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>Quebec</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>101,100</b>	<b>103,590</b>	<b>109,690</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>8,590</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>8.5</b>
15 to 24 years	8,270	7,870	8,430	560	160	7.1	1.9
25 to 54 years	61,400	64,090	66,910	2,820	5,510	4.4	9.0
55 years and over	31,430	31,620	34,350	2,730	2,920	8.6	9.3
<b>Men</b>	<b>65,930</b>	<b>64,940</b>	<b>70,570</b>	<b>5,630</b>	<b>4,640</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>35,160</b>	<b>38,650</b>	<b>39,120</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>3,960</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>11.3</b>
<b>Ontario</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>111,620</b>	<b>145,080</b>	<b>147,190</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>35,570</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>31.9</b>
15 to 24 years	11,320	14,530	14,760	230	3,440	1.6	30.4
25 to 54 years	74,010	98,110	98,830	720	24,820	0.7	33.5
55 years and over	26,290	32,440	33,600	1,160	7,310	3.6	27.8
<b>Men</b>	<b>64,010</b>	<b>86,120</b>	<b>88,080</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>24,070</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>37.6</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>47,610</b>	<b>58,960</b>	<b>59,120</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>11,510</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>24.2</b>

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

	May 2023	April 2024 <sup>P</sup>	May 2024 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2024	May 2023 to May 2024	April to May 2024	May 2023 to May 2024
<b>Manitoba</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>14,210</b>	<b>16,310</b>	<b>16,040</b>	<b>-270</b>	<b>1,830</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>12.9</b>
15 to 24 years	2,210	2,280	2,300	20	90	0.9	4.1
25 to 54 years	9,000	10,510	10,270	-240	1,270	-2.3	14.1
55 years and over	3,000	3,520	3,460	-60	460	-1.7	15.3
<b>Men</b>	<b>8,870</b>	<b>10,230</b>	<b>10,030</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>13.1</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>5,340</b>	<b>6,070</b>	<b>6,010</b>	<b>-60</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>12.5</b>
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>13,270</b>	<b>12,970</b>	<b>14,070</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>6.0</b>
15 to 24 years	1,640	1,620	1,730	110	90	6.8	5.5
25 to 54 years	8,470	8,320	8,970	650	500	7.8	5.9
55 years and over	3,160	3,030	3,360	330	200	10.9	6.3
<b>Men</b>	<b>8,820</b>	<b>8,530</b>	<b>9,320</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>5.7</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>4,450</b>	<b>4,440</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>6.5</b>
<b>Alberta</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>41,740</b>	<b>50,400</b>	<b>49,980</b>	<b>-420</b>	<b>8,240</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>19.7</b>
15 to 24 years	5,030	5,420	5,540	120	510	2.2	10.1
25 to 54 years	28,110	34,460	33,870	-590	5,760	-1.7	20.5
55 years and over	8,600	10,530	10,580	50	1,980	0.5	23.0
<b>Men</b>	<b>25,840</b>	<b>31,990</b>	<b>31,490</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>5,650</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>21.9</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>15,900</b>	<b>18,420</b>	<b>18,490</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>2,590</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>16.3</b>
<b>British Columbia</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>41,960</b>	<b>46,510</b>	<b>46,790</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>4,830</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>11.5</b>
15 to 24 years	3,860	4,230	4,280	50	420	1.2	10.9
25 to 54 years	28,060	31,520	31,650	130	3,590	0.4	12.8
55 years and over	10,050	10,750	10,860	110	810	1.0	8.1
<b>Men</b>	<b>24,200</b>	<b>27,590</b>	<b>27,840</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>3,640</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>15.0</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>17,750</b>	<b>18,920</b>	<b>18,950</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>6.8</b>
<b>Yukon</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>
15 to 24 years	50	50	50	0	0	0.0	0.0
25 to 54 years	370	370	360	-10	-10	-2.7	-2.7
55 years and over	130	160	160	0	30	0.0	23.1
<b>Men</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-9.1</b>	<b>11.1</b>
<b>Northwest Territories</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>-60</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>-9.8</b>	<b>31.0</b>
15 to 24 years	30	50	40	-10	10	-20.0	33.3
25 to 54 years	290	430	390	-40	100	-9.3	34.5
55 years and over	100	130	120	-10	20	-7.7	20.0
<b>Men</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>-40</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>-9.5</b>	<b>40.7</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-10.5</b>	<b>6.3</b>
<b>Nunavut</b>							
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-7.1</b>
15 to 24 years	50	40	40	0	-10	0.0	-20.0
25 to 54 years	310	310	300	-10	-10	-3.2	-3.2
55 years and over	60	50	50	0	-10	0.0	-16.7
<b>Men</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-13.3</b>	<b>-13.3</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.

