



Payroll employment, earnings and hours, and job vacancies March 2021 (*preliminary*)

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Preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates show that in March 2021, Yukon had 22,703 jobs¹, an increase of 1,229 jobs, or 5.7%, compared to March 2020 and an increase of 262 jobs, or 1.2%, compared to February 2021.

Based on the preliminary estimates, compared to March 2020, the largest increase in the number of jobs was in the *Trade* sector* (156 jobs, or 5.2%); the largest decrease in the number of jobs was in the *Transportation and warehousing* sector (156 jobs, or -11.8%).

Employment for all employees¹, Monthly, seasonally adjusted (*including unclassified businesses*)

Geography	Mar '20	Feb '21 ^r	Mar '21 ^P	Feb '21 to Mar '21	Mar '20 to Mar '21
	Persons			Percentage change	
Canada	16,101,575	15,898,028	16,143,818	1.5%	0.3%
Newfoundland and Labrador	206,765	206,242	204,996	-0.6%	-0.9%
Prince Edward Island	67,016	72,003	72,515	0.7%	8.2%
Nova Scotia	407,769	412,345	417,241	1.2%	2.3%
New Brunswick	311,304	322,847	325,197	0.7%	4.5%
Quebec	3,554,512	3,597,444	3,657,359	1.7%	2.9%
Ontario	6,305,688	6,103,720	6,215,295	1.8%	-1.4%
Manitoba	583,830	582,433	588,784	1.1%	0.8%
Saskatchewan	465,757	464,981	466,026	0.2%	0.1%
Alberta	1,903,191	1,833,389	1,867,043	1.8%	-1.9%
British Columbia	2,230,116	2,234,766	2,261,520	1.2%	1.4%
Yukon	21,474	22,441	22,703	1.2%	5.7%
Northwest Territories	25,356	25,657	25,632	-0.1%	1.1%
Nunavut	18,797	19,759	19,505	-1.3%	3.8%

^r = revised; ^P = preliminary data

* Includes retail and wholesale trade sectors

¹ The Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH) estimates are produced monthly by integrating information from three sources: a census of payroll deduction records provided by the Canada Revenue Agency; the Business Payrolls Survey, and administrative records of federal, provincial and territorial public administration employment provided by these levels of government. These monthly estimates of the job numbers by detailed industry complement information from the Labour Force Survey (LFS), which is a household survey. The LFS includes people who are self-employed, as well as workers who take unpaid leave; SEPH does not cover these groups. Industry coverage for the LFS is comprehensive; SEPH excludes industry estimates for: agriculture; fishing and trapping; religious organizations; private household workers; and military personnel of defense services. The two surveys count multiple job holders differently. In the LFS, people with more than one job are counted only once as "employed"; SEPH counts filled positions on payroll, so each job is counted separately.



The March 2021 preliminary average weekly earnings figure for Yukon (\$1,287.70) was the third-highest in Canada, following the Northwest Territories (\$1,521.11) and Nunavut (\$1,483.44). Yukon's earnings figure was up 4.8% compared to the figure for March 2020, Canada's figure was up 7.4%.

**Average Weekly Earnings¹ including overtime for all employees,
Monthly, seasonally adjusted (excluding unclassified businesses)**

Geography	Mar '20	Feb '21 ^r	Mar '21 ^P	Feb '21 to Mar '21	Mar '20 to Mar '21
	Current dollars			Percentage change	
Canada	1,047.79	1,134.12	1,125.27	-0.8%	7.4%
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,083.46	1,083.03	1,096.33	1.2%	1.2%
Prince Edward Island	897.33	927.42	917.35	-1.1%	2.2%
Nova Scotia	930.26	964.73	951.01	-1.4%	2.2%
New Brunswick	973.08	1,010.29	1,014.19	0.4%	4.2%
Quebec	995.99	1,069.88	1,065.71	-0.4%	7.0%
Ontario	1,065.23	1,181.51	1,170.74	-0.9%	9.9%
Manitoba	937.47	1,026.56	1,008.73	-1.7%	7.6%
Saskatchewan	1,063.32	1,091.69	1,101.08	0.9%	3.6%
Alberta	1,169.84	1,237.75	1,207.53	-2.4%	3.2%
British Columbia	1,029.14	1,114.34	1,111.47	-0.3%	8.0%
Yukon	1,228.20	1,275.74	1,287.70	0.9%	4.8%
Northwest Territories	1,489.22	1,481.16	1,521.11	2.7%	2.1%
Nunavut	1,469.33	1,514.75	1,483.44	-2.1%	1.0%

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¹ Earnings data are based on gross taxable payroll before source deductions.



Preliminary **unadjusted** estimates show that in March 2021, there were 1,120 job vacancies in Yukon translating into a job vacancy rate of 6.3%.

**Job vacancies¹ and job vacancy rate,
March 2021, unadjusted for seasonality**

Geography	Job vacancies ²		Payroll employees ³		Job vacancy rate ⁴	
	Feb '21	Mar '21 ^P	Feb '21	Mar '21 ^P	Feb '21	Mar '21 ^P
	Number				Percentage	
Canada	505,920	632,720	14,802,150	14,864,360	3.3	4.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	3,825	4,205	189,525	174,315	2.0	2.4
Prince Edward Island	1,030	1,720	57,360	57,575	1.8	2.9
Nova Scotia	11,330	14,390	386,560	379,005	2.8	3.7
New Brunswick	9,155	9,785	286,465	309,915	3.1	3.1
Quebec	122,265	181,030	3,289,835	3,340,460	3.6	5.1
Ontario	169,720	220,525	5,746,545	5,707,025	2.9	3.7
Manitoba	15,780	20,150	534,005	537,120	2.9	3.6
Saskatchewan	12,000	13,910	432,410	436,855	2.7	3.1
Alberta	52,780	57,050	1,746,370	1,778,305	2.9	3.1
British Columbia	106,355	107,700	2,084,445	2,092,745	4.9	4.9
Yukon	500	1,120	16,320	16,700	3.0	6.3
Northwest Territories	465	420	18,685	19,790	2.4	2.1
Nunavut	F	F	13,630	14,550	F	F

^P = preliminary data

¹ Estimates are preliminary before the associated quarterly data are released.

² A job is vacant if it meets the following conditions: it is vacant on the reference date (first day of the month) or will become vacant during the month; there are tasks to be carried out during the month for the job in question; and the employer is actively seeking a worker outside the organization to fill the job. The jobs could be full-time, part-time, permanent, temporary, casual, or seasonal. Jobs reserved for subcontractors, external consultants, or other workers who are not considered employees, are excluded.

³ Job Vacancy and Wage Survey (JVWS) employment estimates may differ from Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours employment estimates because of calibration grouping and differences in scope and reference period. Additionally, JVWS data are not seasonally adjusted.

⁴ The job vacancy rate is the number of job vacancies expressed as a percentage of labour demand; that is, all occupied and vacant jobs.