

Employment Insurance, February 2025

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The number of Canadians receiving regular Employment Insurance (EI) benefits increased by 12,000 (+2.5%) to 494,000 in February, following four months of little change. Compared with 12 months earlier, the number of regular EI beneficiaries was up by 28,000 (+5.9%) in February.

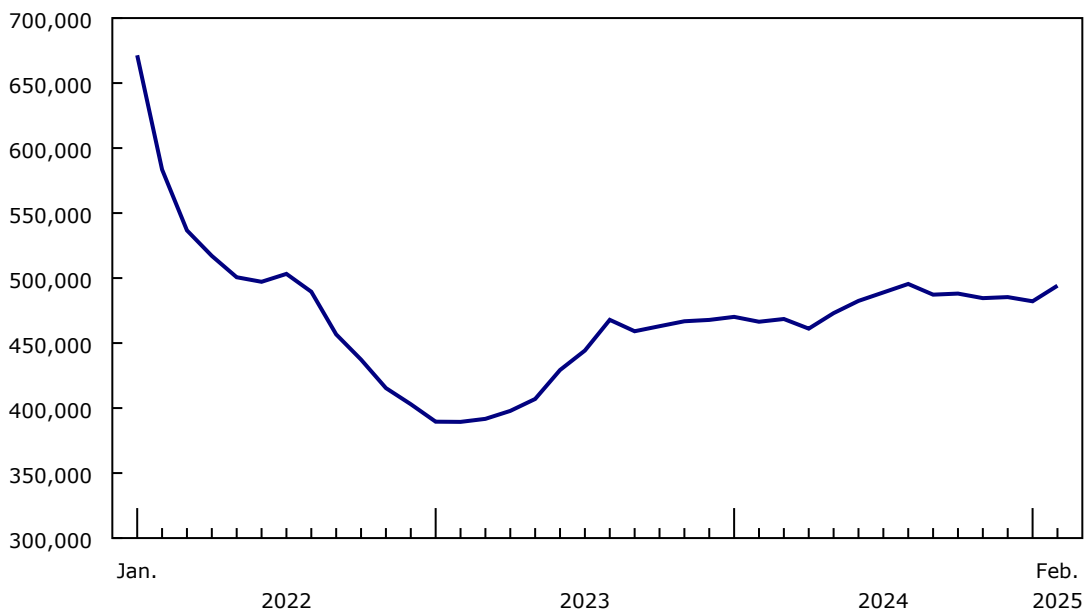
Data from the Labour Force Survey indicate that the unemployment rate was up 0.7 percentage points year over year to 6.6% in February.

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

Temporary flexibilities to the EI Work-Sharing Program and measures to improve access to regular EI benefits were announced recently. However, these measures were not in effect for the February reference period.

Chart 1
Number of regular Employment Insurance beneficiaries increases in February

number of regular Employment Insurance beneficiaries



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

More regular Employment Insurance recipients among core-aged men and women

In February, the number of EI recipients receiving regular benefits increased mostly among core-aged (25 to 54 years old) men (+5,600; +2.9%) and core-aged women (+2,800; +2.4%). Other increases were also recorded among both men and women aged 55 years and older (+2,300; +1.8%) and youth aged 15 to 24 years (+1,300; +2.9%).



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Compared with one year earlier, increases in the number of people receiving regular EI benefits were largest among core-aged men (+13,000; +7.0%) and core-aged women (+7,400; +6.6%) in February. There were smaller increases among men (+4,100; +5.2%) and women (+2,900; +6.2%) aged 55 years and older. The number of young men who received regular EI benefits edged up by 700 (+2.0%) compared with February 2024, while there was little change for young women.

The number of regular Employment Insurance recipients up in six provinces in February, led by Quebec

In February, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular EI benefits increased the most in Quebec (+5,300; +5.1%), following five consecutive monthly declines. The increase in February was mostly among core-aged men (+2,500; +6.1%) and core-aged women (+1,000; +4.4%).