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

	May 2023	April 2024 <sup>P</sup>	May 2024 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2024	May 2023 to May 2024	April to May 2024	May 2023 to May 2024
	number			change		% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>248,180</b>	<b>262,950</b>	<b>270,950</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>22,770</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>9.2</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	5,990	8,830	8,620	-210	2,630	-2.4	43.9
Prince Edward Island	2,550	2,650	2,710	60	160	2.3	6.3
Nova Scotia	9,370	9,280	9,740	460	370	5.0	3.9
New Brunswick	9,790	10,010	10,280	270	490	2.7	5.0
Quebec	66,940	67,040	73,190	6,150	6,250	9.2	9.3
Ontario	82,430	89,410	91,300	1,890	8,870	2.1	10.8
Manitoba	8,890	9,620	9,640	20	750	0.2	8.4
Saskatchewan	7,010	7,300	7,120	-180	110	-2.5	1.6
Alberta	24,750	28,030	27,360	-670	2,610	-2.4	10.5
British Columbia	29,520	29,760	30,090	330	570	1.1	1.9
Yukon	300	350	270	-80	-30	-22.9	-10.0
Northwest Territories	270	260	260	0	-10	0.0	-3.7
Nunavut	190	190	210	20	20	10.5	10.5

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Source(s): Table 14-10-0005-01.



