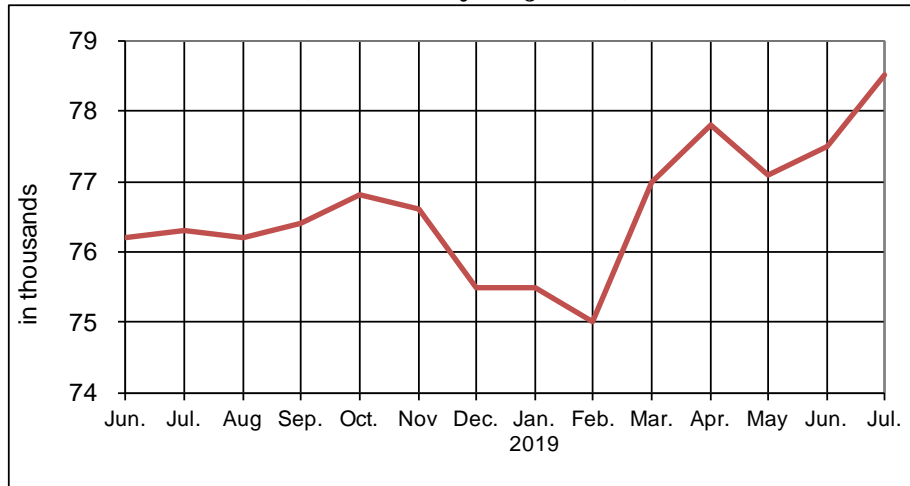


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PEI EMPLOYMENT, JULY 2019 (Seasonally adjusted)



JULY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY PROVINCE (seasonally adjusted, in percentages)

Month	Can	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC
July 2019	5.7	12.8	8.4	7.4	8.5	4.9	5.7	5.8	5.4	7.0	4.4
June 2019	5.5	13.3	9.3	6.6	7.8	4.9	5.4	5.7	5.1	6.6	4.5
July 2018	5.9	15.0	9.4	8.0	7.7	5.5	5.4	6.0	6.5	6.7	4.9
Year-over-Year change (pp)	-0.2	-2.2	-1.0	-0.6	0.8	-0.6	0.3	-0.2	-1.1	0.3	-0.5
Monthly change (pp)	0.2	-0.5	-0.9	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4	-0.1

SUMMARY

Today's Statistics Canada *Labour Force Survey* shows that P.E.I.'s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.4 per cent in July 2019. This is down 0.9 percentage points from last month and down 1.0 percentage point from July 2018. Seasonally adjusted employment in July totaled 78,500, a new all-time high for monthly employment. This is an increase of 2,200 from one year ago and up by 1,000 from June 2019. The annual increase was a result of an increase of 2,100 in full-time employment while part-time employment increased by 300. The number of unemployed persons on Prince Edward Island decreased to 7,200, down by 700 from one month ago and also down by 700 from July 2018. The labour force participation rate stood at 66.4 in July, down 0.5 percentage points from July 2018. The total labour force increased by 1,600 from July 2018 to total 85,700, which is also an all-time high.

The three-month moving average unemployment rate used by the Employment Insurance program for the Charlottetown region decreased to 6.9 per cent in July, down from 7.2 per cent in June. This results in an increase in the hours needed to qualify for EI in this region, from 630 to 665 hours and decreases the minimum draw period from 17 to 15 weeks. The rate in the PEI region in July was 10.9 per cent, down from 11.1 per cent in June. This results in an increase in the hours needed to qualify for EI in this region, from 490 to 525 hours and decreases the minimum draw period from 23 to 21 weeks.

Nationally, there was little change in employment for the third consecutive month. The unemployment rate increased 0.2 percentage points to 5.7 per cent as there were more people looking for work.

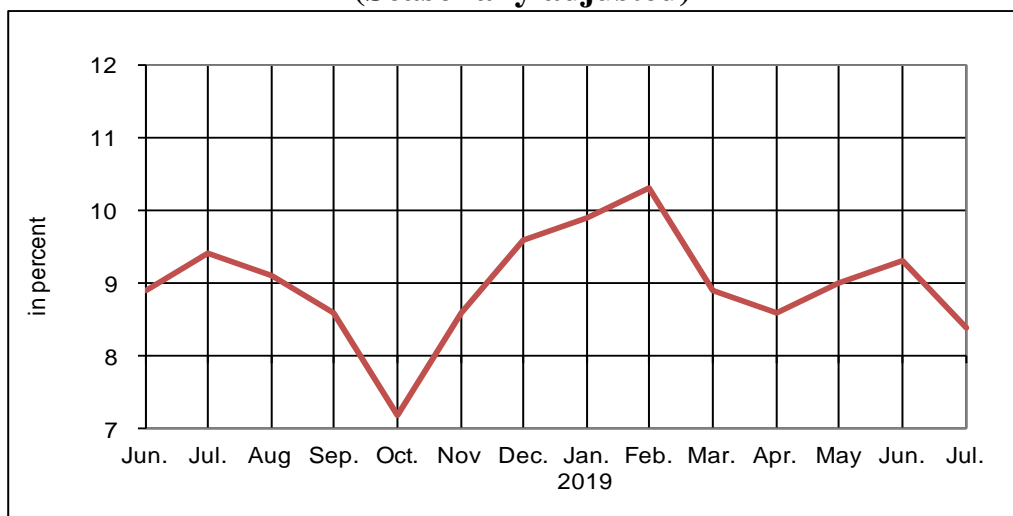
Notable employment increases occurred in Quebec and Prince Edward Island while Alberta, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick showed notable declines.

Employment gains (+)/ losses (-) between July 2018 and July 2019 occurred in the following sectors on Prince Edward Island:

Goods-producing sector:	+1,100	Service-providing sector:	+1,200
Agriculture:	+600	Trade (Retail/Wholesale):	-300
Other Primary Industries:	-200	Transport & Warehousing:	+200
Manufacturing:	+100	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate:	0
Construction:	+500	Business Services:	+500
Utilities:	0	Professional, Scientific and Technical:	0
		Educational Services:	+100
		Health & Social Services:	+1,000
		Public Administration:	+1,300
		Information, Culture and Recreation:	-900
		Accommodation & Food services:	-700
		Other Services:	-100

(Components may not sum to total due to rounding)

PEI UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (Seasonally adjusted)



Notes:

1. The LFS estimates for July are for the week of July 14 to 20.
2. The LFS estimates are based on a sample and are therefore subject to sampling variability. For more information, see the Statistics Canada publication "[Interpreting Monthly Changes in Employment from the Labour Force Survey.](#)"
3. The next release of the LFS will be on September 6, 2019.

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey Estimates, released August 9, 2019.