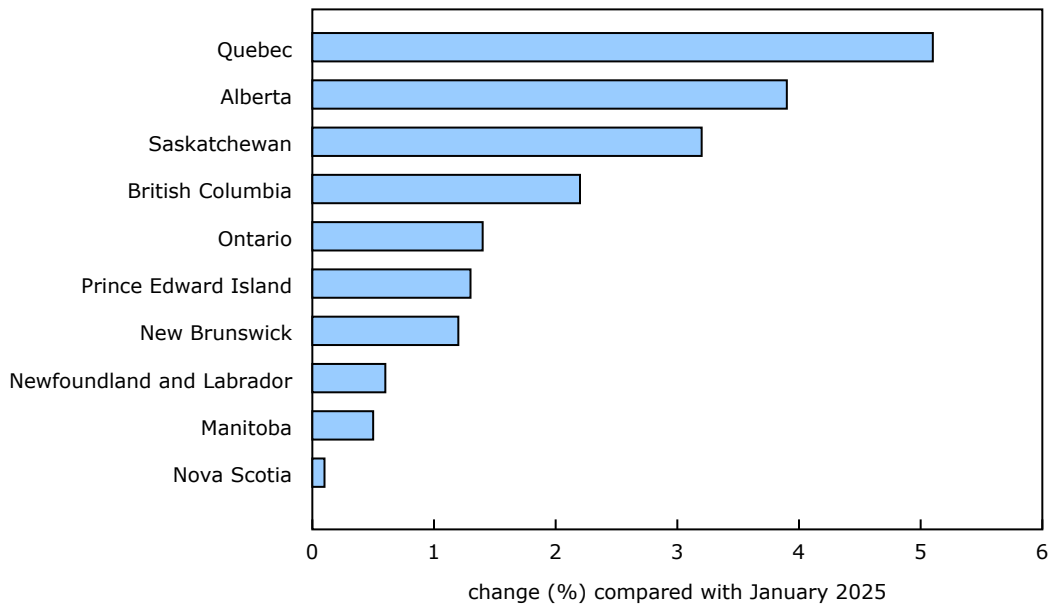
Increases in February were also recorded in Ontario (+2,200; +1.4%), Alberta (+2,100; +3.9%) and British Columbia (+1,100; +2.2%).

The number of recipients receiving regular EI benefits edged up in Saskatchewan (+500; +3.2%) and New Brunswick (+300; +1.2%) in February. There was little change in all other provinces.

On a year-over-year basis, Ontario (+18,000; +12.1%) recorded the largest increase among all provinces in February, mostly among core-aged men (+8,900; +15.3%) and core-aged women (+4,100; +10.2%). In the Toronto census metropolitan area (CMA), the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits was up by 8,300 (+13.5%).

Quebec recorded a year-over-year increase of 6,500 (+6.3%) in the number of regular EI beneficiaries in February. Most of the increase in regular EI recipients in the province was in the Montréal CMA (+5,000; +11.9%).

Chart 2
Quebec posts the largest proportional increase in regular Employment Insurance recipients in February