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

	May 2023	April 2024 <sup>P</sup>	May 2024 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2024	May 2023 to May 2024	April to May 2024	May 2023 to May 2024
	number			change		% change	
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>							
<b>Census metropolitan areas</b>	<b>3,460</b>	<b>3,730</b>	<b>3,830</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>
St. John's	3,460	3,730	3,830	100	370	2.7	10.7
<b>Census agglomerations</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>2,810</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>-250</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-8.2</b>
<b>Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations</b>	<b>23,380</b>	<b>20,720</b>	<b>19,760</b>	<b>-960</b>	<b>-3,620</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>-15.5</b>
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>							
<b>Census agglomerations</b>	<b>2,470</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>9.3</b>
<b>Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations</b>	<b>3,950</b>	<b>4,250</b>	<b>4,390</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>11.1</b>
<b>Nova Scotia</b>							
<b>Census metropolitan areas</b>	<b>4,550</b>	<b>5,020</b>	<b>5,030</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>10.5</b>
Halifax	4,550	5,020	5,030	10	480	0.2	10.5
<b>Census agglomerations</b>	<b>6,320</b>	<b>6,320</b>	<b>6,340</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations</b>	<b>10,380</b>	<b>9,740</b>	<b>9,940</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-440</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-4.2</b>
<b>New Brunswick</b>							
<b>Census metropolitan areas</b>	<b>5,460</b>	<b>5,660</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>6.2</b>
Moncton	2,100	2,430	2,440	10	340	0.4	16.2
Saint John	2,050	1,920	1,990	70	-60	3.6	-2.9
Fredericton	1,320	1,310	1,370	60	50	4.6	3.8
<b>Census agglomerations</b>	<b>3,480</b>	<b>3,180</b>	<b>3,180</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-8.6</b>
<b>Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations</b>	<b>15,110</b>	<b>14,480</b>	<b>14,640</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>-470</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-3.1</b>
<b>Quebec</b>							
<b>Census metropolitan areas</b>	<b>56,490</b>	<b>60,080</b>	<b>64,490</b>	<b>4,410</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>14.2</b>
Saguenay	2,310	2,320	2,330	10	20	0.4	0.9
Québec	6,840	6,990	7,240	250	400	3.6	5.8
Sherbrooke	2,340	2,510	2,720	210	380	8.4	16.2
Trois-Rivières	1,810	1,810	1,960	150	150	8.3	8.3
Drummondville	1,370	1,410	1,570	160	200	11.3	14.6
Montréal	39,180	42,240	45,770	3,530	6,590	8.4	16.8
Ottawa–Gatineau (Quebec part)	2,640	2,790	2,900	110	260	3.9	9.8
<b>Census agglomerations</b>	<b>11,250</b>	<b>11,300</b>	<b>11,690</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations</b>	<b>33,350</b>	<b>32,210</b>	<b>33,500</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Ontario</b>							
<b>Census metropolitan areas</b>	<b>86,390</b>	<b>116,220</b>	<b>117,900</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>31,510</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>36.5</b>
Ottawa–Gatineau (Ontario part)	6,360	8,390	8,510	120	2,150	1.4	33.8
Kingston	1,250	1,450	1,450	0	200	0.0	16.0
Belleville–Quinte West	860	1,040	1,070	30	210	2.9	24.4
Peterborough	1,010	1,220	1,280	60	270	4.9	26.7
Oshawa	2,980	4,250	4,380	130	1,400	3.1	47.0
Toronto	44,430	62,640	63,500	860	19,070	1.4	42.9
Hamilton	5,530	7,070	7,400	330	1,870	4.7	33.8
St. Catharines–Niagara	4,030	5,360	5,470	110	1,440	2.1	35.7
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	4,040	6,110	6,140	30	2,100	0.5	52.0
Brantford	1,310	1,700	1,700	0	390	0.0	29.8
Guelph	1,100	1,600	1,630	30	530	1.9	48.2
London	4,480	5,050	5,040	-10	560	-0.2	12.5
Windsor	4,380	4,660	4,600	-60	220	-1.3	5.0
Barrie	1,900	2,380	2,440	60	540	2.5	28.4
Greater Sudbury	1,630	2,010	2,030	20	400	1.0	24.5
Thunder Bay	1,070	1,280	1,260	-20	190	-1.6	17.8
<b>Census agglomerations</b>	<b>10,660</b>	<b>12,100</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,940</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>18.2</b>
<b>Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations</b>	<b>14,570</b>	<b>16,760</b>	<b>16,690</b>	<b>-70</b>	<b>2,120</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>14.6</b>
<b>Manitoba</b>							
<b>Census metropolitan areas</b>	<b>7,150</b>	<b>8,480</b>	<b>8,330</b>	<b>-150</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>16.5</b>
Winnipeg	7,150	8,480	8,330	-150	1,180	-1.8	16.5
<b>Census agglomerations</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>19.8</b>

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

	May 2023	April 2024 <sup>P</sup>	May 2024 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2024	May 2023 to May 2024	April to May 2024	May 2023 to May 2024
<b>Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>6,410</b>	<b>6,320</b>	<b>-90</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>7.1</b>
<b>Saskatchewan</b>							
<b>Census metropolitan areas</b>	<b>4,580</b>	<b>4,860</b>	<b>5,270</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>15.1</b>
Regina	1,830	2,000	2,120	120	290	6.0	15.8
Saskatoon	2,740	2,850	3,150	300	410	10.5	15.0
<b>Census agglomerations</b>	<b>2,270</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations</b>	<b>6,420</b>	<b>6,030</b>	<b>6,480</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>Alberta</b>							
<b>Census metropolitan areas</b>	<b>29,590</b>	<b>36,290</b>	<b>36,180</b>	<b>-110</b>	<b>6,590</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>22.3</b>
Lethbridge	1,010	960	1,040	80	30	8.3	3.0
Calgary	13,590	16,300	16,440	140	2,850	0.9	21.0
Red Deer	920	1,170	1,120	-50	200	-4.3	21.7
Edmonton	14,080	17,850	17,580	-270	3,500	-1.5	24.9
<b>Census agglomerations</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>5,180</b>	<b>-120</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>20.5</b>
<b>Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations</b>	<b>7,850</b>	<b>8,810</b>	<b>8,630</b>	<b>-180</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>9.9</b>
<b>British Columbia</b>							
<b>Census metropolitan areas</b>	<b>27,880</b>	<b>31,260</b>	<b>31,650</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>3,770</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>13.5</b>
Kelowna	1,830	2,400	2,430	30	600	1.3	32.8
Kamloops	1,020	1,250	1,280	30	260	2.4	25.5
Chilliwack	840	1,040	1,130	90	290	8.7	34.5
Abbotsford–Mission	1,830	2,010	2,110	100	280	5.0	15.3
Vancouver	19,440	21,230	21,310	80	1,870	0.4	9.6
Victoria	2,080	2,380	2,420	40	340	1.7	16.3
Nanaimo	840	940	970	30	130	3.2	15.5
<b>Census agglomerations</b>	<b>6,930</b>	<b>7,880</b>	<b>7,850</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>13.3</b>
<b>Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations</b>	<b>7,150</b>	<b>7,370</b>	<b>7,290</b>	<b>-80</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>2.0</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.

