



Employment Insurance, February 2021 (preliminary)

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In February 2021, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular income support benefits¹ in Yukon was 1,470; of which 850 were men and 620 were women. Compared to February 2020, the total number of beneficiaries increased by 910, or 162.5%; compared to the January 2021 preliminary figure, the total number of beneficiaries increased by 130, or 9.7%.

Nationally, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) in February 2021 increased 243.5% compared to February 2020 and increased 3.6% compared to the January 2021 preliminary figure.

Number of beneficiaries receiving regular income-support benefits¹, by sex and age group (seasonally adjusted) February 2021 (preliminary)

	Feb '20	Jan '21 ^P	Feb '21 ^P	Jan '21 to Feb '21	Feb '20 to Feb '21	Jan '21 to Feb '21	Feb '20 to Feb '21
	number ²			change in number ²		% change	
Canada							
Both Sexes	446,490	1,480,630	1,533,680	53,050	1,087,190	3.6	243.5
15 to 24 years	40,600	222,140	231,630	9,490	191,030	4.3	470.5
25 to 54 years	279,040	891,010	916,010	25,000	636,970	2.8	228.3
55 years and over	126,850	367,470	386,030	18,560	259,180	5.1	204.3
Men	279,780	777,720	808,260	30,540	528,480	3.9	188.9
Women	166,710	702,910	725,420	22,510	558,710	3.2	335.1
Yukon							
Both Sexes	560	1,340	1,470	130	910	9.7	162.5
15 to 24 years	50	150	160	10	110	6.7	220.0
25 to 54 years	350	840	920	80	570	9.5	162.9
55 years and over	150	350	390	40	240	11.4	160.0
Men	370	790	850	60	480	7.6	129.7
Women	190	550	620	70	430	12.7	226.3

^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 The numbers may not add up to totals due to rounding.

Notes to Readers:

- No methodological changes were made to the Employment Insurance Statistics (EIS) program over the COVID-19 period. EIS reflect the Employment Insurance (EI) program for the Labour Force Survey (LFS) reference week in each month.
- Due to the COVID-19 situation, many Canadians who were not employed and seeking income assistance between March 15 and September 26, 2020, were accessing Government of Canada benefit programs other than Employment Insurance, such as the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB).
- Data for the October 2020 reference period and onward consist of individuals who obtained EI benefits, and exclude beneficiaries of the Canada Recovery Benefits (Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB), Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB), and Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)).
- February Employment Insurance (EI) statistics reflect labour market conditions as of the week of February 14 to 20.