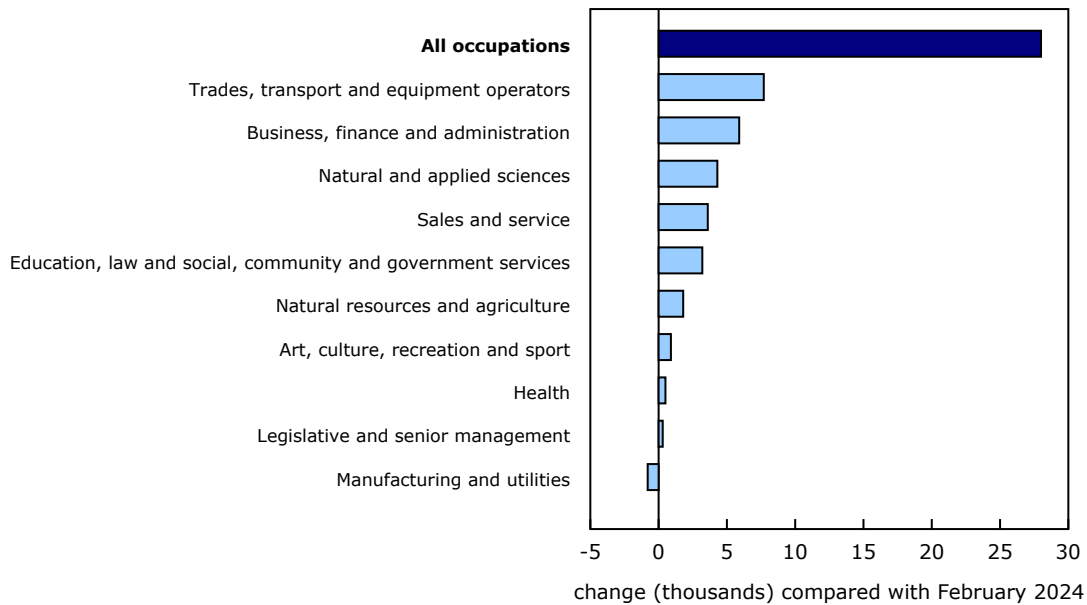
Source(s): Employment Insurance Statistics (2604), table 14-10-0011-01.

The largest year-over-year increase in the number of regular Employment Insurance beneficiaries was among recipients who last worked in trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations

In February, the largest increase in the number of regular EI recipients was among beneficiaries who last worked in trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations (+6,500; +3.9%).

On a year-over-year basis, trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations (+7,700; +4.7%) recorded the largest increase in February, followed by business, finance and administration occupations (+5,900; +10.6%), natural, applied sciences and related occupations (+4,300; +13.0%) and sales and service occupations (+3,600; +4.8%).

Chart 3
Largest 12-month increase in February in regular Employment Insurance recipients among those who last worked in trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations



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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Concepts and methodology

Employment Insurance (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 February 9 to 15. 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.

Temporary Employment Insurance measures were announced in March to respond to major changes in economic conditions. For more information, see [Temporary Employment Insurance measures to respond to major changes in economic conditions](#).

Next release

Data on EI for March will be released on May 22.

