

Labour Force Survey Highlights - August 2026

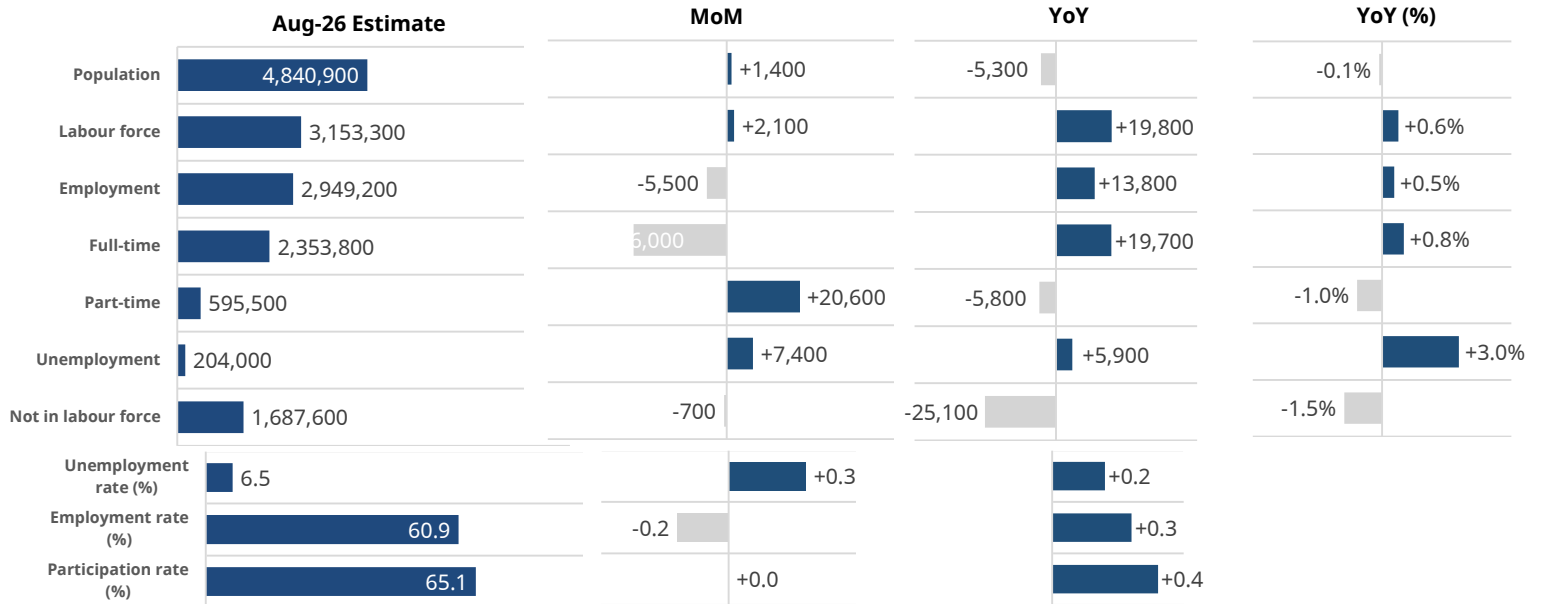
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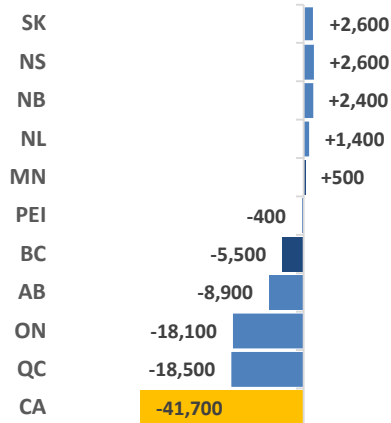
- B.C. employment fell by 5,500 in August as a decline in full-time employment (-26,000) outweighed an increase in part-time employment (+20,600). Employment remained 13,800 higher than a year earlier.
- The unemployment rate increased by 0.3 percentage points to 6.5%, slightly above the national rate (6.4%).
- Employment declined in the private sector (-3,600) and among self-employed people (-17,000), but increased in the public sector (+15,200).
- Goods-producing industries lost 6,600 jobs, while services-producing industries gained 1,100. Health care and social assistance recorded the largest increase (+10,000), while business, building and other support services recorded the largest decline (-7,100).
- Average hourly wages rose by \$0.36 to \$39.07, the highest provincial average in Canada.
- Of the 10 key labour market measures, two improved and one was essentially unchanged.



British Columbia's Labour Force Characteristics



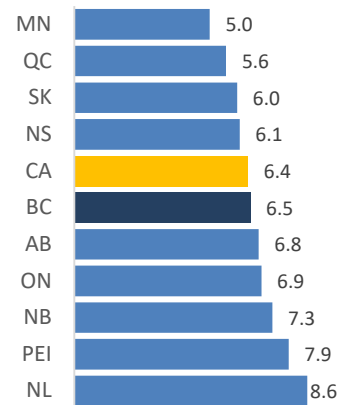
Monthly Employment Change by Province



BC Unemployment Rate



Unemployment Rate (%) by Province



Note: all monthly data is seasonally adjusted unless otherwise noted.