

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
BC Employment and Assistance Summary Report

Cases by Program and Family Type - February 2024

	Current Month February 2024	Previous Month January 2024	% Change from Previous Month	One Year Ago February 2023	% Change from Previous Year
Total BC Employment and Assistance Cases	182,452	180,386	1.15	170,943	6.73
Temporary Assistance (Persons Capable of Financial Independence Through Employment)					
Total Temporary Assistance Cases	61,963	60,449	2.50	53,839	15.09
Temporarily Excused from Work	6,962	6,951	0.16	6,339	9.83
Singles	2,800	2,802	-0.07	2,385	17.40
Couples	203	200	1.50	161	26.09
Two Parent Families	45	54	-16.67	42	7.14
Single Parent Families	3,914	3,895	0.49	3,751	4.35
Persistent Multiple Barriers	3,274	3,260	0.43	2,679	22.21
Singles	2,627	2,614	0.50	2,165	21.34
Couples	44	44	0.00	30	46.67
Two Parent Families	50	51	-1.96	32	56.25
Single Parent Families	553	551	0.36	452	22.35
Expected to Work - Medical Condition	9,517	9,459	0.61	7,342	29.62
Singles	8,121	8,077	0.54	6,261	29.71
Couples	158	154	2.60	138	14.49
Two Parent Families	311	300	3.67	213	46.01
Single Parent Families	927	928	-0.11	730	26.99
Expected to Work	42,210	40,779	3.51	37,479	12.62
Singles	31,432	30,280	3.80	27,820	12.98
Couples	648	603	7.46	544	19.12
Two Parent Families	1,873	1,800	4.06	1,312	42.76
Single Parent Families	8,257	8,096	1.99	7,803	5.82
Disability Assistance					
Total Disability Assistance Cases	120,489	119,937	0.46	117,104	2.89
Singles	105,512	105,116	0.38	102,558	2.88
Couples	3,320	3,300	0.61	3,371	-1.51
Two Parent Families	2,638	2,597	1.58	2,583	2.13
Single Parent Families	9,019	8,924	1.06	8,592	4.97

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Total BC Employment and Assistance Clients	242,157	239,285	1.20	225,795	7.25
Temporary Assistance (Persons capable of Financial Independence Through Employment)					
Total Temporary Assistance Clients	95,726	93,661	2.20	83,478	14.67
Temporarily Excused from Work	15,173	15,206	-0.22	14,238	6.57
Singles	2,800	2,802	-0.07	2,385	17.40
Couples	406	400	1.50	322	26.09
Two Parent Families	187	263	-28.90	169	10.65
Single Parent Families	11,780	11,741	0.33	11,362	3.68
Persistent Multiple Barriers	4,385	4,375	0.23	3,560	23.17
Singles	2,627	2,614	0.50	2,165	21.34
Couples	88	88	0.00	60	46.67
Two Parent Families	231	240	-3.75	144	60.42
Single Parent Families	1,439	1,433	0.42	1,191	20.82
Expected to Work - Medical Condition	12,210	12,100	0.91	9,383	30.13
Singles	8,121	8,077	0.54	6,261	29.71
Couples	316	308	2.60	276	14.49
Two Parent Families	1,351	1,308	3.29	929	45.43
Single Parent Families	2,422	2,407	0.62	1,917	26.34
Expected to Work	63,958	61,980	3.19	56,297	13.61
Singles	31,432	30,280	3.80	27,820	12.98
Couples	1,296	1,206	7.46	1,088	19.12
Two Parent Families	8,525	8,188	4.12	6,122	39.25
Single Parent Families	22,705	22,306	1.79	21,267	6.76
Disability Assistance					
Total Disability Assistance Clients	146,431	145,624	0.55	142,317	2.89
Singles	105,512	105,116	0.38	102,558	2.88
Couples	6,640	6,600	0.61	6,742	-1.51
Two Parent Families	11,078	10,935	1.31	10,891	1.72
Single Parent Families	23,201	22,973	0.99	22,126	4.86

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Cases by Region Summary February 2024

Region	Current Month February 2024	Previous Month January 2024	% Change from Previous Month	One Year Ago February 2023	% Change from Previous Year
1. Vancouver Island/Coast	36,540	36,239	0.83	34,994	4.42
2. Lower Mainland/South Coast	35,803	35,462	0.96	33,752	6.08
3. Fraser Valley	61,014	60,088	1.54	55,715	9.51
4. Thompson-Okanagan/Kootenay	36,737	36,433	0.83	34,834	5.46
5. Cariboo/Nechako/North Coast/Northeast	12,358	12,164	1.59	11,648	6.10
Total	182,452	180,386	1.15	170,943	6.73

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