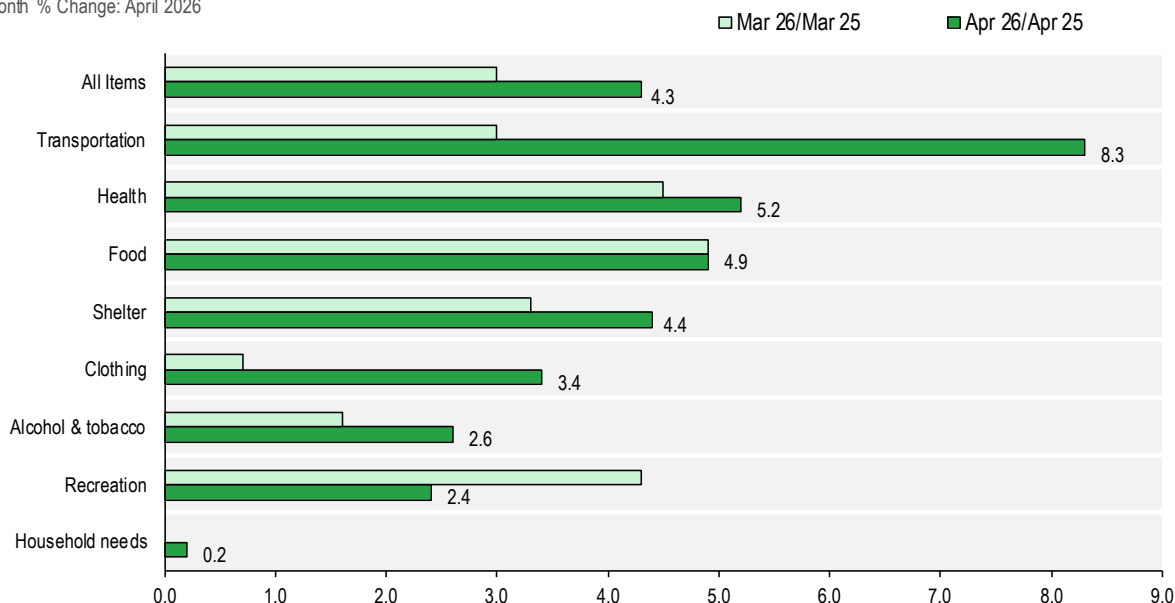


Manitoba Consumer Price Index

12 Month % Change: April 2026



Source: Statistics Canada, Table 18-10-0004-01

Manitoba Year-over-Year CPI Growth Rises to 4.3% in April 2026

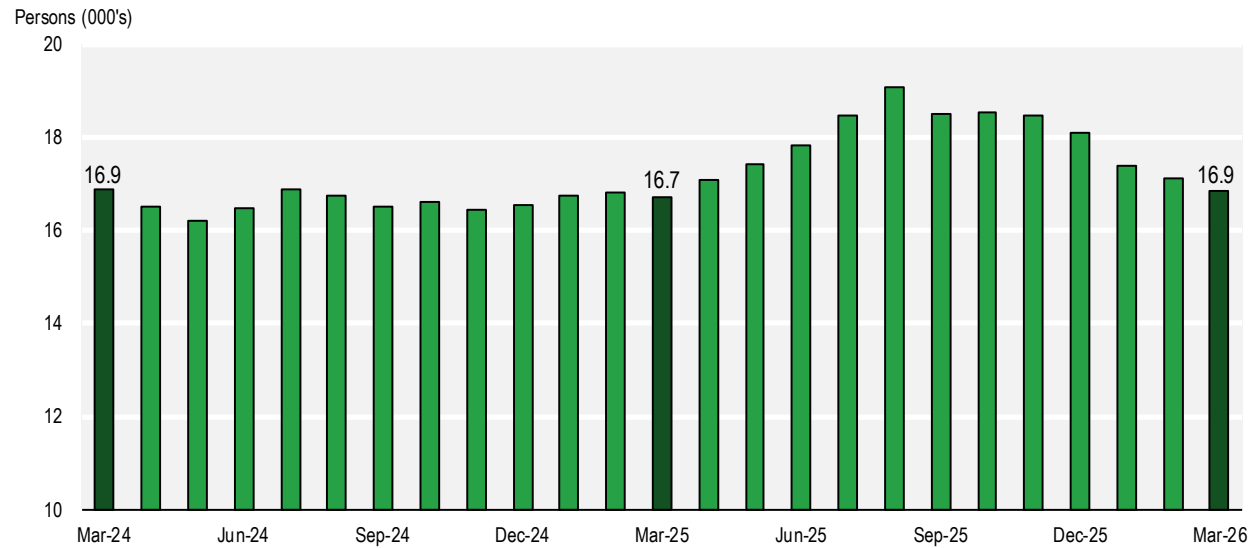
The Manitoba all-items Consumer price index (CPI) rose 4.3% in April 2026 compared with April 2025, up 1.3 points from March.

