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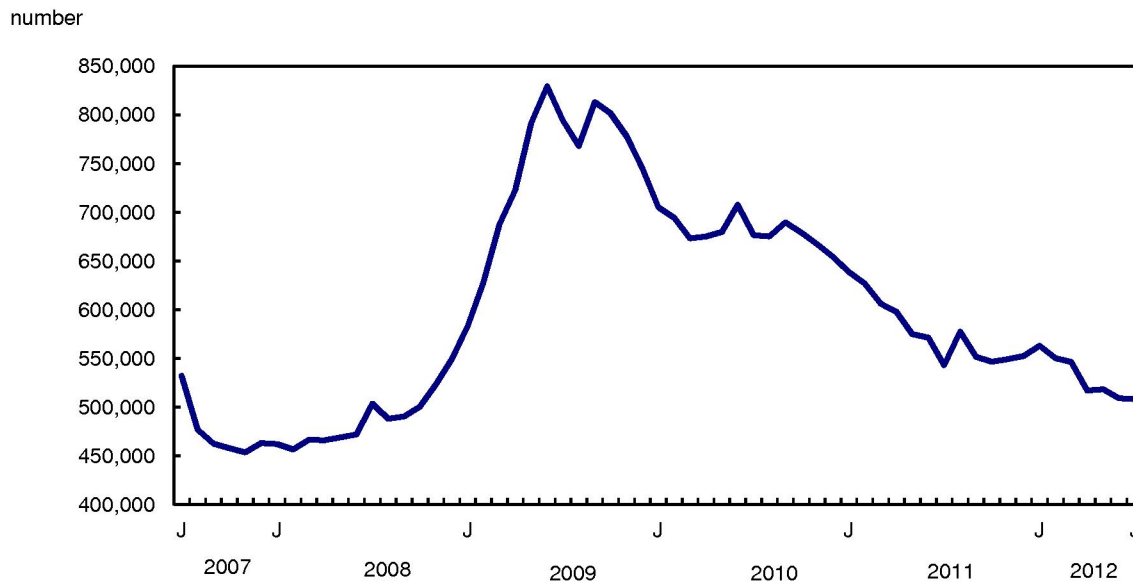
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Chart 1
Employment Insurance beneficiaries little changed in July



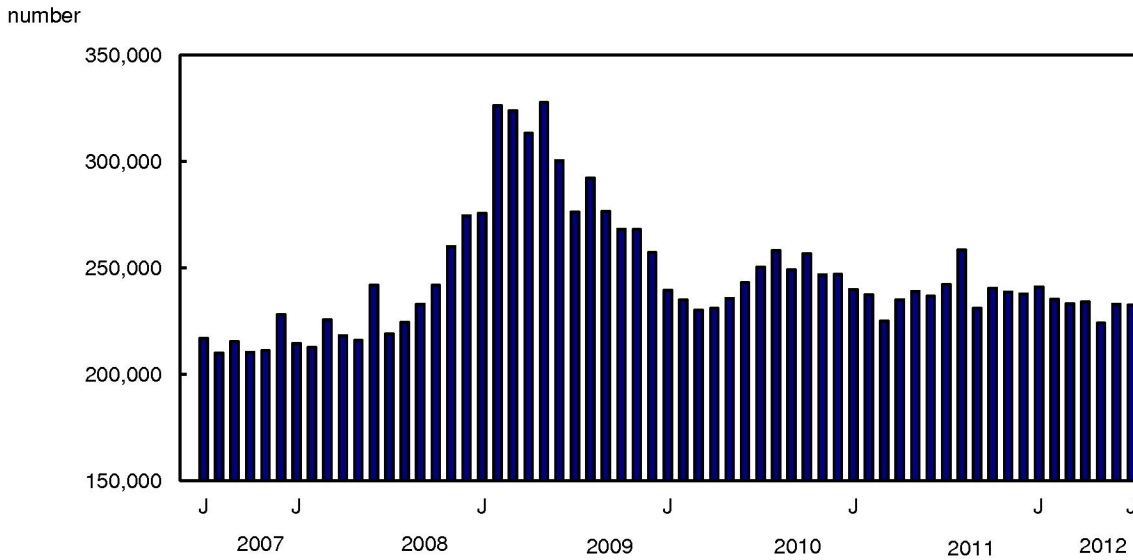
Claims virtually unchanged in July

To receive EI benefits, individuals must first submit a claim. The number of claims provides an indication of the number of people who could become beneficiaries.

