

Employment Insurance, May 2026 (preliminary) July 23, 2026

In May 2026, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular income support benefits¹ in Yukon was 610; of which, 390 were men and 220 were women. The total number of beneficiaries in May 2026 (610) increased by 40, or 7.0%, compared to the May 2025 figure (570) and decreased by 10, or 1.6%, compared to the April 2026 preliminary figure (620).

Nationally, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) in May 2026 increased by 3.0% compared to May 2025 and remained virtually unchanged (0.0%) from the April 2026 preliminary figure.

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

	May '25	Apr '26 ^P	May '26 ^P	Apr '26 ^P to May '26 ^P	May '25 to May '26 ^P	Apr '26 ^P to May '26 ^P	May '25 to May '26 ^P
	----- number ² -----			--- change in number ² ---		----- % change -----	
Canada							
All ages	528,000	543,960	543,690	-270	15,690	0.0%	3.0%
15 to 24 years	48,920	47,290	46,970	-320	-1,950	-0.7%	-4.0%
25 to 54 years	337,800	347,180	344,860	-2,320	7,060	-0.7%	2.1%
55 years and over	141,280	149,480	151,860	2,380	10,580	1.6%	7.5%
Men	326,870	336,090	335,570	-520	8,700	-0.2%	2.7%
Women	201,130	207,860	208,130	270	7,000	0.1%	3.5%
Yukon							
All ages	570	620	610	-10	40	-1.6%	7.0%
15 to 24 years	40	80	70	-10	30	-12.5%	75.0%
25 to 54 years	370	390	390	0	20	0.0%	5.4%
55 years and over	150	150	160	10	10	6.7%	6.7%
Men	380	390	390	0	10	0.0%	2.6%
Women	190	220	220	0	30	0.0%	15.8%

^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 July 23, 2026.

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

	May '25	Apr '26 ^p	May '26 ^p	Apr '26 ^p to May '26 ^p	May '25 to May '26 ^p	Apr '26 ^p to May '26 ^p	May '25 to May '26 ^p
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Canada	528,000	543,960	543,690	-270	15,690	0.0%	3.0%
Newfoundland and Labrador	27,850	27,360	26,740	-620	-1,110	-2.3%	-4.0%
Prince Edward Island	7,220	7,600	7,540	-60	320	-0.8%	4.4%
Nova Scotia	22,810	20,730	21,340	610	-1,470	2.9%	-6.4%
New Brunswick	25,220	25,460	25,890	430	670	1.7%	2.7%
Quebec	120,610	120,670	121,310	640	700	0.5%	0.6%
Ontario	175,830	183,720	182,510	-1,210	6,680	-0.7%	3.8%
Manitoba	17,430	17,190	17,200	10	-230	0.1%	-1.3%
Saskatchewan	14,780	14,370	14,640	270	-140	1.9%	-0.9%
Alberta	59,600	65,140	64,180	-960	4,580	-1.5%	7.7%
British Columbia	54,910	58,880	59,320	440	4,410	0.7%	8.0%
Yukon	570	620	610	-10	40	-1.6%	7.0%
Northwest Territories	590	610	630	20	40	3.3%	6.8%
Nunavut	370	340	340	0	-30	0.0%	-8.1%
Unclassified	210	1,270	1,430	160	1,220	12.6%	581.0%

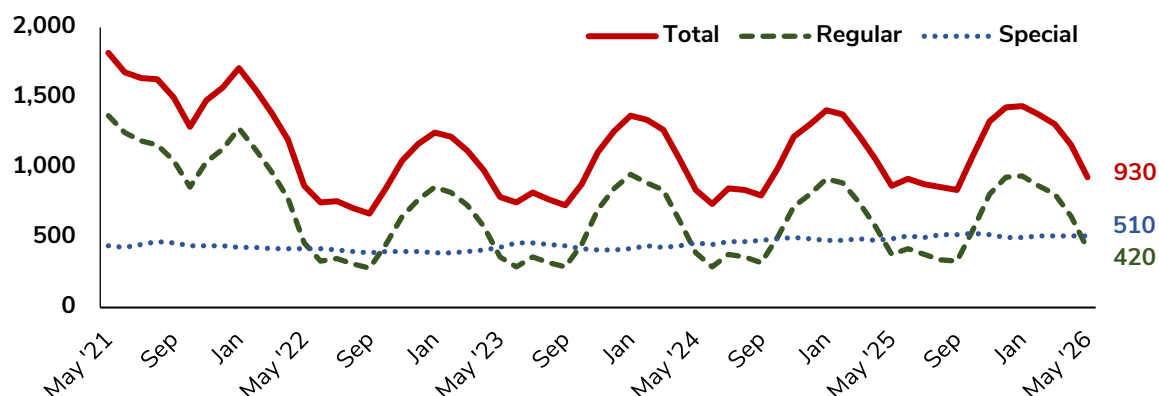
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Source: Statistics Canada. Table: 14-10-0011-01. Released on July 23, 2026.

Employment Insurance beneficiaries by type of benefit³, Yukon, May 2021 to May 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 July 23, 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.