NEW BRUNSWICK LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

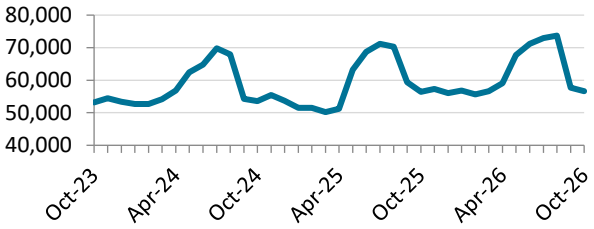
DATA FOR OCTOBER 2026 (RELEASED NOVEMBER 2026)

YOUTH STATISTICS (AGES 15 TO 24) – UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY

It is recommended to consider trends over the long-term

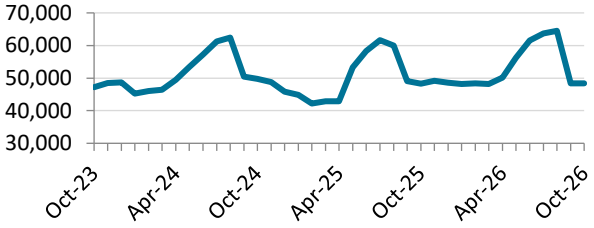
Labour Force

56,600 in October 2026
-1,100 (-1.9%) Month-over-Month (+0.2% Nationally)
+200 (+0.4%) Year-over-Year (-2.1% Nationally)



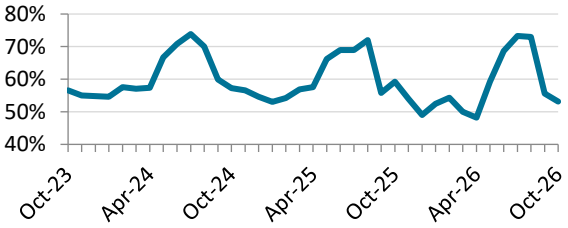
Employment

48,400 in October 2026
0 (0.0%) Month-over-Month (+0.4% Nationally)
+100 (+0.2%) Year-over-Year (-2.1% Nationally)



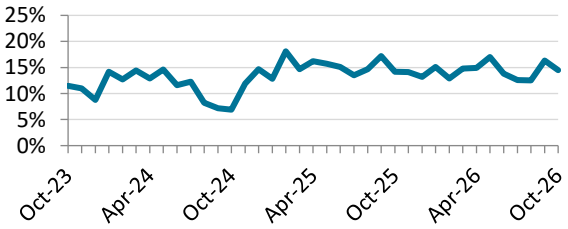
Full-Time Employment Rate

53.1% in October 2026 (47.8% Nationally)
-2.5 p.p. Month-over-Month (-1.7 p.p. Nationally)
-6.1 p.p. Year-over-Year (+0.8 p.p. Nationally)



Unemployment Rate

14.5% in October 2026 (12.9% Nationally)
-1.8 p.p. Month-over-Month (-0.1 p.p. Nationally)
+0.3 p.p. Year-over-Year (0.0 p.p. Nationally)



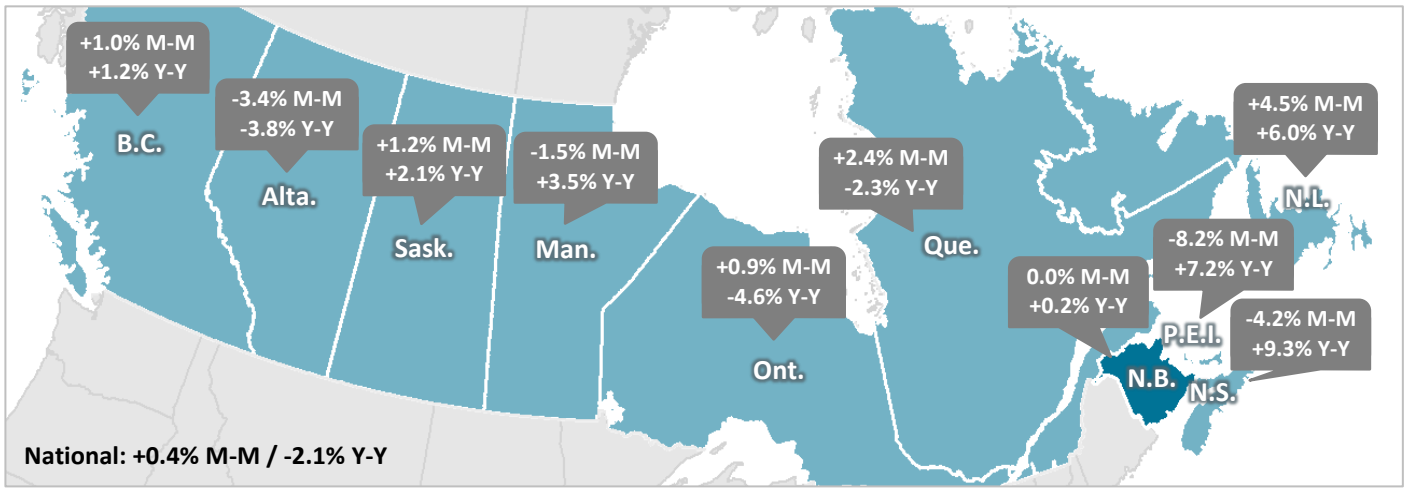
Labour Force Characteristics - Unadjusted for Seasonality (Ages 15 to 24)

