

How Much of Canada's Unemployment Is Long-Term?

Unemployed 27 weeks or more, as a share of all unemployed · July 2026: 23.4%



Notes: Persons unemployed 27 weeks or more as a share of all unemployed, seasonally adjusted. Because it is a share, a surge of newly jobless people pushes it DOWN by enlarging the denominator - that, not people finding work, is what the 2020 collapse in this line is. Shaded: recessions (C.D. Howe Business Cycle Council).

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0342 (vectors v1078668066, v1078667526). Released 07 Aug 2026. Retrieved 27 Aug 2026.

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