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

	February 2024	January 2025 ^P	February 2025 ^P	January to February 2025	February 2024 to February 2025	January to February 2025	February 2024 to February 2025
	number		change		% change		
Canada							
Both sexes	466,400	482,140	494,130	11,990	27,730	2.5	5.9
15 to 24 years	45,530	44,770	46,060	1,290	530	2.9	1.2
25 to 54 years	296,520	308,360	316,770	8,410	20,250	2.7	6.8
55 years and over	124,340	129,010	131,310	2,300	6,970	1.8	5.6
Men	293,800	303,090	311,340	8,250	17,540	2.7	6.0
15 to 24 years	32,360	32,040	33,010	970	650	3.0	2.0
25 to 54 years	183,390	190,590	196,190	5,600	12,800	2.9	7.0
55 years and over	78,060	80,460	82,150	1,690	4,090	2.1	5.2
Women	172,600	179,050	182,790	3,740	10,190	2.1	5.9
15 to 24 years	13,170	12,730	13,050	320	-120	2.5	-0.9
25 to 54 years	113,140	117,770	120,580	2,810	7,440	2.4	6.6
55 years and over	46,290	48,540	49,160	620	2,870	1.3	6.2
Newfoundland and Labrador							
Both sexes	29,310	27,750	27,910	160	-1,400	0.6	-4.8
15 to 24 years	2,530	2,360	2,340	-20	-190	-0.8	-7.5
25 to 54 years	14,590	13,820	13,980	160	-610	1.2	-4.2
55 years and over	12,180	11,570	11,580	10	-600	0.1	-4.9
Men	18,020	17,220	17,360	140	-660	0.8	-3.7
Women	11,280	10,530	10,550	20	-730	0.2	-6.5
Prince Edward Island							
Both sexes	7,170	7,040	7,130	90	-40	1.3	-0.6
15 to 24 years	1,310	1,240	1,270	30	-40	2.4	-3.1
25 to 54 years	3,510	3,480	3,520	40	10	1.1	0.3
55 years and over	2,350	2,320	2,340	20	-10	0.9	-0.4
Men	4,280	4,290	4,300	10	20	0.2	0.5
Women	2,900	2,750	2,830	80	-70	2.9	-2.4
Nova Scotia							
Both sexes	21,860	21,760	21,790	30	-70	0.1	-0.3
15 to 24 years	2,120	2,080	2,110	30	-10	1.4	-0.5
25 to 54 years	12,730	12,660	12,650	-10	-80	-0.1	-0.6
55 years and over	7,010	7,020	7,030	10	20	0.1	0.3
Men	14,190	14,270	14,280	10	90	0.1	0.6
Women	7,670	7,490	7,520	30	-150	0.4	-2.0
New Brunswick							
Both sexes	24,360	24,860	25,150	290	790	1.2	3.2
15 to 24 years	2,200	2,160	2,190	30	-10	1.4	-0.5
25 to 54 years	13,160	13,530	13,710	180	550	1.3	4.2
55 years and over	9,000	9,170	9,260	90	260	1.0	2.9
Men	16,230	16,330	16,480	150	250	0.9	1.5
Women	8,130	8,520	8,680	160	550	1.9	6.8
Quebec							
Both sexes	102,500	103,690	108,980	5,290	6,480	5.1	6.3
15 to 24 years	7,600	7,320	7,880	560	280	7.7	3.7
25 to 54 years	63,160	63,950	67,440	3,490	4,280	5.5	6.8
55 years and over	31,750	32,430	33,660	1,230	1,910	3.8	6.0
Men	66,200	66,730	70,410	3,680	4,210	5.5	6.4
Women	36,300	36,960	38,570	1,610	2,270	4.4	6.3
Ontario							
Both sexes	145,010	160,430	162,620	2,190	17,610	1.4	12.1
15 to 24 years	14,900	15,150	15,360	210	460	1.4	3.1
25 to 54 years	97,970	109,240	110,960	1,720	12,990	1.6	13.3
55 years and over	32,140	36,040	36,300	260	4,160	0.7	12.9
Men	87,950	98,360	100,170	1,810	12,220	1.8	13.9
Women	57,060	62,070	62,450	380	5,390	0.6	9.4