Nationally, the number of initial and renewal claims was little changed at 232,400 in July, following an increase in June.

Provincially, claims rose by 8.9% in Saskatchewan, 8.3% in Ontario and 3.1% in Alberta, while they fell by 6.6% in New Brunswick, 4.4% in Quebec and 3.0% in Newfoundland and Labrador. There was little change in the other provinces.

Chart 2
Number of claims virtually unchanged in July



The provinces: Number of beneficiaries

After a long-term downward trend, the number of people receiving regular EI benefits in Alberta increased to 25,600 in July, up 2,100 or 8.7% from the previous month.

In Ontario, the number of beneficiaries rose 3.4% to 154,300, more than offsetting a decline in the previous month.

At the same time, the number of people receiving benefits in Prince Edward Island declined 5.0% to 8,100. In Quebec, the number of beneficiaries fell 2.8% to 146,300, the second consecutive decline in the province. There were no notable changes in the other provinces.

Note to readers

The change in the number of regular Employment Insurance (EI) beneficiaries reflects various situations, including people becoming beneficiaries, people going back to work, and people exhausting their regular benefits.

All data in this release are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise specified. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see [Seasonal adjustment and identifying economic trends](#).

EI statistics are produced from administrative data sources provided by Service Canada and Human Resources and Skills Development Canada. These statistics may, from time to time, be affected by changes to the Employment Insurance Act or administrative procedures. The number of regular beneficiaries and the number of claims received for June and July are preliminary.

The number of beneficiaries is a measure of all people who received EI benefits from July 15 to 21. This period coincides with the reference week of the Labour Force Survey (LFS).

EI statistics indicate the number of people who received EI benefits, and should not be confused with data coming from the LFS, which provides information on the total number of unemployed people.

There is always a certain proportion of unemployed people who do not qualify for benefits. Some unemployed people have not contributed to the program because they have not worked in the past 12 months or their employment is not insured. Other unemployed people have contributed to the program but do not meet the eligibility criteria, such as workers who left their job voluntarily or those who did not accumulate enough hours of work to receive benefits.

Table 1
Employment Insurance: Statistics by province and territory – Seasonally adjusted