	Oct-25	Sep-26	Oct-26	M-M Change		Y-Y Change	
Working-Age Population	93,000	94,300	**94,600**	+300	+0.3%	+1,600	+1.7%
Labour Force	56,400	57,700	**56,600**	-1,100	-1.9%	+200	+0.4%
Employment	48,300	48,400	**48,400**	0	0.0%	+100	+0.2%
FT Employment	28,600	26,900	**25,700**	-1,200	-4.5%	-2,900	-10.1%
PT Employment	19,800	21,500	**22,700**	+1,200	+5.6%	+2,900	+14.6%
Unemployment	8,000	9,400	**8,200**	-1,200	-12.8%	+200	+2.5%
Participation Rate (%)	60.6%	61.2%	**59.8%**	-1.4 (pp)		-0.8 (pp)	
Employment Rate (%)	51.9%	51.3%	**51.2%**	-0.1 (pp)		-0.7 (pp)	
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.2%	16.3%	**14.5%**	-1.8 (pp)		+0.3 (pp)	

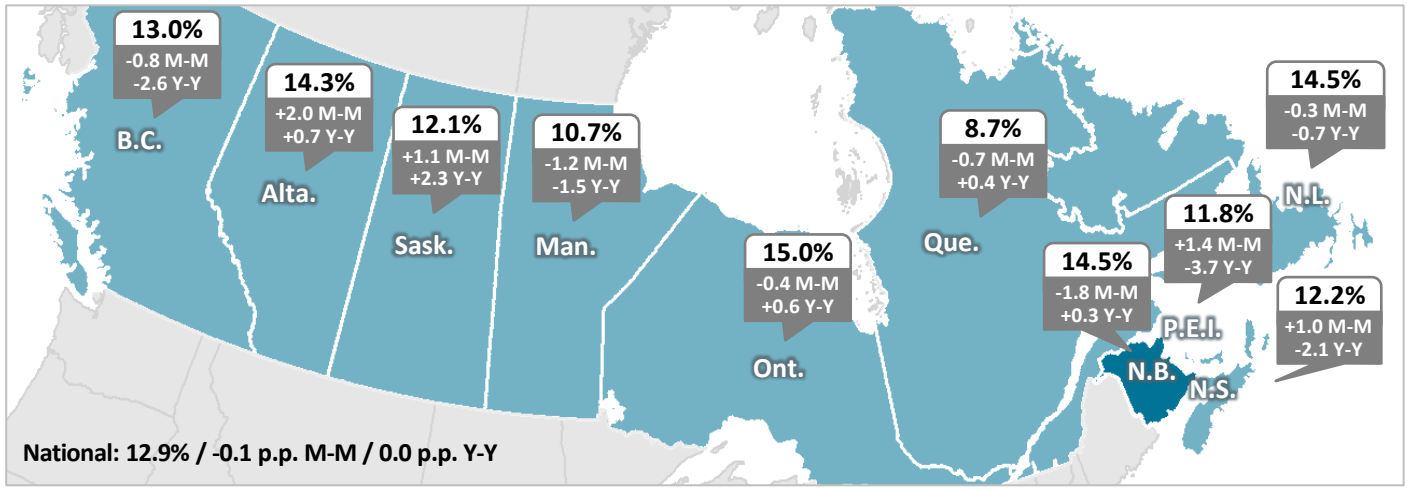
M-M = month over month. Y-Y = year over year. The dark grey lines in the charts above represents the linear trend line.

Youth Statistics - Data for October 2026 (Unadjusted for Seasonality)

Employment Growth



Unemployment Rate



Participation Rate

