



## Employment Insurance, February 2020 (preliminary)

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In February 2020, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular income support benefits<sup>1</sup> in Yukon was 560; of which 370 were men and 190 were women. Compared to February 2019, the total number of beneficiaries decreased by 60, or 9.7%; compared to the January 2020 preliminary figure, the total number of beneficiaries remained the same (560).

Nationally, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) in February 2020 decreased 1.2% compared to February 2019 and decreased 1.3% compared to the January 2020 preliminary figure.

### Number of beneficiaries receiving regular income-support benefits<sup>1</sup>, by sex and age group (seasonally adjusted) February 2020 (preliminary)

|                   | Feb '19             | Jan '20 <sup>P</sup> | Feb '20 <sup>P</sup> | Jan '20<br>to<br>Feb '20      | Feb '19<br>to<br>Feb '20 | Jan '20<br>to<br>Feb '20 | Feb '19<br>to<br>Feb '20 |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                   | number <sup>2</sup> |                      |                      | change in number <sup>2</sup> |                          | % change                 |                          |
| <b>Canada</b>     |                     |                      |                      |                               |                          |                          |                          |
| <b>Both Sexes</b> | <b>448,080</b>      | <b>448,530</b>       | <b>442,590</b>       | <b>-5,940</b>                 | <b>-5,490</b>            | <b>-1.3</b>              | <b>-1.2</b>              |
| 15 to 24 years    | 40,790              | 40,240               | 39,930               | -310                          | -860                     | -0.8                     | -2.1                     |
| 25 to 54 years    | 282,730             | 280,350              | 276,210              | -4,140                        | -6,520                   | -1.5                     | -2.3                     |
| 55 years and over | 124,550             | 127,930              | 126,450              | -1,480                        | 1,900                    | -1.2                     | 1.5                      |
| <b>Men</b>        | <b>280,360</b>      | <b>282,280</b>       | <b>277,370</b>       | <b>-4,910</b>                 | <b>-2,990</b>            | <b>-1.7</b>              | <b>-1.1</b>              |
| <b>Women</b>      | <b>167,720</b>      | <b>166,250</b>       | <b>165,220</b>       | <b>-1,030</b>                 | <b>-2,500</b>            | <b>-0.6</b>              | <b>-1.5</b>              |
| <b>Yukon</b>      |                     |                      |                      |                               |                          |                          |                          |
| <b>Both Sexes</b> | <b>620</b>          | <b>560</b>           | <b>560</b>           | <b>0</b>                      | <b>-60</b>               | <b>0.0</b>               | <b>-9.7</b>              |
| 15 to 24 years    | 60                  | 60                   | 50                   | -10                           | -10                      | -16.7                    | -16.7                    |
| 25 to 54 years    | 400                 | 360                  | 350                  | -10                           | -50                      | -2.8                     | -12.5                    |
| 55 years and over | 160                 | 150                  | 150                  | 0                             | -10                      | 0.0                      | -6.3                     |
| <b>Men</b>        | <b>410</b>          | <b>370</b>           | <b>370</b>           | <b>0</b>                      | <b>-40</b>               | <b>0.0</b>               | <b>-9.8</b>              |
| <b>Women</b>      | <b>210</b>          | <b>200</b>           | <b>190</b>           | <b>-10</b>                    | <b>-20</b>               | <b>-5.0</b>              | <b>-9.5</b>              |

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary

<sup>1</sup> The definition of regular beneficiaries has been expanded to include those receiving regular benefits while participating in one of three employment benefit programs, namely Skills Development Program, Job Creation Partnerships Program and Self-employment Program.

<sup>2</sup> The numbers may not add up to totals due to rounding.

#### Notes to Readers:

- Regular Employment Insurance (EI) benefits are available to eligible individuals who lose their jobs and who are available for and able to work, but can't find a job. The change in the number of regular beneficiaries reflects various situations, including people becoming beneficiaries, people going back to work, and people exhausting their regular benefits.
- 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.
- 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.
- The number of beneficiaries is a measure of all people who received EI benefits from February 9 to 15, 2020. This period coincides with the reference week of the Labour Force Survey (LFS).
- EI statistics indicate the number of people who received EI benefits, and should not be confused with LFS data, which provide information on the total number of unemployed people.