| | June 2012 ^P | July 2012 ^P | June to July 2012 | July 2011 to July 2012 | June to July 2012 | July 2011 to July 2012 |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| | number | | change in number | | % change | |
| Beneficiaries receiving regular benefits | | | | | | |
| Canada | 509,050 | 507,970 | -1,080 | -34,940 | -0.2 | -6.4 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 33,140 | 33,070 | -70 | -3,710 | -0.2 | -10.1 |
| Prince Edward Island | 8,520 | 8,090 | -430 | -580 | -5.0 | -6.7 |
| Nova Scotia | 29,850 | 29,990 | 140 | -1,640 | 0.5 | -5.2 |
| New Brunswick | 32,690 | 32,670 | -20 | -1,210 | -0.1 | -3.6 |
| Quebec | 150,540 | 146,260 | -4,280 | -9,780 | -2.8 | -6.3 |
| Ontario | 149,130 | 154,260 | 5,130 | -8,310 | 3.4 | -5.1 |
| Manitoba | 12,700 | 12,900 | 200 | 1,180 | 1.6 | 10.1 |
| Saskatchewan | 9,260 | 9,360 | 100 | -600 | 1.1 | -6.0 |
| Alberta | 23,560 | 25,610 | 2,050 | -6,690 | 8.7 | -20.7 |
| British Columbia | 55,360 | 54,860 | -500 | -6,370 | -0.9 | -10.4 |
| Yukon | 980 | 950 | -30 | -40 | -3.1 | -4.0 |
| Northwest Territories | 870 | 880 | 10 | -100 | 1.1 | -10.2 |
| Nunavut | 540 | 530 | -10 | 10 | -1.9 | 1.9 |
| Initial and renewal claims received | | | | | | |
| Canada | 232,830 | 232,410 | -420 | -9,600 | -0.2 | -4.0 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 9,190 | 8,910 | -280 | 890 | -3.0 | 11.1 |
| Prince Edward Island | 2,470 | 2,430 | -40 | -100 | -1.6 | -4.0 |
| Nova Scotia | 9,960 | 10,090 | 130 | -400 | 1.3 | -3.8 |
| New Brunswick | 10,660 | 9,960 | -700 | -270 | -6.6 | -2.6 |
| Quebec | 70,630 | 67,530 | -3,100 | 770 | -4.4 | 1.2 |
| Ontario | 70,390 | 76,240 | 5,850 | -8,640 | 8.3 | -10.2 |
| Manitoba | 7,440 | 7,490 | 50 | -450 | 0.7 | -5.7 |
| Saskatchewan | 5,400 | 5,880 | 480 | -310 | 8.9 | -5.0 |
| Alberta | 17,480 | 18,030 | 550 | -1,120 | 3.1 | -5.8 |
| British Columbia | 27,020 | 27,220 | 200 | -1,150 | 0.7 | -4.1 |
| Yukon | 330 | 350 | 20 | 20 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| Northwest Territories | 320 | 310 | -10 | -20 | -3.1 | -6.1 |
| Nunavut | 220 | 200 | -20 | 10 | -9.1 | 5.3 |

^P preliminary

Note(s): The number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits excludes claimants receiving training, job creation and self-employment benefits as well as other employment and support measures benefits.

Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 276-0001 to 276-0004, 276-0006, 276-0009 and 276-0011.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2604.

Data tables are also now available online. From the *Key resource* module of our website under *Summary tables*, choose *Subject*, then *Labour*.

Data on Employment Insurance for August will be released on October 18.

For more information, contact Statistics Canada's National Contact Centre (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; 613-951-8116; infostats@statcan.gc.ca).

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Health Reports, September 2012

The September 2012 online issue of *Health Reports* contains two articles.

The first article "Overweight and obesity in children and adolescents: Results from the 2009 to 2011 Canadian Health Measures Survey," uses measured height and weight data from the 2009 to 2011 Canadian Health Measures Survey to present population estimates of overweight and obesity among Canadian children and adolescents based on the World Health Organization cut-off values and compare them with the International Obesity Task Force thresholds.

For more information on this article, contact media relations at the Public Health Agency of Canada (613-941-8189).

The second article "Comparison of waist circumference using the World Health Organization and National Institutes of Health protocols," compares waist circumference measured using the World Health Organization (WHO) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) protocols to determine if the results differ significantly, and whether equations can be developed to allow comparison between waist circumference taken at the two different measurement sites. Valid waist circumference measurements using the WHO and NIH protocols were obtained for 6,306 respondents aged 3 to 79 from Cycle 2 of the Canadian Health Measures Survey.

For more information on this article, contact Shirley Bryan (613-951-4968; shirley.bryan@statcan.gc.ca), Health Statistics Division.

The complete version of the latest issue of *Health Reports*, Vol. 23, no. 3 (82-003-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*. A print version (82-003-X, \$24/\$68) is also available.

For more information, contact Statistics Canada's National Contact Centre (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; 613-951-8116; infostats@statcan.gc.ca).

For information about *Health Reports*, contact Janice Felman (613-951-6446; janice.felman@statcan.gc.ca), Health Analysis Division.

Construction Union Wage Rate Index, August 2012

The Construction Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for Canada was unchanged in August compared with the previous month. The composite index increased 2.6% compared with August 2011.

