

Employment Insurance, August 2026 (preliminary) October 22, 2026

In August 2026, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular income support benefits¹ in Yukon was 570; of which, 380 were men and 190 were women. The total number of beneficiaries in August 2026 (570) decreased by 20, or 3.4%, compared to the August 2025 figure (590) and increased by 10, or 1.8%, compared to the July 2026 preliminary figure (560).

Nationally, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) in August 2026 decreased by 2.9% compared to August 2025 and decreased by 0.8% compared to July 2026.

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

	Aug '25	Jul '26 ^P	Aug '26 ^P	Jul '26 ^P to Aug '26 ^P	Aug '25 to Aug '26 ^P	Jul '26 ^P to Aug '26 ^P	Aug '25 to Aug '26 ^P
	----- number ² -----			--- change in number ² ---		----- % change -----	
Canada							
All ages	557,440	545,680	541,320	-4,360	-16,120	-0.8%	-2.9%
15 to 24 years	50,550	45,240	44,600	-640	-5,950	-1.4%	-11.8%
25 to 54 years	361,400	350,920	347,730	-3,190	-13,670	-0.9%	-3.8%
55 years and over	145,490	149,520	148,980	-540	3,490	-0.4%	2.4%
Men	342,500	334,110	330,230	-3,880	-12,270	-1.2%	-3.6%
Women	214,940	211,570	211,090	-480	-3,850	-0.2%	-1.8%
Yukon							
All ages	590	560	570	10	-20	1.8%	-3.4%
15 to 24 years	50	60	60	0	10	0.0%	20.0%
25 to 54 years	410	380	380	0	-30	0.0%	-7.3%
55 years and over	130	120	130	10	0	8.3%	0.0%
Men	370	370	380	10	10	2.7%	2.7%
Women	220	190	190	0	-30	0.0%	-13.6%

^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.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table: 14-10-0011-01. Released on October 22, 2026.

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

	Aug '25	Jul '26 ^P	Aug '26 ^P	Jul '26 ^P to Aug '26 ^P	Aug '25 to Aug '26 ^P	Jul '26 ^P to Aug '26 ^P	Aug '25 to Aug '26 ^P
	----- number ² -----			--- change in number ² ---		----- % change -----	
Canada	557,440	545,680	541,320	-4,360	-16,120	-0.8%	-2.9%
Newfoundland and Labrador	29,010	25,500	24,990	-510	-4,020	-2.0%	-13.9%
Prince Edward Island	7,660	7,350	7,210	-140	-450	-1.9%	-5.9%
Nova Scotia	22,690	21,800	21,700	-100	-990	-0.5%	-4.4%
New Brunswick	26,080	25,450	25,200	-250	-880	-1.0%	-3.4%
Quebec	129,100	124,630	121,710	-2,920	-7,390	-2.3%	-5.7%
Ontario	183,990	184,550	185,210	660	1,220	0.4%	0.7%
Manitoba	19,010	17,330	17,290	-40	-1,720	-0.2%	-9.0%
Saskatchewan	15,350	14,380	14,480	100	-870	0.7%	-5.7%
Alberta	64,950	62,120	60,810	-1,310	-4,140	-2.1%	-6.4%
British Columbia	57,810	60,620	60,680	60	2,870	0.1%	5.0%
Yukon	590	560	570	10	-20	1.8%	-3.4%
Nunavut	410	400	410	10	0	2.5%	0.0%
Unclassified	160	310	370	60	210	19.4%	131.3%

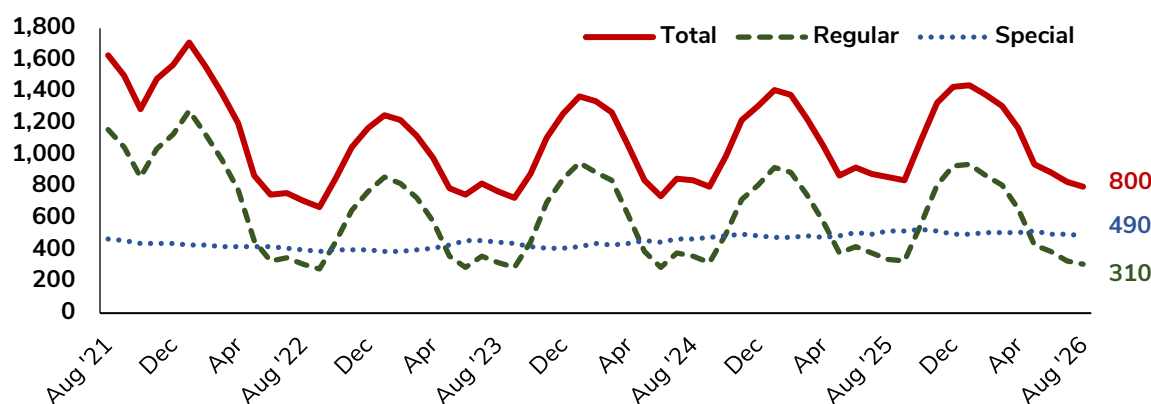
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Source: Statistics Canada. Table: 14-10-0011-01. Released on October 22, 2026.

Employment Insurance beneficiaries by type of benefit³, Yukon, August 2021 to August 2026 (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.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table: 14-10-0009-01. Released on October 22, 2026.

Note to readers:

- In 2025, 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. On March 11, 2026, Work-Sharing supports were extended to March 31, 2027.
- 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 October 10, 2026; (c) exempting earnings received from separation (e.g., severance or vacation pay) for claims starting between March 30, 2025 and October 10, 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 October 10, 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.