



TRADE DISRUPTIONS & THE EV TRANSITION: NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL FORECASTS 2026 - 2040

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An occupation-level view of how trade disruptions and the EV transition could reshape labour demand in Canada's automotive manufacturing sector through 2040.

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Introduction

For over a century, Canada's automotive manufacturing sector has played a significant role in the nation's economic development and growth. It has been a major contributor to GDP, employment, and international trade.

The sector has successfully prevailed through changes in technology, consumer preferences, and North American supply chain reconfigurations. However, recent disruptions in international trade and the pace of vehicle electrification threaten the vitality and resilience of the sector.

Industry-wide economic and labour market impacts of these disruptions are explored more thoroughly in a companion report, *Trade Disruptions & the EV Transition: Economic & Labour Market Impacts on Canadian Automotive Manufacturing, 2026–2040*. The present report extends that analysis by examining potential impacts at the occupation level.

Industry-Level Impacts

Results from the economic and labour market impact analysis in *Trade Disruptions & the EV Transition: Economic & Labour Market Impacts on Canadian Automotive Manufacturing, 2026–2040* are the starting point for developing the occupational forecasts, so a brief description of that analysis is useful.

A review of industry and environmental trends provided context for quantifying economic and industry-level labour market impacts. Economic modelling and industry consultations yielded three scenarios (summarized in Table 1) that encompassed a range of potential industry conditions spanning from 2026 to 2040.

The scenarios were differentiated based on assumptions that included:

- ◆ tariff rates,
- ◆ the status of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA),
- ◆ export volumes,
- ◆ the number and output of battery plants,
- ◆ vehicle production levels and powertrain mixes,
- ◆ the rate of transition to electrified vehicles, and
- ◆ the composition of the domestic supply chain for battery manufacturing.

Scenario 1 envisioned industry conditions associated with minimal disruptions. The CUSMA free trade agreement would be renewed, vehicle production would rise from 1.2 million to 1.3 million vehicles annually by 2040, the distribution of powertrain types (ICEV, HEV, PHEV, and BEV) would be relatively equal, and three battery plants would be operational.

Scenario 2 described partial disruption in industry conditions, with more significant impacts. Across-the-board tariffs would be in place, vehicle production would fall to 836,000 vehicles annually by 2040 with a relatively equal mix of powertrains, and two battery plants would be operational.

Full industry disruptions were modelled for Scenario 3. The sector would experience severe impacts, with higher across-the-board tariffs and annual vehicle production falling sharply to slightly more than 500,000 vehicles. ICEV powertrains would comprise nearly three-quarters of manufacturer product mixes and only one battery plant would be operational.

Table 1. Scenario Assumptions.

	Scenario 1 – Minimal Disruption	Scenario 2 – Partial Disruption	Scenario 3 - Full Disruption
Trade Conditions	CUSMA renewed	Across-the-board tariffs	Higher across-the-board tariffs
Vehicle Production annual, by 2040	+ 1.3M	- 836K	- 500K
Powertrain mix	Relatively equal ICEV / HEV / PHEV / BEV	Relatively equal ICEV / HEV / PHEV / BEV	~75% ICEV ICE dominant
Battery plants operational	3	2	1

Source: TRADE Auto Canada; IMPLAN

Industry-level economic and labour market impacts were modelled for each of the scenarios, in five-year intervals from 2026 to 2040. Table 2 summarizes employment impacts for each scenario.

Table 2. Employment impacts in Canada’s broader automotive sector, relative to base year (2025) employment.

Industry	Forecasted Change in Employment					
	Scenario 1 – Minimal Disruption		Scenario 2 – Partial Disruption		Scenario 3 - Full Disruption	
	2026	2040	2026	2040	2026	2040
Automobile & light-duty motor vehicle manufacturing	-4,563	-83	-9,863	-12,330	-13,289	-22,532
Heavy-duty truck manufacturing	-4,553	-4,290	-5,402	-6,091	-6,500	-7,717
Vehicle parts manufacturing	-4,407	-4,415	-10,078	-16,251	-14,775	-26,550
Battery manufacturing	1,073	9,247	467	4,693	433	1,301
Material Processing	-84	413	-405	-581	-575	-1,098
Mining	-10	607	-112	14	-134	-245

Source: TRADE Auto Canada; IMPLAN

This report deconstructs the aforementioned industry-level employment impacts so that labour market challenges for specific occupations can be identified.

Measuring Occupation Impacts

Industry employment forecasts served as demand-side inputs in the occupational forecast model. Broader population trends and occupation demographics were key supply-side inputs. Two occupational forecasts were generated, in five-year intervals spanning a period from 2026 to 2040. The first forecast assumed minimally disruptive industry conditions and the second assumed fully disruptive conditions (as described in Scenario 1 and Scenario 3 of the industry impact analysis, respectively).

