

Canada lost 17,700 jobs in April and the unemployment rate rose to a six-month high:

- **Employment:** -18K; second consecutive month of little variation.
 - Losses in full-time jobs (-47K), offset only by gains in part-time (+29K).
 - Net overall decline YTD concentrated in full-time work (-111K).
- **Employment Rate:** -0.1% to 60.5%, matching a recent low in August 2025.
- **Unemployment Rate:** +0.2% to 6.9%, a six-month high.
- **Participation Rate:** +0.1% to 65.0% as more people were searching for work.
- **Industry:** Losses in information, culture and recreation (-25K), construction (-16K), and 'other services' (-13K). Gains in business, building and other support services (+22K), health care and social assistance (+18K) and accommodation and food services (+13K).
- **Province:** Losses in Quebec (-43K), Newfoundland and Labrador (-5.2K), Saskatchewan (-4.0K) and New Brunswick (-2.7K). Gains in Ontario (+42K) and little changed in the other provinces.
- **Average hourly wages:** +4.5% (+\$1.64) to \$37.77 year-over-year.

Analysts polled by Reuters had predicted net job gains of 15,000 and the unemployment rate of 6.7%, almost mirroring the month of March when employment rose by 14,100 and jobless rate was the same.



EMPLOYMENT

▼ **17,700**

IN APRIL



AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE

▲ **\$37.77**

4.5% ABOVE APRIL 2025



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

▲ **6.9%**

IN APRIL

Monthly Job Change and Unemployment Rate