2. Standard Geographical Classification 2021.

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

	May 2023	April 2024 <sup>P</sup>	May 2024 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2024	May 2023 to May 2024	April to May 2024	May 2023 to May 2024
	number			change		% change	
<b>All occupations</b>	<b>406,990</b>	<b>455,200</b>	<b>463,890</b>	<b>8,690</b>	<b>56,900</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>14.0</b>
<b>Legislative and senior management occupations</b>	<b>2,490</b>	<b>3,120</b>	<b>3,110</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>24.9</b>
Legislative and senior managers	2,490	3,120	3,110	-10	620	-0.3	24.9
<b>Business, finance and administration occupations</b>	<b>46,640</b>	<b>56,420</b>	<b>55,500</b>	<b>-920</b>	<b>8,860</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>19.0</b>
Specialized middle management occupations in administrative services, financial and business services and communication (except broadcasting)	5,180	6,730	6,620	-110	1,440	-1.6	27.8
Professional occupations in finance and business	6,460	8,740	8,550	-190	2,090	-2.2	32.4
Administrative and financial supervisors and specialized administrative occupations	6,050	7,710	7,460	-250	1,410	-3.2	23.3
Administrative occupations and transportation logistics occupations	15,750	17,110	17,010	-100	1,260	-0.6	8.0
Administrative and financial support and supply chain logistics occupations	13,200	16,130	15,860	-270	2,660	-1.7	20.2
<b>Natural and applied sciences and related occupations</b>	<b>24,870</b>	<b>31,650</b>	<b>33,040</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>8,170</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>32.9</b>
Specialized middle management occupations in engineering, architecture, science and information systems	1,060	1,660	1,650	-10	590	-0.6	55.7
Professional occupations in natural and applied sciences	8,780	14,270	14,040	-230	5,260	-1.6	59.9
Technical occupations related to natural and applied sciences	15,030	15,720	17,350	1,630	2,320	10.4	15.4
<b>Health occupations</b>	<b>6,650</b>	<b>7,020</b>	<b>6,940</b>	<b>-80</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>4.4</b>
Specialized middle management occupations in health care	150	160	150	-10	0	-6.3	0.0
Professional occupations in health	1,390	1,360	1,340	-20	-50	-1.5	-3.6
Technical occupations in health	1,540	1,590	1,600	10	60	0.6	3.9
Assisting occupations in support of health services	3,580	3,920	3,860	-60	280	-1.5	7.8
<b>Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services</b>	<b>44,540</b>	<b>47,190</b>	<b>47,200</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>
Managers in public administration, in education and social and community services and in public protection services	1,310	1,530	1,490	-40	180	-2.6	13.7
Professional occupations in law, education, social, community and government services	16,250	17,570	17,150	-420	900	-2.4	5.5
Front-line public protection services and paraprofessional occupations in legal, social, community, education services	8,950	10,550	10,550	0	1,600	0.0	17.9
Assisting occupations in education and in legal and public protection	11,620	11,020	11,550	530	-70	4.8	-0.6
Care providers and legal and public protection support occupations	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Student monitors, crossing guards and related occupations	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport</b>	<b>12,740</b>	<b>13,690</b>	<b>13,440</b>	<b>-250</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>5.5</b>
Specialized middle management occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	470	550	530	-20	60	-3.6	12.8
Professional occupations in art and culture	1,980	2,560	2,540	-20	560	-0.8	28.3
Technical occupations in art, culture and sport	5,680	7,180	6,920	-260	1,240	-3.6	21.8
Occupations in art, culture and sport	3,970	2,720	2,790	70	-1,180	2.6	-29.7
Support occupations in sport	640	680	660	-20	20	-2.9	3.1
Support occupations in art and culture	20	10	10	0	-10	0.0	-50.0
<b>Sales and service occupations</b>	<b>64,530</b>	<b>77,100</b>	<b>77,190</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>12,660</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>19.6</b>
Middle management occupations in retail and wholesale trade and customer services	8,670	10,860	11,040	180	2,370	1.7	27.3
Retail sales and service supervisors and specialized occupations in sales and services	6,670	8,330	8,320	-10	1,650	-0.1	24.7
Occupations in sales and services	8,330	9,780	9,680	-100	1,350	-1.0	16.2
Sales and service representatives and other customer and personal services occupations	18,750	22,520	22,770	250	4,020	1.1	21.4
Sales and service support occupations	22,100	25,600	25,370	-230	3,270	-0.9	14.8

