



## Employment Insurance, October 2020 (preliminary)

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*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). As a result, the Employment Insurance Statistics program was suspended between the March and September 2020 reference months. The data for this period were released today (December 17), along with the data for October 2020. The data for March to September reference months should be used with caution due to the impact of programs during the COVID-19 period.*

In October 2020, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular income support benefits<sup>1</sup> in Yukon was 1,210; of which 740 were men and 470 were women. Compared to October 2019, the total number of beneficiaries increased by 630, or 108.6%; compared to the September 2020 preliminary figure, the total number of beneficiaries increased by 780, or 181.4%.

Nationally, the preliminary number of EI beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) in October 2020 increased 198.9% compared to October 2019 and increased 469.7% compared to the September 2020 preliminary figure.

### Number of beneficiaries receiving regular income-support benefits<sup>1</sup>, by sex and age group (seasonally adjusted) October 2020 (preliminary)

	Oct '19	Sep '20 <sup>P</sup>	Oct '20 <sup>P</sup>	Sep '20 to Oct '20	Oct '19 to Oct '20	Sep '20 to Oct '20	Oct '19 to Oct '20
	number <sup>2</sup>			change in number <sup>2</sup>		% change	
<b>Canada</b>							
<b>Both Sexes</b>	<b>453,130</b>	<b>237,720</b>	<b>1,354,240</b>	<b>1,116,520</b>	<b>901,110</b>	<b>469.7</b>	<b>198.9</b>
15 to 24 years	44,640	20,560	177,230	156,670	132,590	762.0	297.0
25 to 54 years	283,780	148,660	825,350	676,690	541,570	455.2	190.8
55 years and over	124,720	68,500	351,670	283,170	226,950	413.4	182.0
<b>Men</b>	<b>287,640</b>	<b>179,340</b>	<b>679,500</b>	<b>500,160</b>	<b>391,860</b>	<b>278.9</b>	<b>136.2</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>165,480</b>	<b>58,380</b>	<b>674,740</b>	<b>616,360</b>	<b>509,260</b>	<b>1,055.8</b>	<b>307.7</b>
<b>Yukon</b>							
<b>Both Sexes</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>181.4</b>	<b>108.6</b>
15 to 24 years	60	50	120	70	60	140.0	100.0
25 to 54 years	370	270	800	530	430	196.3	116.2
55 years and over	160	120	290	170	130	141.7	81.3
<b>Men</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>131.3</b>	<b>89.7</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>327.3</b>	<b>135.0</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> The numbers may not add up to totals due to rounding.

#### Notes to Readers:

- On September 27, 2020, the Government of Canada introduced temporary changes to the EI program to facilitate the transition of CERB recipients to EI and to increase EI eligibility. These new measures included a reduction in the number of insured hours required to qualify for regular EI benefits, as well as all new regular EI beneficiaries received a one-time credit of 300 insurable hours.

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- *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)).*