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

	February 2024	January 2025 ^P	February 2025 ^P	January to February 2025	February 2024 to February 2025	January to February 2025	February 2024 to February 2025
Manitoba							
Both sexes	16,740	16,600	16,690	90	-50	0.5	-0.3
15 to 24 years	2,370	2,220	2,230	10	-140	0.5	-5.9
25 to 54 years	10,840	10,810	10,840	30	0	0.3	0.0
55 years and over	3,520	3,570	3,620	50	100	1.4	2.8
Men	10,890	10,680	10,700	20	-190	0.2	-1.7
Women	5,850	5,920	5,990	70	140	1.2	2.4
Saskatchewan							
Both sexes	14,520	14,100	14,550	450	30	3.2	0.2
15 to 24 years	1,800	1,770	1,830	60	30	3.4	1.7
25 to 54 years	9,250	8,980	9,280	300	30	3.3	0.3
55 years and over	3,470	3,350	3,430	80	-40	2.4	-1.2
Men	9,600	9,300	9,480	180	-120	1.9	-1.3
Women	4,920	4,800	5,070	270	150	5.6	3.0
Alberta							
Both sexes	54,140	54,310	56,430	2,120	2,290	3.9	4.2
15 to 24 years	5,990	6,050	6,380	330	390	5.5	6.5
25 to 54 years	36,920	36,840	38,170	1,330	1,250	3.6	3.4
55 years and over	11,230	11,430	11,880	450	650	3.9	5.8
Men	35,470	34,850	36,340	1,490	870	4.3	2.5
Women	18,670	19,470	20,080	610	1,410	3.1	7.6
British Columbia							
Both sexes	49,030	48,630	49,680	1,050	650	2.2	1.3
15 to 24 years	4,560	4,090	4,100	10	-460	0.2	-10.1
25 to 54 years	33,150	33,020	34,010	990	860	3.0	2.6
55 years and over	11,320	11,510	11,570	60	250	0.5	2.2
Men	29,830	29,140	29,760	620	-70	2.1	-0.2
Women	19,200	19,490	19,920	430	720	2.2	3.8
Yukon							
Both sexes	580	560	570	10	-10	1.8	-1.7
15 to 24 years	60	80	90	10	30	12.5	50.0
25 to 54 years	370	350	350	0	-20	0.0	-5.4
55 years and over	150	130	130	0	-20	0.0	-13.3
Men	380	380	390	10	10	2.6	2.6
Women	200	180	180	0	-20	0.0	-10.0
Northwest Territories							
Both sexes	620	530	550	20	-70	3.8	-11.3
15 to 24 years	40	50	50	0	10	0.0	25.0
25 to 54 years	450	330	350	20	-100	6.1	-22.2
55 years and over	120	140	140	0	20	0.0	16.7
Men	420	370	390	20	-30	5.4	-7.1
Women	200	160	160	0	-40	0.0	-20.0
Nunavut							
Both sexes	410	400	380	-20	-30	-5.0	-7.3
15 to 24 years	40	30	30	0	-10	0.0	-25.0
25 to 54 years	310	310	290	-20	-20	-6.5	-6.5
55 years and over	60	60	50	-10	-10	-16.7	-16.7
Men	260	250	250	0	-10	0.0	-3.8
Women	150	150	130	-20	-20	-13.3	-13.3

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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.

Source(s): Table 14-10-0011-01.

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

	February 2024	January 2025 ^P	February 2025 ^P	January to February 2025	February 2024 to February 2025	January to February 2025	February 2024 to February 2025
	number			change		% change	
Canada	256,430	253,840	258,750	4,910	2,320	1.9	0.9
Newfoundland and Labrador	8,430	8,250	8,230	-20	-200	-0.2	-2.4
Prince Edward Island	2,570	2,600	2,510	-90	-60	-3.5	-2.3
Nova Scotia	9,300	8,620	8,970	350	-330	4.1	-3.5
New Brunswick	9,730	8,900	9,360	460	-370	5.2	-3.8
Quebec	68,080	64,060	66,950	2,890	-1,130	4.5	-1.7
Ontario	84,960	85,810	86,740	930	1,780	1.1	2.1
Manitoba	9,070	9,210	9,690	480	620	5.2	6.8
Saskatchewan	7,340	7,020	7,150	130	-190	1.9	-2.6
Alberta	27,100	28,550	27,410	-1,140	310	-4.0	1.1
British Columbia	28,900	29,900	30,770	870	1,870	2.9	6.5
Yukon	290	290	290	0	0	0.0	0.0
Northwest Territories	250	280	270	-10	20	-3.6	8.0
Nunavut	220	200	190	-10	-30	-5.0	-13.6

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

Table 3
Beneficiaries receiving regular income benefits,¹ by census metropolitan area² – Seasonally adjusted

