



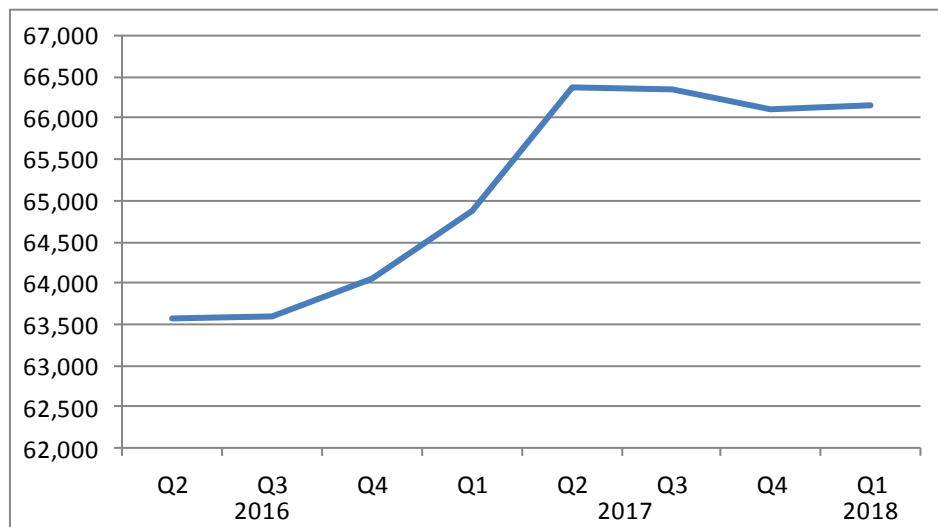
May 31, 2018

SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLLS AND HOURS (SEPH) FIRST QUARTER 2018 (Seasonally adjusted)

The Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH) provides a monthly portrait of the earnings, payroll jobs (i.e., occupied positions) and hours worked by detailed industry at the national and provincial/territorial levels. The program’s target population consists of all businesses in Canada that have at least one paid employee receiving a T4 slip and have thus issued at least one payroll deduction remittance during the reference month. Excluded are businesses that are primarily involved in agriculture, fishing and trapping, private household services, religious organizations, international and other extraterritorial public administration, and the military personnel of defense services.

On May 31, 2018 Statistics Canada released data from the *SEPH* for March 2018. The data shows that P.E.I.’s seasonally adjusted employment for the first quarter of 2018 averaged 66,157, up 2.0 per cent as compared to the first quarter of 2017. Nationally, SEPH employment increased by 2.3 per cent.

**SEPH EMPLOYMENT QUARTERLY
 PEI, Q2 2016 – Q1 2018**



Notable year over year increases for PEI were seen in Manufacturing (5.8 per cent), Administrative Support (7.2 per cent), and Health and Social Services (2.6 per cent). Declines occurred in Information and Culture (-17.4 per cent), Finance and Insurance (-5.4 per cent), and Accommodation and Food Services (-0.9 per cent).

Employment gains (+)/ losses (-) between First Quarter 2017 and First Quarter 2018 occurred in the following sectors on Prince Edward Island:

Goods-producing sector:	+553	Service-providing sector:	+611
Manufacturing:	+293	Trade (Retail/Wholesale):	+182
Construction:	+232	Transport & Warehousing:	-29
Forestry, Logging and Support:	X	Information and Culture:	-191
Mining; Oil and Gas Extraction:	X	Finance and Insurance:	-101
Utilities:	X	Real Estate and Leasing:	+95
		Professional Services:	-33
		Management Services:	-42
		Administrative Support:	+246
		Educational Services:	+181
		Health & Social Services:	+241
		Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation:	+7
		Accommodation & Food Services:	-58
		Other Services:	+40
		Public Administration:	+74

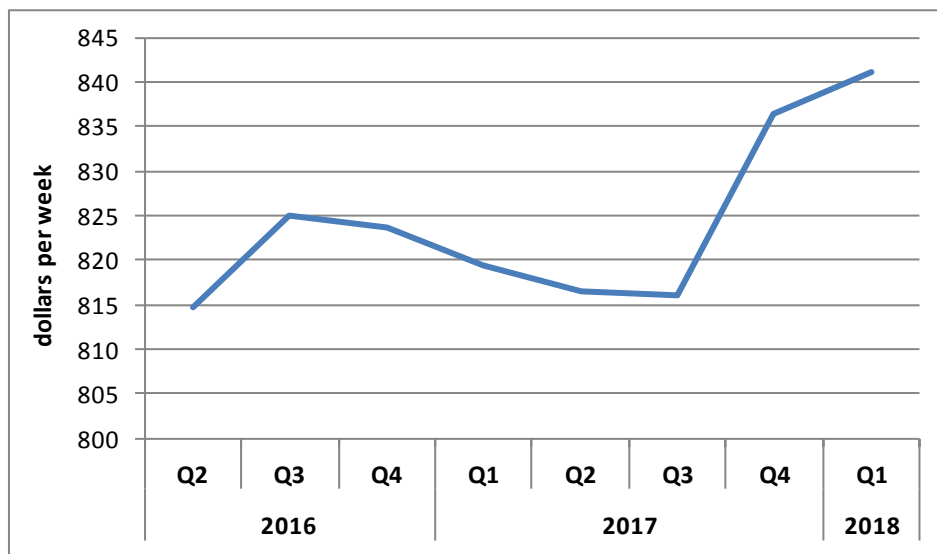
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AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES

Seasonally adjusted average weekly wages (including overtime) on Prince Edward Island increased by 2.6 per cent in the first quarter of 2018 over the same period in 2017. The average weekly wage was \$841.09, as compared to \$819.43 during the first quarter of 2017.

Goods producing industries saw the average weekly wage increase by 2.6 per cent year over year, while service producing industries saw the average weekly wage increase by 2.5 per cent. Notable year over year increases were seen in wholesale trade (12.4 per cent), administrative and support, waste management and remediation services (11.1 per cent), and arts, entertainment and recreation (8.6 per cent). Notable declines were seen in professional, scientific and technical services (-7.8 per cent) and real estate, rental and leasing (-6.2 per cent).

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Source: Statistics Canada. Tables 281-0063 - Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH), released May 31, 2018