

## Employment Insurance, January 2026 (preliminary) March 25, 2026

In January 2026, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular income support benefits<sup>1</sup> in Yukon was 570; of which, 380 were men and 200 were women. The total number of beneficiaries in January 2026 (570) increased by 10, or 1.8%, compared to the January 2025 figure (560) and decreased by 50, or 8.1%, compared to the December 2025 preliminary figure (620).

Nationally, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) in January 2026 increased by 13.4% compared to January 2025 and decreased by 1.9% from the December 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)

	number <sup>2</sup>			change in number <sup>2</sup>		% change	
	Jan '25	Dec '25 <sup>P</sup>	Jan '26 <sup>P</sup>	Dec '25 <sup>P</sup> to Jan '26 <sup>P</sup>	Jan '25 to Jan '26 <sup>P</sup>	Dec '25 <sup>P</sup> to Jan '26 <sup>P</sup>	Jan '25 to Jan '26 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Canada</b>							
<b>All ages</b>	<b>489,060</b>	<b>565,360</b>	<b>554,830</b>	<b>-10,530</b>	<b>65,770</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>	<b>13.4%</b>
15 to 24 years	45,890	51,590	50,140	-1,450	4,250	-2.8%	9.3%
25 to 54 years	312,440	362,410	355,450	-6,960	43,010	-1.9%	13.8%
55 years and over	130,730	151,360	149,250	-2,110	18,520	-1.4%	14.2%
<b>Men</b>	<b>307,420</b>	<b>352,840</b>	<b>343,530</b>	<b>-9,310</b>	<b>36,110</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>	<b>11.7%</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>181,650</b>	<b>212,520</b>	<b>211,300</b>	<b>-1,220</b>	<b>29,650</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>16.3%</b>
<b>Yukon</b>							
<b>All ages</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>-50</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-8.1%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
15 to 24 years	80	80	60	-20	-20	-25.0%	-25.0%
25 to 54 years	360	400	370	-30	10	-7.5%	2.8%
55 years and over	130	150	140	-10	10	-6.7%	7.7%
<b>Men</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>-50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-11.6%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>11.1%</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.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table: 14-10-0011-01. Released on March 25, 2026.

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

	Jan '25	Dec '25 <sup>P</sup>	Jan '26 <sup>P</sup>	Dec '25 <sup>P</sup> to Jan '26 <sup>P</sup>	Jan '25 to Jan '26 <sup>P</sup>	Dec '25 <sup>P</sup> to Jan '26 <sup>P</sup>	Jan '25 to Jan '26 <sup>P</sup>
	----- number <sup>2</sup> -----			--- change in number <sup>2</sup> ---		----- % change -----	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>489,060</b>	<b>565,360</b>	<b>554,830</b>	<b>-10,530</b>	<b>65,770</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>	<b>13.4%</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	27,760	28,710	28,020	-690	260	-2.4%	0.9%
Prince Edward Island	7,060	7,620	7,540	-80	480	-1.0%	6.8%
Nova Scotia	21,970	22,940	22,650	-290	680	-1.3%	3.1%
New Brunswick	24,860	26,090	25,760	-330	900	-1.3%	3.6%
Quebec	106,350	126,980	121,110	-5,870	14,760	-4.6%	13.9%
Ontario	163,490	190,830	191,220	390	27,730	0.2%	17.0%
Manitoba	16,750	17,860	17,200	-660	450	-3.7%	2.7%
Saskatchewan	14,110	15,010	14,550	-460	440	-3.1%	3.1%
Alberta	55,360	67,260	65,620	-1,640	10,260	-2.4%	18.5%
British Columbia	49,730	59,730	58,790	-940	9,060	-1.6%	18.2%
<b>Yukon</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>-50</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-8.1%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
Northwest Territories	530	610	620	10	90	1.6%	17.0%
Nunavut	400	410	400	-10	0	-2.4%	0.0%
Unclassified	140	670	780	110	640	16.4%	457.1%

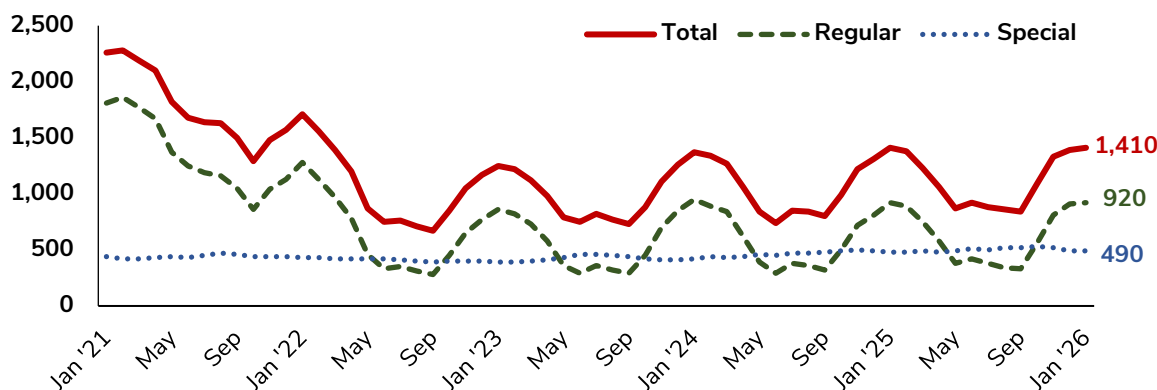
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## Employment Insurance beneficiaries by type of benefit<sup>3</sup>, Yukon, January 2021 to January 2026 (not seasonality adjusted)



<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.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table: 14-10-0009-01. Released on March 25, 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.