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## Employment growth continues

- Canada added 55K jobs in December. Employment growth was driven by full-time gains of 123K but offset with a loss of 68K part-time jobs.
- Employment increased in Ontario and Saskatchewan by 47K and 6K respectively, while it fell in Newfoundland and Labrador by 4.6K. There was little change in all other provinces.
- In December, the goods-producing sector grew for a second consecutive month by 44K – construction accounted for most of the gain at 27K. After an increase of 127K in November, the services-producing sector was virtually unchanged – educational services added 17K jobs, but all other services-producing industries was little changed.
- The unemployment rate remains slightly above pre-pandemic level at 5.9% in December, little changed from November. Prior to COVID, Canada had an unemployment rate of 5.7% in February 2020 and a record low of 5.4% in May 2019.
- Data reflects labour market conditions during the week of December 5 to 11, before the widespread emergence of the COVID-19 Omicron variant.

### NOTABLE INDUSTRIES

Construction	<b>+27.1K</b>
Educational services	<b>+17.3K</b>
Manufacturing	<b>+10.5K</b>
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	<b>-10.7K</b>



### Canada Monthly Job Change and Unemployment Rate

