



## Employment Insurance, December 2025 (preliminary) February 19, 2026

In December 2025, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular income support benefits<sup>1</sup> in Yukon was 640; of which, 450 were men and 200 were women. The total number of beneficiaries in December 2025 (640) increased by 80, or 14.3%, compared to the December 2024 figure (560) and remained unchanged from the November 2025 preliminary figure (640).

Nationally, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) in December 2025 increased by 16.7% compared to December 2024 and increased by 0.4% from the November 2025 preliminary figure.

### Number of beneficiaries receiving regular income-support benefits<sup>1,2</sup> by sex and age group, Canada and Yukon (seasonally adjusted)

|                   | Dec '24                         | Nov '25 <sup>P</sup> | Dec '25 <sup>P</sup> | Nov '25 <sup>P</sup>                  | Dec '24              | Nov '25 <sup>P</sup> | Dec '24              |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
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|                   | ----- number <sup>2</sup> ----- |                      |                      | Dec '25 <sup>P</sup>                  | Dec '25 <sup>P</sup> | Dec '25 <sup>P</sup> | Dec '25 <sup>P</sup> |
|                   |                                 |                      |                      | --- change in number <sup>2</sup> --- |                      | ----- % change ----- |                      |
| <b>Canada</b>     |                                 |                      |                      |                                       |                      |                      |                      |
| <b>All ages</b>   | <b>487,640</b>                  | <b>566,640</b>       | <b>569,110</b>       | <b>2,470</b>                          | <b>81,470</b>        | <b>0.4%</b>          | <b>16.7%</b>         |
| 15 to 24 years    | 45,590                          | 51,630               | 52,190               | 560                                   | 6,600                | 1.1%                 | 14.5%                |
| 25 to 54 years    | 310,310                         | 362,350              | 364,620              | 2,270                                 | 54,310               | 0.6%                 | 17.5%                |
| 55 years and over | 131,750                         | 152,660              | 152,310              | -350                                  | 20,560               | -0.2%                | 15.6%                |
| <b>Men</b>        | <b>306,930</b>                  | <b>352,750</b>       | <b>356,490</b>       | <b>3,740</b>                          | <b>49,560</b>        | <b>1.1%</b>          | <b>16.1%</b>         |
| <b>Women</b>      | <b>180,710</b>                  | <b>213,890</b>       | <b>212,620</b>       | <b>-1,270</b>                         | <b>31,910</b>        | <b>-0.6%</b>         | <b>17.7%</b>         |
| <b>Yukon</b>      |                                 |                      |                      |                                       |                      |                      |                      |
| <b>All ages</b>   | <b>560</b>                      | <b>640</b>           | <b>640</b>           | <b>0</b>                              | <b>80</b>            | <b>0.0%</b>          | <b>14.3%</b>         |
| 15 to 24 years    | 70                              | 90                   | 80                   | -10                                   | 10                   | -11.1%               | 14.3%                |
| 25 to 54 years    | 350                             | 410                  | 410                  | 0                                     | 60                   | 0.0%                 | 17.1%                |
| 55 years and over | 140                             | 140                  | 150                  | 10                                    | 10                   | 7.1%                 | 7.1%                 |
| <b>Men</b>        | <b>370</b>                      | <b>440</b>           | <b>450</b>           | <b>10</b>                             | <b>80</b>            | <b>2.3%</b>          | <b>21.6%</b>         |
| <b>Women</b>      | <b>190</b>                      | <b>200</b>           | <b>200</b>           | <b>0</b>                              | <b>10</b>            | <b>0.0%</b>          | <b>5.3%</b>          |

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 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 during the reference week of the Labour Force Survey (LFS). The reference week for the LFS is usually the week containing the 15th day of the month.
- Figures are rounded to the nearest 10.



