

Job Vacancy and Wage Survey Second Quarter (April-June) 2019

On September 20, 2019, Statistics Canada released the Job Vacancy and Wage Survey (JVWS) for the second quarter of 2019 (April-June). There were 581,600 job vacancies in Canada in the second quarter, and the job vacancy rate was 3.5 per cent. Compared with the second quarter of 2018, the number of job vacancies rose by 34,800 (+6.4 per cent), and the job vacancy rate increased by 0.1 percentage points.

On Prince Edward Island, there were 2,325 job vacancies in the second quarter of 2018, and the job vacancy rate was 3.6 per cent. Compared with the second quarter of 2018, the number of job vacancies on Prince Edward Island decreased by 600 (-20.1 per cent), while the job vacancy rate declined by 1.1 percentage points. Declines occurred in five of the ten largest industrial sectors on the Island. Though the number of job



vacancies was down on a year-over-year basis, the levels are similar to those observed in the second quarter of 2017.

Nationally, the average hourly wage for vacant positions averaged \$21.30 in the second quarter of 2019. The highest offered wages were offered in Nunavut at \$31.55. Provincially, Alberta had the highest offered wage at \$23.50. Prince Edward Island was the province with the lowest offered wage for vacant positions at \$15.15. This compares to an average offered wage of \$14.40 in the second quarter of 2018, an increase of 5.2 per cent. The average offered hourly wage for vacant positions in the other Maritime provinces in the second quarter of 2019 were \$18.00 in Nova Scotia and \$17.20 in New Brunswick.

Table 1 shows the number of job vacancies and the average offered hourly wage by national occupation classification for Prince Edward Island. As in previous quarters, sales and services occupations continue to have the highest number of job vacancies. Sales and service occupations accounted for 1,180 vacancies or 50.1 per cent of vacancies in the second quarter of 2019, up from 47.3 per cent in the second quarter of 2018. Occupations in trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations had 285 vacancies, or 12.3 per cent of vacancies in the second quarter of 2019, while occupations in *natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations* and occupations in *manufacturing and utilities* had 205 vacancies respectively.

Table 1

Job Vacancy and Wage Survey (JVWS), job vacancies and average offered hourly wage by economic region and detailed National Occupational Classification (NOC), unadjusted for seasonality, Prince Edward Island			
National Occupational Classification	Statistics	Q2 2018	Q2 2019
Total, all occupations	Job vacancies	2,910	2,325
	Average offered hourly wage (dollars)	14.40	15.15
Management occupations	Job vacancies	65	F
	Average offered hourly wage (dollars)	21.30	18.80
Business, finance and administration occupations	Job vacancies	135	125
	Average offered hourly wage (dollars)	18.80	19.80
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	Job vacancies	95	F
	Average offered hourly wage (dollars)	23.70	21.05
Health occupations	Job vacancies	70	95
	Average offered hourly wage (dollars)	17.45	20.95
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	Job vacancies	F	75
	Average offered hourly wage (dollars)	16.80	17.15
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	Job vacancies	x	x
	Average offered hourly wage (dollars)	x	x
Sales and service occupations	Job vacancies	1,375	1,180
	Average offered hourly wage (dollars)	12.15	13.00
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	Job vacancies	405	285
	Average offered hourly wage (dollars)	17.30	17.85
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	Job vacancies	240	205
	Average offered hourly wage (dollars)	13.35	14.50
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	Job vacancies	320	205
	Average offered hourly wage (dollars)	13.15	14.20
Unclassified occupations	Job vacancies	x	x
	Average offered hourly wage (dollars)	x	x

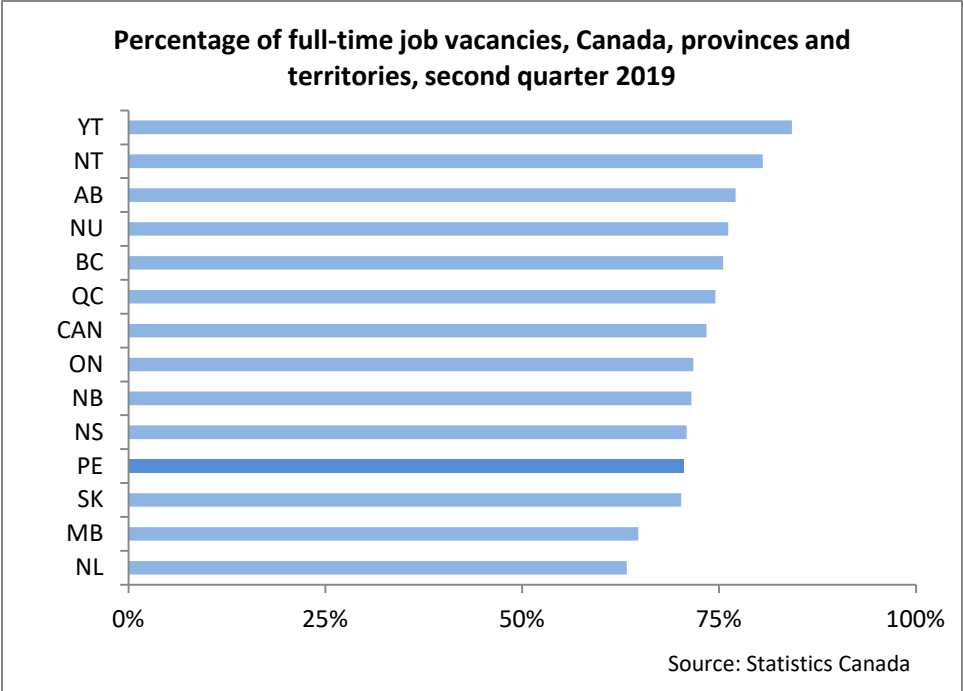
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Occupations with higher offered hourly wage rates, such as natural and applied sciences and related occupations (\$21.05), and health occupations (\$20.95) had relatively low job vacancies in the fourth quarter.

Compared to the second quarter of 2018, the average offered hourly wage increased in business, finance and administration occupations, health occupations, occupations in law and social, community and government, sales and service occupations, trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations, and occupations in manufacturing and utilities. Management occupations, and natural and applied sciences and related occupations saw a decrease in the offered hourly wage between the second quarter of 2018 and the second quarter of 2019.

In the second quarter of 2019, 73.4 per cent of job vacancies in Canada were for full-time work. The proportion of vacancies that were for full-time work in Prince Edward Island was 70.5 per cent over this period. The Yukon had the highest proportion of job vacancies that were for full-time jobs at 84.3 per cent, while



Newfoundland and Labrador, at 63.3 per cent, had the lowest.

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