	February 2024	January 2025 ^P	February 2025 ^P	January to February 2025	February 2024 to February 2025	January to February 2025	February 2024 to February 2025
	number		change		% change		
Newfoundland and Labrador							
Census metropolitan areas	3,860	4,090	4,100	10	240	0.2	6.2
St. John's	3,860	4,090	4,100	10	240	0.2	6.2
Census agglomerations	3,070	2,810	2,840	30	-230	1.1	-7.5
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	22,380	20,850	20,960	110	-1,420	0.5	-6.3
Prince Edward Island							
Census agglomerations	2,690	2,740	2,800	60	110	2.2	4.1
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	4,480	4,300	4,330	30	-150	0.7	-3.3
Nova Scotia							
Census metropolitan areas	5,150	5,240	5,280	40	130	0.8	2.5
Halifax	5,150	5,240	5,280	40	130	0.8	2.5
Census agglomerations	6,750	6,370	6,280	-90	-470	-1.4	-7.0
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	9,960	10,140	10,230	90	270	0.9	2.7
New Brunswick							
Census metropolitan areas	5,840	6,070	6,190	120	350	2.0	6.0
Moncton	2,480	2,610	2,640	30	160	1.1	6.5
Saint John	2,020	2,020	2,050	30	30	1.5	1.5
Fredericton	1,330	1,450	1,500	50	170	3.4	12.8
Census agglomerations	3,230	3,380	3,410	30	180	0.9	5.6
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	15,290	15,400	15,540	140	250	0.9	1.6
Quebec							
Census metropolitan areas	59,750	62,240	65,360	3,120	5,610	5.0	9.4
Saguenay	2,230	2,070	2,230	160	0	7.7	0.0
Québec	7,130	6,900	7,080	180	-50	2.6	-0.7
Sherbrooke	2,400	2,510	2,740	230	340	9.2	14.2
Trois-Rivières	1,930	1,950	2,010	60	80	3.1	4.1
Drummondville	1,490	1,480	1,520	40	30	2.7	2.0
Montréal	41,590	44,250	46,550	2,300	4,960	5.2	11.9
Ottawa–Gatineau (Quebec part)	2,970	3,090	3,220	130	250	4.2	8.4
Census agglomerations	11,190	10,960	11,690	730	500	6.7	4.5
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	31,570	30,500	31,940	1,440	370	4.7	1.2
Ontario							
Census metropolitan areas	114,600	129,440	131,010	1,570	16,410	1.2	14.3
Ottawa–Gatineau (Ontario part)	8,720	9,360	9,290	-70	570	-0.7	6.5
Kingston	1,410	1,540	1,630	90	220	5.8	15.6
Belleville–Quinte West	1,030	1,180	1,220	40	190	3.4	18.4
Peterborough	1,240	1,340	1,400	60	160	4.5	12.9
Oshawa	4,300	4,760	4,730	-30	430	-0.6	10.0
Toronto	60,910	68,080	69,160	1,080	8,250	1.6	13.5
Hamilton	6,400	9,000	8,960	-40	2,560	-0.4	40.0
St. Catharines–Niagara	5,380	6,100	6,280	180	900	3.0	16.7
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	5,970	6,640	6,840	200	870	3.0	14.6
Brantford	1,750	2,060	2,100	40	350	1.9	20.0
Guelph	1,530	1,680	1,690	10	160	0.6	10.5
London	5,450	6,180	6,150	-30	700	-0.5	12.8
Windsor	4,720	5,440	5,390	-50	670	-0.9	14.2
Barrie	2,410	2,700	2,760	60	350	2.2	14.5
Greater Sudbury	2,030	2,150	2,120	-30	90	-1.4	4.4
Thunder Bay	1,370	1,230	1,280	50	-90	4.1	-6.6
Census agglomerations	12,970	13,130	13,230	100	260	0.8	2.0
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	17,440	17,870	18,380	510	940	2.9	5.4
Manitoba							
Census metropolitan areas	8,610	8,970	9,030	60	420	0.7	4.9
Winnipeg	8,610	8,970	9,030	60	420	0.7	4.9

Table 3 - continued
Beneficiaries receiving regular income benefits,¹ by census metropolitan area² – Seasonally adjusted

