

Selected Economic Indicators, Newfoundland and Labrador

2016 - 2030f

Indicator	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026f	2027f	2028f	2029f	2030f
GDP at Market Prices (\$M)	31,519	33,690	34,589	35,819	32,176	38,678	42,036	40,363	42,219	43,593	47,963	48,802	51,025	52,348	52,830
% change	1.1	6.9	2.7	3.6	-10.2	20.2	8.7	-4.0	4.6	3.3	10.0	1.7	4.6	2.6	0.9
Real GDP at Market Prices (Chained \$2017M)	33,201	33,689	32,836	34,157	32,512	32,836	32,488	31,512	32,350	33,894	35,770	37,157	37,953	38,209	37,765
% change	1.5	1.5	-2.5	4.0	-4.8	1.0	-1.1	-3.0	2.7	4.8	5.5	3.9	2.1	0.7	-1.2
Household Income (\$M)	25,360	25,569	25,820	26,142	26,914	28,443	29,148	31,302	33,378	34,205	34,985	36,103	37,637	39,110	39,577
% change	0.3	0.8	1.0	1.2	3.0	5.7	2.5	7.4	6.6	2.5	2.3	3.2	4.2	3.9	1.2
% change, real	-2.3	-1.6	-0.6	0.2	2.7	2.0	-3.6	3.9	4.7	1.0	-0.5	1.3	2.0	1.7	-1.1
Household Disposable Income (\$M)	16,701	16,863	17,142	17,448	18,654	19,759	19,742	21,183	22,638	23,193	23,793	24,610	25,684	26,705	27,116
% change	-1.7	1.0	1.7	1.8	6.9	5.9	-0.1	7.3	6.9	2.5	2.6	3.4	4.4	4.0	1.5
% change, real	-4.3	-1.4	0.0	0.8	6.7	2.2	-6.1	3.9	5.0	1.0	-0.2	1.5	2.2	1.7	-0.8
Retail Sales (\$M)	9,011	9,384	9,202	9,215	9,379	10,422	11,221	11,433	12,214	12,653	13,041	13,369	13,872	14,386	14,684
% change	0.4	4.1	-1.9	0.1	1.8	11.1	7.7	1.9	6.8	3.6	3.1	2.5	3.8	3.7	2.1
% change, real	-1.5	2.0	-2.8	0.0	1.1	5.3	0.3	-0.9	6.6	4.1	0.3	1.4	1.9	1.9	0.2
CPI (2002=100)	132.5	135.7	137.9	139.3	139.6	144.7	153.9	159.0	161.9	164.2	168.7	172.0	175.7	179.5	183.7
% change	2.7	2.4	1.6	1.0	0.2	3.7	6.4	3.3	1.8	1.4	2.7	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.3
Investment, Gross Fixed Capital Formation (\$M)	13,805	10,258	8,909	9,513	8,520	7,846	8,504	8,766	8,745	7,507	7,309	7,877	10,220	12,997	11,388
% change	14.2	-25.7	-13.2	6.8	-10.4	-7.9	8.4	3.1	-0.2	-14.2	-2.6	7.8	29.7	27.2	-12.4
% change, real	8.6	-22.8	-14.6	5.0	-10.8	-11.5	0.5	-0.5	-2.1	-17.1	-3.8	6.4	27.7	25.1	-13.9
Housing Starts	1,398	1,400	1,096	945	763	1,021	1,379	978	1,672	1,568	1,629	1,716	1,773	1,797	1,748
% change	-17.6	0.1	-21.7	-13.8	-19.3	33.8	35.1	-29.1	71.0	-6.2	3.9	5.3	3.3	1.4	-2.8
Employment (000s)	235.1	226.8	228.0	231.3	217.3	225.1	234.2	238.3	245.0	244.8	245.2	249.1	255.9	261.8	256.6
% change	-2.1	-3.5	0.5	1.4	-6.1	3.6	4.0	1.8	2.8	-0.1	0.2	1.6	2.7	2.3	-2.0
Labour Force (000s)	272.3	267.3	265.2	263.5	253.5	258.9	264.1	264.6	272.0	272.3	272.2	274.8	277.6	282.0	283.0
% change	-1.4	-1.8	-0.8	-0.6	-3.8	2.1	2.0	0.2	2.8	0.1	0.0	0.9	1.0	1.6	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.7	15.2	14.0	12.2	14.3	13.0	11.3	9.9	10.0	10.1	9.9	9.4	7.8	7.2	9.3
Participation Rate (%)	60.7	59.5	59.1	58.7	56.4	57.5	58.3	57.6	58.3	57.8	57.6	57.7	57.7	57.7	57.6
Population (000s)	529.6	529.7	528.4	527.6	526.9	527.1	531.3	538.8	546.9	549.9	549.9	552.0	557.1	564.8	566.9
% change	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.8	1.4	1.5	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.9	1.4	0.4

GDP: Gross Domestic Product; CPI: Consumer Price Index; \$M: \$Millions.

f: forecast, Department of Finance (April 2026)

Source: Statistics Canada; CMHC; Economics Division, Department of Finance

Major Forecast Assumptions, April 2026

These assumptions indicate the expectations for major factors that could affect the provincial economy in the short term. They were prepared for Budget 2026, which was released on April 29, 2026.

Offshore Oil

- Oil production in the province is expected to increase 11.7% to 97.8 million barrels in 2026 as production begins at the West White Rose project in the second half of 2026.
- Brent crude oil price is predicted to average US\$81.10/barrel in calendar year 2026, up from US\$69.14/barrel in 2025.

Mining

- The value of mineral exports is expected to increase by 36.2% to \$6.4 billion in 2026, due to higher iron ore, gold, and nickel production.
- Gold production volumes are expected to increase significantly as production ramps up at the Valentine and Hammerdown gold mines.

Investment Spending and Construction

- Capital investment is expected to decrease by 2.6% to \$7.3 billion in 2026, primarily due to reduced construction activity as work concluded on the West White Rose oil project and the Valentine Gold Mine in 2025.
- In the medium term, capital investment is expected to rise sharply due to construction activity associated with major projects, peaking in 2029.

Other Assumptions

- The Canadian dollar is expected to average approximately US\$0.74 in calendar year 2026.
- Newfoundland and Labrador's population is expected to remain steady in 2026 as growth moderates, largely due to reductions in federal immigration levels.
- The rate of inflation is expected to average 2.7% in 2026, as the conflict in the Middle East puts upwards pressure on energy prices, with spillover effects contributing to higher food prices.