**Number of beneficiaries receiving regular income-support benefits<sup>1,2</sup>,  
Canada, provinces and territories (seasonally adjusted)**

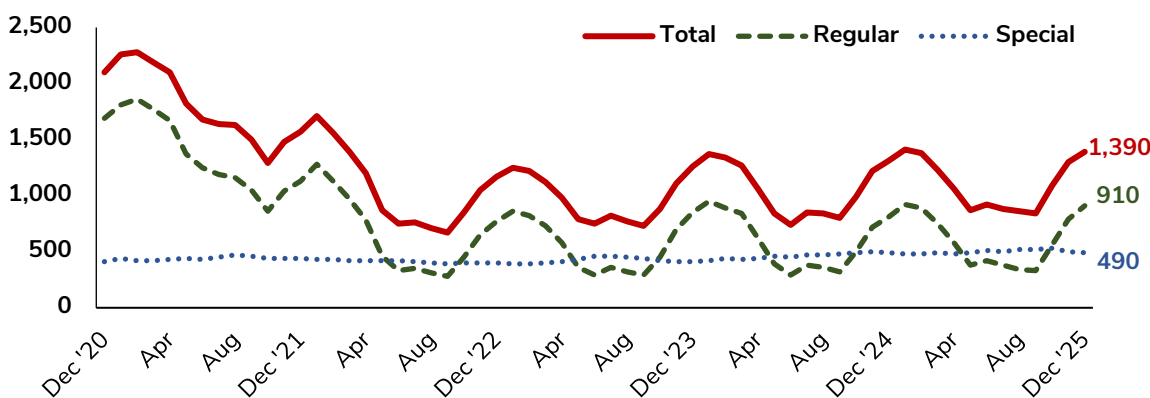
|                           | Dec '24                         | Nov '25 <sup>P</sup> | Dec '25 <sup>P</sup> | Nov '25 <sup>P</sup><br>to<br>Dec '25 <sup>P</sup> | Dec '24<br>to<br>Dec '25 <sup>P</sup> | Nov '25 <sup>P</sup><br>to<br>Dec '25 <sup>P</sup> | Dec '24<br>to<br>Dec '25 <sup>P</sup> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
|                           | ----- number <sup>2</sup> ----- |                      |                      | --- change in number <sup>2</sup> ---              |                                       | ---- % change ----                                 |                                       |
| <b>Canada</b>             | <b>487,640</b>                  | <b>566,640</b>       | <b>569,110</b>       | <b>2,470</b>                                       | <b>81,470</b>                         | <b>0.4%</b>  | <b>16.7%</b>                          |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 28,590                          | 28,800               | 28,970               | 170  | 380                                   | 0.6%   | 1.3%                                  |
| Prince Edward Island      | 7,030                           | 7,770                | 7,650                | -120   | 620                                   | -1.5%  | 8.8%                                  |
| Nova Scotia               | 22,060                          | 23,020               | 23,060               | 40   | 1,000                                 | 0.2%   | 4.5%                                  |
| New Brunswick             | 25,000                          | 26,230               | 26,210               | -20  | 1,210                                 | -0.1%  | 4.8%                                  |
| Quebec                    | 105,910                         | 129,810              | 128,260              | -1,550   | 22,350                                | -1.2%  | 21.1%                                 |
| Ontario                   | 161,950                         | 188,450              | 191,690              | 3,240  | 29,740                                | 1.7%   | 18.4%                                 |
| Manitoba                  | 16,550                          | 18,430               | 18,080               | -350   | 1,530                                 | -1.9%  | 9.2%                                  |
| Saskatchewan              | 14,190                          | 15,330               | 15,180               | -150   | 990                                   | -1.0%  | 7.0%                                  |
| Alberta                   | 55,400                          | 67,050               | 67,520               | 470  | 12,120                                | 0.7%   | 21.9%                                 |
| British Columbia          | 49,360                          | 59,480               | 60,170               | 690  | 10,810                                | 1.2%   | 21.9%                                 |
| <b>Yukon</b>              | <b>560</b>                      | <b>640</b>           | <b>640</b>           | <b>0</b>   | <b>80</b>                             | <b>0.0%</b>  | <b>14.3%</b>                          |
| Northwest Territories     | 520                             | 640                  | 610                  | -30  | 90                                    | -4.7%  | 17.3%                                 |
| Nunavut                   | 390                             | 400                  | 410                  | 10   | 20                                    | 2.5%   | 5.1%                                  |
| Unclassified              | 140                             | 600                  | 660                  | 60   | 520                                   | 10.0%  | 371.4%                                |

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<sup>2</sup> Numbers may not sum to totals due to rounding.

**Employment Insurance beneficiaries by type of benefit<sup>3</sup>, Yukon,  
December 2020 to December 2025 (not seasonality adjusted)**



<sup>3</sup> 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.

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