	February 2024	January 2025 ^P	February 2025 ^P	January to February 2025	February 2024 to February 2025	January to February 2025	February 2024 to February 2025
Census agglomerations	1,450	1,390	1,400	10	-50	0.7	-3.4
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	6,680	6,240	6,260	20	-420	0.3	-6.3
Saskatchewan							
Census metropolitan areas	5,470	5,370	5,570	200	100	3.7	1.8
Regina	2,220	2,260	2,320	60	100	2.7	4.5
Saskatoon	3,250	3,120	3,250	130	0	4.2	0.0
Census agglomerations	2,370	2,430	2,540	110	170	4.5	7.2
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	6,680	6,290	6,440	150	-240	2.4	-3.6
Alberta							
Census metropolitan areas	38,830	39,840	41,370	1,530	2,540	3.8	6.5
Lethbridge	1,070	1,030	1,070	40	0	3.9	0.0
Calgary	17,020	17,300	18,000	700	980	4.0	5.8
Red Deer	1,280	1,220	1,310	90	30	7.4	2.3
Edmonton	19,460	20,300	20,990	690	1,530	3.4	7.9
Census agglomerations	5,680	5,470	5,730	260	50	4.8	0.9
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	9,620	9,000	9,320	320	-300	3.6	-3.1
British Columbia							
Census metropolitan areas	32,680	33,540	34,130	590	1,450	1.8	4.4
Kelowna	2,560	2,380	2,470	90	-90	3.8	-3.5
Kamloops	1,350	1,260	1,340	80	-10	6.3	-0.7
Chilliwack	1,070	1,100	1,110	10	40	0.9	3.7
Abbotsford–Mission	2,050	2,010	2,120	110	70	5.5	3.4
Vancouver	22,170	23,150	23,400	250	1,230	1.1	5.5
Victoria	2,510	2,700	2,700	0	190	0.0	7.6
Nanaimo	970	930	980	50	10	5.4	1.0
Census agglomerations	8,490	8,020	8,240	220	-250	2.7	-2.9
Outside census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations	7,860	7,070	7,310	240	-550	3.4	-7.0

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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. Standard Geographical Classification 2021.

Source(s): Table 14-10-0454-01.

Table 4

Beneficiaries receiving regular income benefits,¹ by occupation,² Canada – Seasonally adjusted

	February 2024	January 2025 ^P	February 2025 ^P	January to February 2025	February 2024 to February 2025	January to February 2025	February 2024 to February 2025
	number		change		% change		
All occupations	466,400	482,140	494,130	11,990	27,730	2.5	5.9
Legislative and senior management occupations	3,050	3,170	3,300	130	250	4.1	8.2
Legislative and senior managers	3,050	3,170	3,300	130	250	4.1	8.2
Business, finance and administration occupations	55,700	60,790	61,580	790	5,880	1.3	10.6
Specialized middle management occupations in administrative services, financial and business services and communication (except broadcasting)	6,600	7,540	7,680	140	1,080	1.9	16.4
Professional occupations in finance and business	8,420	9,550	9,650	100	1,230	1.0	14.6
Administrative and financial supervisors and specialized administrative occupations	7,740	8,640	8,770	130	1,030	1.5	13.3
Administrative occupations and transportation logistics occupations	16,920	18,280	18,630	350	1,710	1.9	10.1
Administrative and financial support and supply chain logistics occupations	16,020	16,780	16,840	60	820	0.4	5.1
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	32,870	36,200	37,140	940	4,270	2.6	13.0
Specialized middle management occupations in engineering, architecture, science and information systems	1,560	1,820	1,870	50	310	2.7	19.9
Professional occupations in natural and applied sciences	13,410	14,570	14,790	220	1,380	1.5	10.3
Technical occupations related to natural and applied sciences	17,900	19,800	20,480	680	2,580	3.4	14.4
Health occupations	7,030	7,360	7,480	120	450	1.6	6.4
Specialized middle management occupations in health care	150	190	200	10	50	5.3	33.3
Professional occupations in health	1,420	1,410	1,450	40	30	2.8	2.1
Technical occupations in health	1,570	1,670	1,690	20	120	1.2	7.6
Assisting occupations in support of health services	3,890	4,090	4,150	60	260	1.5	6.7
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	47,010	49,800	50,210	410	3,200	0.8	6.8
Managers in public administration, in education and social and community services and in public protection services	x	1,610	1,620	10	x	0.6	x
Professional occupations in law, education, social, community and government services	17,680	18,050	17,990	-60	310	-0.3	1.8
Front-line public protection services and paraprofessional occupations in legal, social, community, education services	10,170	11,340	11,150	-190	980	-1.7	9.6
Assisting occupations in education and in legal and public protection	11,200	12,400	13,090	690	1,890	5.6	16.9
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
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	13,750	14,280	14,650	370	900	2.6	6.5
Specialized middle management occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	520	550	570	20	50	3.6	9.6
Professional occupations in art and culture	2,390	2,380	2,470	90	80	3.8	3.3
Technical occupations in art, culture and sport	7,090	6,780	6,910	130	-180	1.9	-2.5
Occupations in art, culture and sport	3,090	3,930	4,020	90	930	2.3	30.1
Support occupations in sport	660	640	670	30	10	4.7	1.5
Support occupations in art and culture	10	10	10	0	0	0.0	0.0
Sales and service occupations	76,170	78,950	79,790	840	3,620	1.1	4.8
Middle management occupations in retail and wholesale trade and customer services	10,620	11,320	11,400	80	780	0.7	7.3
Retail sales and service supervisors and specialized occupations in sales and services	8,210	8,700	8,750	50	540	0.6	6.6
Occupations in sales and services	9,620	9,870	10,030	160	410	1.6	4.3
Sales and service representatives and other customer and personal services occupations	22,080	23,200	23,380	180	1,300	0.8	5.9
Sales and service support occupations	25,630	25,870	26,240	370	610	1.4	2.4