From the chart, all eight major CPI categories show price increases compared to April 2025, and six of eight have an increase in growth compared to the previous month's year-over-year change. Transportation costs experienced the largest increase in the year-over-year rate compared to March, rising by 5.3 percentage points to 8.3% followed by Clothing costs, up 2.7 points (+3.4%). Meanwhile, Household needs costs have the smallest increase, up 0.2%. Recreation costs had the largest decline from the previous month, down 1.9 points to produce 2.4% year-over-year price growth, followed by Food costs, unchanged (+4.9%).

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Manitoba Employment Insurance

March 2024 - March 2026 (Seasonally adjusted)



Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0011-01

Manitoba Had 16,850 EI Beneficiaries in March, Down 1.7% from February

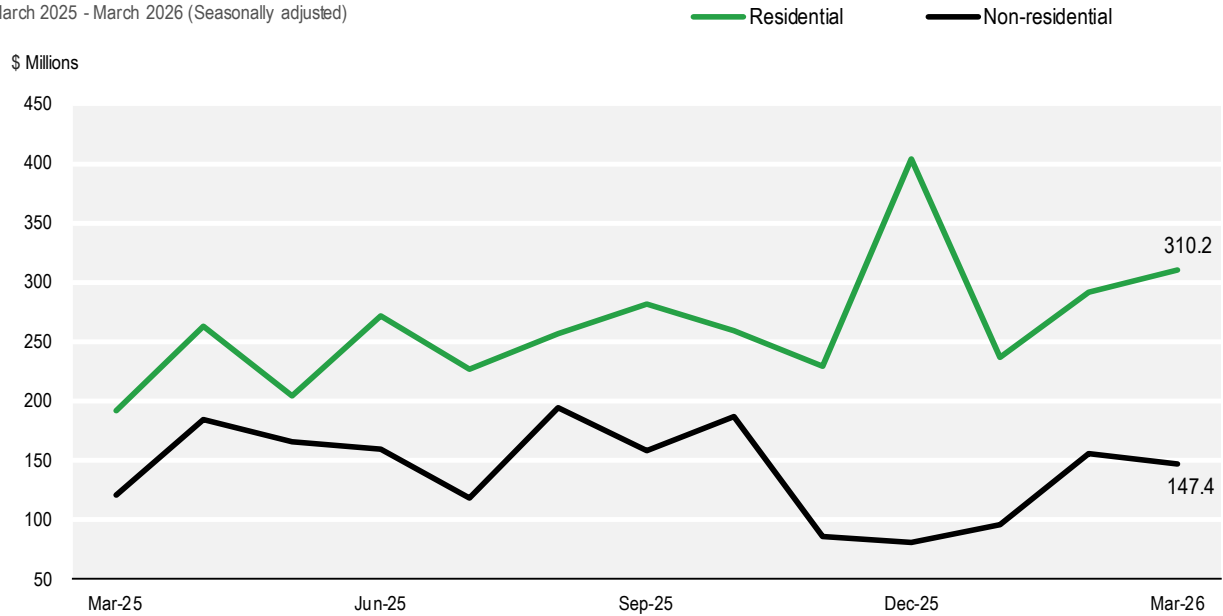
March Employment Insurance (EI) statistics reflect labour market conditions for the week of March 15 to 21, 2026. In March, an estimated 16,850 Manitobans received regular EI benefits (seasonally adjusted). This is a 1.7% decrease from February, and 0.7% greater than March 2025. Five of the ten provinces had an increase in regular beneficiaries in March compared to February. British Columbia recorded the largest month-over-month increase (+3.8%), while Saskatchewan had the largest decrease in beneficiaries (-4.4%).

Nationally, 548,000 Canadians are estimated to have received regular EI benefits in March 2026. This is up 0.4% from February, and 8.7% greater than March 2025.

MBS Website: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mbs/moreinfo.html?id=30>

Building Permits

March 2025 - March 2026 (Seasonally adjusted)



Source: Statistics Canada, Table 34-10-0292-01

Manitoba Year-to-Date Residential Building Permits are Up by 49.4%

The total value of Manitoba's seasonally adjusted building permits for March 2026 is \$457.6 million, up by 2.3% from February (Canada: +10.3%). At \$310.2 million, Manitoba's Residential building permits for March are up by 6.5% from February (Canada: -3.3%). The value of Non-residential building permits for March 2026, \$147.4 million, is down by 5.5% from February (Canada: +38.4%).