Table 4 - continued

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

	May 2023	April 2024 <sup>P</sup>	May 2024 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2024	May 2023 to May 2024	April to May 2024	May 2023 to May 2024
<b>Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations</b>	<b>140,740</b>	<b>152,430</b>	<b>158,440</b>	<b>6,010</b>	<b>17,700</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>12.6</b>
Middle management occupations in trades and transportation	3,960	4,790	4,920	130	960	2.7	24.2
Technical trades and transportation officers and controllers	50,830	55,970	58,150	2,180	7,320	3.9	14.4
General trades	41,910	45,110	45,600	490	3,690	1.1	8.8
Mail and message distribution, other transport equipment operators and related maintenance workers	4,710	4,910	5,080	170	370	3.5	7.9

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	May 2023	April 2024 <sup>P</sup>	May 2024 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2024	May 2023 to May 2024	April to May 2024	May 2023 to May 2024
Helpers and labourers and other transport drivers, operators and labourers	39,330	41,660	44,690	3,030	5,360	7.3	13.6
<b>Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations</b>	<b>29,320</b>	<b>25,970</b>	<b>28,580</b>	<b>2,610</b>	<b>-740</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>-2.5</b>
Middle management occupations in production and agriculture	1,020	1,040	1,030	-10	10	-1.0	1.0
Supervisors in natural resources, agriculture and related production	1,670	2,070	2,050	-20	380	-1.0	22.8
Occupations in natural resources and related production	5,230	4,440	4,640	200	-590	4.5	-11.3
Workers in natural resources, agriculture and related production	6,010	5,300	5,570	270	-440	5.1	-7.3
Harvesting, landscaping and natural resources labourers	15,400	13,110	15,290	2,180	-110	16.6	-0.7
<b>Occupations in manufacturing and utilities</b>	<b>33,030</b>	<b>39,380</b>	<b>39,340</b>	<b>-40</b>	<b>6,310</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>19.1</b>
Middle management occupations in manufacturing and utilities	910	1,100	1,080	-20	170	-1.8	18.7
Processing, manufacturing and utilities supervisors and utilities operators and controllers	1,660	2,110	2,130	20	470	0.9	28.3
Central control and process operators and aircraft assembly assemblers and inspectors	460	510	480	-30	20	-5.9	4.3
Machine operators, assemblers and inspectors in processing, manufacturing and printing	14,700	19,450	19,690	240	4,990	1.2	33.9
Labourers in processing, manufacturing and utilities	15,300	16,220	15,960	-260	660	-1.6	4.3

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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, the Job Creation Partnerships Program and the Self-employment Program.

2. National Occupational Classification 2021.

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