Note to readers

Union wage rates are published for 16 trades in 22 metropolitan areas for both the basic rates and rates including selected supplementary payments. The indexes (2007=100) are calculated for the same metropolitan areas and are published for those where a majority of trades are covered by current collective agreements.

The wage rates and indexes are subject to a 30-month revision period after dissemination of a given month's data. This is due to the length of time that can transpire between the expiration of a collective agreement and the ratification of a new collective agreement. The wage rates and indexes are not seasonally adjusted.

Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 327-0003 and 327-0045.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2307.

The second quarter 2012 issue of *Capital Expenditure Price Statistics* (62-007-X, free) will be available in October.

The construction union wage rate indexes for September will be released on October 25.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Statistics Canada's National Contact Centre (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; 613-951-8116; infostats@statcan.gc.ca) or the Media Hotline (613-951-4636; mediahotline@statcan.gc.ca).

Investment in new housing construction, July 2012

Data on the investment in new housing construction (including single dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, row housing, apartments and condominiums) are now available for July.

Available without charge in CANSIM: table 026-0017.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5155.

For more information, contact Statistics Canada's National Contact Centre
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Canadian Tobacco Use Monitoring Survey, 2011

The public use microdata file for the 2011 Canadian Tobacco Use Monitoring Survey (CTUMS) is now available.

The CTUMS, conducted since 1999 by Statistics Canada on behalf of Health Canada, provides timely, reliable and continuous data on tobacco use and related issues. Its objective is to track changes in smoking status and amount smoked, especially among young people aged 15 to 24, who are most at risk for starting to smoke.

Note to readers

The Canadian Tobacco Use Monitoring Survey (CTUMS) and the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) produce estimates of national and provincial smoking rates. There are a number of differences between these two surveys. Each uses a different sampling frame.

The annual sample for CTUMS is 20,000, compared with 65,000 for CCHS. In the CCHS, smoking questions are asked in the context of a wide range of health-related behaviours; in CTUMS, all questions are related to smoking.

These factors can influence the estimates produced at a single point in time. However, the trends produced by the two surveys have been very consistent over time. Rather than comparing smoking rates produced from the two surveys, users should choose a single source, depending on their objectives, and use that source consistently.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4440.

The product *Canadian Tobacco Use Monitoring Survey Microdata File, 2011* (82M0020X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Statistics Canada's National Contact Centre (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; 613-951-8116; infostats@statcan.gc.ca) or the Media Hotline (613-951-4636; mediahotline@statcan.gc.ca).

For more information about the survey and its results, contact Health Canada (toll-free 1-866-318-1116; fax: 613-954-2377; tcp-plt-questions@hc-sc.gc.ca) or visit (www.gosmokefree.gc.ca).

Canadian Health Measures Survey: Household and physical measures data, 2009 to 2011

Household and physical measures data from cycle 2 of the survey are now available, including data on height and weight, neck circumference, blood pressure, spirometry (lung health), and aerobic and musculoskeletal fitness.

Additional Canadian Health Measures Survey data will be available on November 21, 2012 (activity monitor, indoor air and non-environmental laboratory data) and April 17, 2013 (laboratory environmental data).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5071.

The publication *Canadian Health Measures Survey: Cycle 2 Data Tables*, 2009 to 2011 (82-626-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

The following *Health Fact Sheets* (82-625-X, free) are also available: "Aerobic fitness of Canadians, 2009 to 2011", "Blood pressure of Canadian adults, 2009 to 2011", "Blood pressure of Canadian children and youth, 2009 to 2011", "Body composition of Canadian adults, 2009 to 2011", "Body mass index of Canadian children and youth, 2009 to 2011," "Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in Canadians, 2009 to 2011" and "Muscular strength of Canadians, 2009 to 2011".

Also released today, the studies "Overweight and obesity in children and adolescents: Results from the 2009 to 2011 Canadian Health Measures Survey", and "Comparison of waist circumference using the World Health Organization and National Institutes of Health protocols", are now available in *Health Reports*, Vol. 23, no. 3 (82-003-X, free).

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Catalogue number 82M0020X (CD-ROM, free)

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