Table 4 - continued

Beneficiaries receiving regular income benefits,¹ by occupation,² Canada – Seasonally adjusted

	February 2024	January 2025 ^P	February 2025 ^P	January to February 2025	February 2024 to February 2025	January to February 2025	February 2024 to February 2025
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	163,620	164,850	171,350	6,500	7,730	3.9	4.7
Middle management occupations in trades and transportation	5,120	5,310	5,230	-80	110	-1.5	2.1
Technical trades and transportation officers and controllers	57,440	58,950	63,540	4,590	6,100	7.8	10.6
General trades	48,960	48,230	49,950	1,720	990	3.6	2.0
Mail and message distribution, other transport equipment operators and related maintenance workers	5,620	5,680	5,710	30	90	0.5	1.6

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	February 2024	January 2025 ^P	February 2025 ^P	January to February 2025	February 2024 to February 2025	January to February 2025	February 2024 to February 2025
Helpers and labourers and other transport drivers, operators and labourers	46,470	46,680	46,930	250	460	0.5	1.0
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	28,350	29,340	30,120	780	1,770	2.7	6.2
Middle management occupations in production and agriculture	1,080	1,020	1,040	20	-40	2.0	-3.7
Supervisors in natural resources, agriculture and related production	2,310	2,340	2,360	20	50	0.9	2.2
Occupations in natural resources and related production	4,480	4,710	4,940	230	460	4.9	10.3
Workers in natural resources, agriculture and related production	5,110	5,290	5,490	200	380	3.8	7.4
Harvesting, landscaping and natural resources labourers	15,370	15,980	16,290	310	920	1.9	6.0
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	37,480	35,840	36,660	820	-820	2.3	-2.2
Middle management occupations in manufacturing and utilities	1,100	1,180	1,190	10	90	0.8	8.2
Processing, manufacturing and utilities supervisors and utilities operators and controllers	2,370	2,040	2,110	70	-260	3.4	-11.0
Central control and process operators and aircraft assembly assemblers and inspectors	570	650	650	0	80	0.0	14.0
Machine operators, assemblers and inspectors in processing, manufacturing and printing	16,740	16,740	17,500	760	760	4.5	4.5
Labourers in processing, manufacturing and utilities	16,690	15,220	15,210	-10	-1,480	-0.1	-8.9

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^x suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the *Statistics Act*

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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