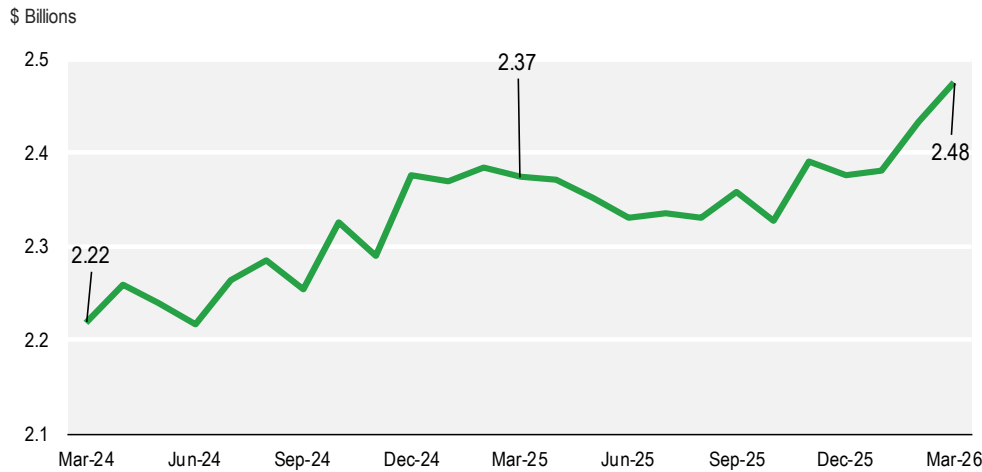
On a year-to-date basis, unadjusted Manitoba building permits through March 2026 are up by 28.7% from 2025 (Canada: +7.8%). Residential building permits are up by 49.4% from 2025 (Canada: +0.3%). Single dwelling building permits are up by 3.8%, and Multiple dwelling building permits are up by 113.3% over the same period (Canada: -5.1% and +2.6%, respectively). Manitoba's overall Non-residential building permits are up by 2.5% from 2025 (Canada: +20.9%). The year-to-date increase can be attributed to increases in Industrial building permits, up by 169.8%, and Institutional & governmental building permits, up by 2.4% through March. Meanwhile, Commercial building permits are down by 23.9% compared to 2025. At the national level, Industrial building permits are up by 130.7%, Institutional & governmental building permits are up by 26.7%, and Commercial building permits are down by 12.4%.

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Manitoba Retail Sales Up 4.2% from Last March

Manitoba Retail Trade

March 2024 - March 2026 (Seasonally adjusted)



Source: Statistics Canada, Table 20-10-0056-01

At \$2.48 billion, Manitoba's seasonally adjusted retail sales for March 2026 are up 1.7% from February. This also represents a 4.2% increase from March 2025, and 11.5% greater than March 2024.

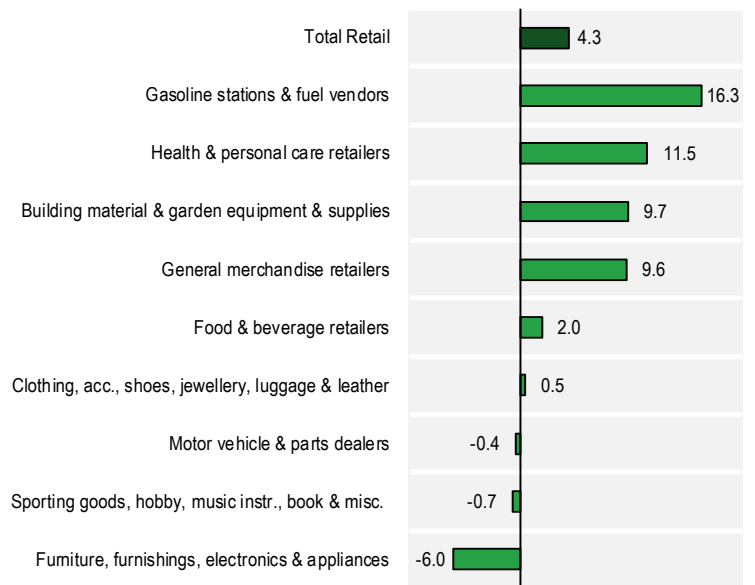
Not adjusting for seasonality, Manitoba total retail sales are up by 4.3% compared to March 2025, the third strongest growth among provinces. Six out of nine major retail categories have increased sales; Gasoline stations & fuel vendors experienced the largest increase, up by 16.3%. Furniture, home furnishings, electronics & appliances retailers experienced the largest decrease, down by 6.0%.

Applying a rolling sum for the 12-months April 2025 through March 2026, Manitoba retail sales total \$28.48 billion (not seasonally adjusted). This is 3.2% greater than the preceding 12-month period, which is the sixth strongest retail sales growth among provinces.

For the latest Retail Trade Bulletin, visit the MBS link: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mbs/moreinfo.html?id=10>

Manitoba Retail Trade 12-Month Change (%)

March 2025 - March 2026 (Unadjusted)



Source: Statistics Canada, Table 20-10-0056-01

Coming Up:

May 28	Average Weekly Earnings for March 2026
June 5	Labour Force Survey for May 2026
June 9	Foreign Trade for April 2026
June 15	Wholesale Trade for April 2026
June 15	Manufacturing for April 2026
June 17	Quarterly Demographic Estimates for April 2026
June 11	Building Permits for April 2026
June 18	Employment Insurance for April 2026
June 19	Retail Trade for April 2026
June 22	Consumer Price Index for May 2026

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