

Employment Insurance, March 2021 (preliminary)

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In March 2021, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular income support benefits¹ in Yukon was 1,520; of which 860 were men and 660 were women. Compared to March 2020, the total number of beneficiaries increased by 940, or 162.1%; compared to the February 2021 preliminary figure, the total number of beneficiaries increased by 50, or 3.4%.

Nationally, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) in March 2021 increased 179.7% compared to March 2020 and decreased 4.8% compared to the February 2021 preliminary figure.

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

	Mar '20	Feb '21 ^P	Mar '21 ^P	Feb '21 to Mar '21	Mar '20 to Mar '21	Feb '21 to Mar '21	Mar '20 to Mar '21
	number ²			change in number ²		% change	
Canada							
Both Sexes	522,220	1,534,290	1,460,620	-73,670	938,400	-4.8	179.7
15 to 24 years	47,820	231,750	231,670	-80	183,850	0.0	384.5
25 to 54 years	331,400	916,360	853,970	-62,390	522,570	-6.8	157.7
55 years and over	143,000	386,170	374,970	-11,200	231,970	-2.9	162.2
Men	312,760	808,710	779,150	-29,560	466,390	-3.7	149.1
Women	209,460	725,580	681,460	-44,120	472,000	-6.1	225.3
Yukon							
Both Sexes	580	1,470	1,520	50	940	3.4	162.1
15 to 24 years	50	160	160	0	110	0.0	220.0
25 to 54 years	370	920	940	20	570	2.2	154.1
55 years and over	160	390	410	20	250	5.1	156.3
Men	370	850	860	10	490	1.2	132.4
Women	210	610	660	50	450	8.2	214.3

^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.
- Temporary changes to the EI program that provided all new regular EI beneficiaries with a one-time credit of 300 insurable hours were introduced on September 27, 2020. In addition, the unemployment rate used to calculate their eligibility and entitlement weeks was 13.1%, unless their region's unemployment rate was higher.
- 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)).
- The number of beneficiaries is a measure of all people who received regular EI benefits from March 14 to 20. This period coincides with the reference week of the LFS.