



Employment Insurance, October 2025 (preliminary)

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In October 2025, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular income support benefits¹ in Yukon was 620; of which, 400 were men and 210 were women. The total number of beneficiaries in October 2025 (620) increased by 50, or 8.8%, compared to the October 2024 figure (570) and increased by 30, or 5.1%, compared to the September 2025 preliminary figure (590).

Nationally, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) in October 2025 increased by 13.2% compared to October 2024 and increased by 1.1% from the September 2025 preliminary figure.

Number of beneficiaries receiving regular income-support benefits^{1,2} by sex and age group, Canada and Yukon (seasonally adjusted)

	Number of beneficiaries			Change from previous month		Change from previous year	
	Oct '24	Sep '25 ^P	Oct '25 ^P	Sep '25 ^P to Oct '25 ^P	Oct '24 to Oct '25 ^P	Sep '25 ^P to Oct '25 ^P	Oct '24 to Oct '25 ^P
	----- number ² -----			--- change in number ² ---		----- % change -----	
Canada							
All ages	489,080	547,270	553,460	6,190	64,380	1.1%	13.2%
15 to 24 years	46,410	49,440	50,150	710	3,740	1.4%	8.1%
25 to 54 years	310,570	349,460	352,920	3,460	42,350	1.0%	13.6%
55 years and over	132,100	148,370	150,390	2,020	18,290	1.4%	13.8%
Men	309,730	335,670	339,940	4,270	30,210	1.3%	9.8%
Women	179,350	211,600	213,520	1,920	34,170	0.9%	19.1%
Yukon							
All ages	570	590	620	30	50	5.1%	8.8%
15 to 24 years	60	60	80	20	20	33.3%	33.3%
25 to 54 years	370	390	390	0	20	0.0%	5.4%
55 years and over	140	140	150	10	10	7.1%	7.1%
Men	370	380	400	20	30	5.3%	8.1%
Women	200	210	210	0	10	0.0%	5.0%

^P = preliminary

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

² Numbers may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Note to readers:

- In response to the impact of US tariffs, the Government of Canada (GC) introduced temporary special measures to the Employment Insurance (EI) Work-Sharing Program with effect from March 7, 2025 to March 6, 2026. In addition, GC announced additional temporary measures that include: (a) increasing regional unemployment rates used to determine hours needed to qualify for EI benefits for claims starting between April 6, 2025 and October 11, 2025; (b) eliminating the one-week waiting period for all new EI claims that start between March 30, 2025 and April 11, 2026; (c) exempting earnings received from separation (e.g., severance or vacation pay) for claims starting between March 30, 2025 and April 11, 2026; and (d) increasing the number of weeks of regular benefits for long-tenured workers, up to a maximum of 65 weeks, for claims that start between June 15, 2025 and April 11, 2026.
- The number of regular EI beneficiaries for the current month and the previous month are subject to revision.
- The number of beneficiaries is a measure of all people who received regular EI benefits from October 12 to 18, 2025. This period coincides with the reference week of the Labour Force Survey.
- The number of beneficiaries represents a count of persons who qualified for employment insurance benefits during the Labour Force Survey reference week, usually containing the 15th day of the month.
- Figures are rounded to the nearest 10.



**Number of beneficiaries receiving regular income-support benefits^{1,2},
Canada, provinces and territories (seasonally adjusted)**

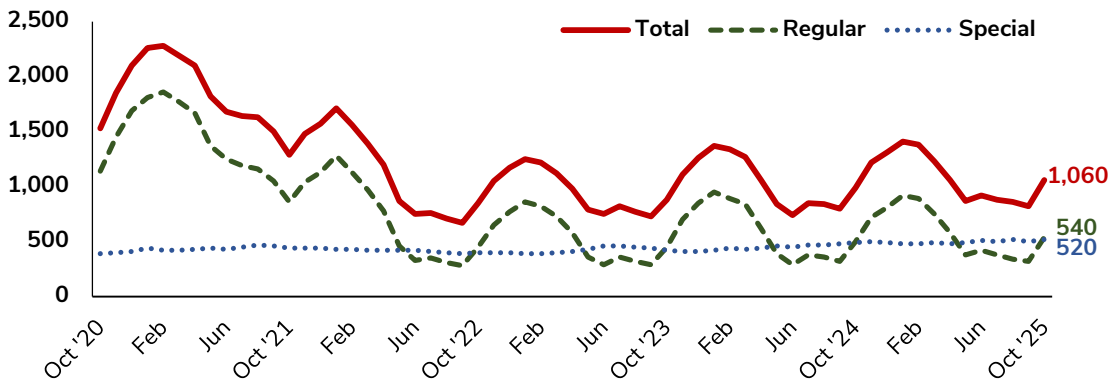
	Oct '24	Sep '25 ^P	Oct '25 ^P	Sep '25 ^P to Oct '25 ^P	Oct '24 to Oct '25 ^P	Sep '25 ^P to Oct '25 ^P	Oct '24 to Oct '25 ^P
	----- number ² -----			--- change in number ² ---		----- % change -----	
Canada	489,080	547,270	553,460	6,190	64,380	1.1%	13.2%
Newfoundland and Labrador	29,080	28,400	28,590	190	-490	0.7%	-1.7%
Prince Edward Island	7,320	7,830	7,980	150	660	1.9%	9.0%
Nova Scotia	22,420	22,580	22,830	250	410	1.1%	1.8%
New Brunswick	25,830	25,920	26,590	670	760	2.6%	2.9%
Quebec	110,520	124,950	125,440	490	14,920	0.4%	13.5%
Ontario	158,220	179,380	180,390	1,010	22,170	0.6%	14.0%
Manitoba	16,630	18,350	18,530	180	1,900	1.0%	11.4%
Saskatchewan	14,460	15,170	15,350	180	890	1.2%	6.2%
Alberta	54,580	64,160	66,410	2,250	11,830	3.5%	21.7%
British Columbia	48,390	58,490	59,180	690	10,790	1.2%	22.3%
Yukon	570	590	620	30	50	5.1%	8.8%
Northwest Territories	540	650	660	10	120	1.5%	22.2%
Nunavut	380	420	420	0	40	0.0%	10.5%
Unclassified	140	390	480	90	340	23.1%	242.9%

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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 Skills Development Program, Job Creation Partnerships Program and Self-employment Program.

² Numbers may not sum to totals due to rounding.

**Employment Insurance beneficiaries by type of benefit³, Yukon,
October 2020 to October 2025 (not seasonality adjusted)**



³ Total benefit recipients include people receiving regular, work-sharing, fishing, and special benefits. Regular benefit recipients include people receiving regular income support benefits, whether or not they are participating in one of three employment benefit programs, namely Skills Development Program, Job Creation Partnerships Program, and Self-employment Program. Special benefit recipients include people receiving sickness, maternity, parental, and compassionate care benefits.