

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

Cases by Program and Family Type - October 2024

	Current Month October 2024	Previous Month September 2024	% Change from Previous Month	One Year Ago October 2023	% Change from Previous Year
Total BC Employment and Assistance Cases	190,916	190,973	-0.03	179,012	6.65
Temporary Assistance (Persons Capable of Financial Independence Through Employment)					
Total Temporary Assistance Cases	66,036	65,805	0.35	57,427	14.99
Temporarily Excused from Work	6,923	6,914	0.13	6,610	4.74
Singles	2,817	2,803	0.50	2,532	11.26
Couples	205	209	-1.91	197	4.06
Two Parent Families	56	47	19.15	38	47.37
Single Parent Families	3,845	3,855	-0.26	3,843	0.05
Persistent Multiple Barriers	3,818	3,815	0.08	3,066	24.53
Singles	3,086	3,083	0.10	2,445	26.22
Couples	44	47	-6.38	38	15.79
Two Parent Families	63	62	1.61	49	28.57
Single Parent Families	625	623	0.32	534	17.04
Expected to Work - Medical Condition	7,996	8,494	-5.86	9,012	-11.27
Singles	6,824	7,204	-5.27	7,729	-11.71
Couples	126	134	-5.97	129	-2.33
Two Parent Families	212	236	-10.17	268	-20.90
Single Parent Families	834	920	-9.35	886	-5.87
Expected to Work	47,299	46,582	1.54	38,739	22.10
Singles	35,353	34,736	1.78	28,650	23.40
Couples	743	738	0.68	552	34.60
Two Parent Families	2,330	2,308	0.95	1,622	43.65
Single Parent Families	8,873	8,800	0.83	7,915	12.10
Disability Assistance					
Total Disability Assistance Cases	124,880	125,168	-0.23	121,585	2.71
Singles	109,212	109,366	-0.14	106,331	2.71
Couples	3,308	3,376	-2.01	3,534	-6.40
Two Parent Families	2,883	2,926	-1.47	2,754	4.68
Single Parent Families	9,477	9,500	-0.24	8,966	5.70

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Clients by Program and Family Type - October 2024

	Current Month October 2024	Previous Month September 2024	% Change from Previous Month	One Year Ago October 2023	% Change from Previous Year
Total BC Employment and Assistance Clients	254,399	254,673	-0.11	237,233	7.24
Temporary Assistance (Persons Capable of Financial Independence Through Employment)					
Total Temporary Assistance Cases	102,104	101,885	0.21	89,240	14.42
Temporarily Excused from Work	14,952	14,950	0.01	14,734	1.48
Singles	2,817	2,803	0.50	2,532	11.26
Couples	410	418	-1.91	394	4.06
Two Parent Families	243	203	19.70	164	48.17
Single Parent Families	11,482	11,526	-0.38	11,644	-1.39
Persistent Multiple Barriers	5,089	5,076	0.26	4,141	22.89
Singles	3,086	3,083	0.10	2,445	26.22
Couples	88	94	-6.38	76	15.79
Two Parent Families	284	279	1.79	223	27.35
Single Parent Families	1,631	1,620	0.68	1,397	16.75
Expected to Work - Medical Condition	10,199	10,921	-6.61	11,402	-10.55
Singles	6,824	7,204	-5.27	7,729	-11.71
Couples	252	268	-5.97	258	-2.33
Two Parent Families	933	1,032	-9.59	1,125	-17.07
Single Parent Families	2,190	2,417	-9.39	2,290	-4.37
Expected to Work	71,864	70,938	1.31	58,963	21.88
Singles	35,353	34,736	1.78	28,650	23.40
Couples	1,486	1,476	0.68	1,104	34.60
Two Parent Families	10,697	10,586	1.05	7,450	43.58
Single Parent Families	24,328	24,140	0.78	21,759	11.81
Disability Assistance					
Total Disability Assistance Clients	152,295	152,788	-0.32	147,993	2.91
Singles	109,212	109,366	-0.14	106,331	2.71
Couples	6,616	6,752	-2.01	7,068	-6.40
Two Parent Families	12,049	12,204	-1.27	11,542	4.39
Single Parent Families	24,418	24,466	-0.20	23,052	5.93

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Cases by Region Summary October 2024**

Region	Current Month October 2024	Previous Month September 2024	% Change from Previous Month	One Year Ago October 2023	% Change from Previous Year
1. Vancouver Island/Coast	37,966	38,087	-0.32	36,235	4.78
2. Lower Mainland/South Coast	36,776	36,803	-0.07	35,372	3.97
3. Fraser Valley	64,995	64,951	0.07	59,112	9.95
4. Thompson-Okanagan/Kootenay	38,262	38,228	0.09	36,186	5.74
5. Cariboo/Nechako/North Coast/Northeast	12,917	12,904	0.10	12,107	6.69
Total	190,916	190,973	-0.03	179,012	6.65

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