Occupation impacts are described in the form of forecasted ‘recruitment gaps’. A recruitment gap is an aggregate measure of labour market conditions for an occupation, incorporating three key components of labour supply and demand: expansion demand, replacement demand, and new entrants.

Expansion Demand

The first component of the recruitment gap for each occupation is expansion demand. This is the change in employment that is directly related to broader industry impacts. Expansion demand increases during periods when there are higher levels of vehicle assembly, battery production and business activity elsewhere the supply chain. When

expansion demand increases, businesses would likely experience greater recruiting challenges and more opportunities would be available for job seekers.

Conversely, higher tariffs and a decrease in vehicle production and exports would cause expansion demand to contract along the supply chain. Businesses would be less likely to expand their workforce and might experience labour surpluses. Job seekers would have greater difficulties obtaining employment in the industry.

Changes in technology may result in increased expansion demand for some occupations and decreased expansion demand for other occupations. For example, as vehicle production shifts from combustion engine to battery drivetrains, expansion demand might increase for occupations in the battery supply-chain and it might decrease for occupations that are tied more exclusively to combustion engine manufacturing.

Replacement Demand

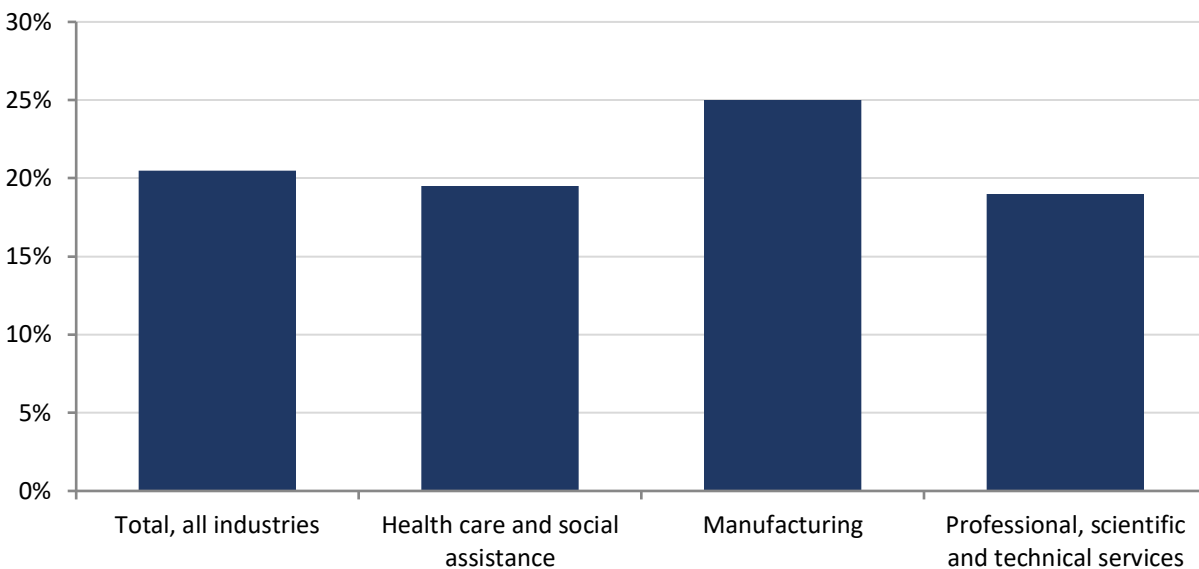
The second component of the recruitment gap is replacement demand. Replacement demand is an estimate of the number of workers that are needed to maintain current levels of employment as current workers leave the workforce.

There has been a tendency for replacement demand to be higher in recent decades, as baby boomers have peaked and then started to exit the labour market. Most of the baby boomers have already aged out of the labour force and the tail end of this generation will be 65 years old by 2030.

For occupations and industries with older age profiles, replacement demand will contribute to tighter labour market conditions as employers fill positions that are vacated by workers who exit the workforce due to retirement.

Manufacturing has a higher proportion of older workers compared to other industries in Canada, as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1. Proportion of older workers by major industry, Canada (2025).



Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey. Table 14-10-0023-01.

Participation rates among older workers have generally been increasing and this may slightly reduce replacement demand if older workers remain in the workforce instead of retiring (Statistics Canada, 2026a). However, in industries that are experiencing decreased expansion demand, replacement demand dynamics might be less clear. Opportunities for senior workers to voluntarily remain in the workforce may be limited, employees may proactively exit the workforce to seek more secure employment elsewhere, or older workers might take advantage of early-retirement incentives offered by employers.

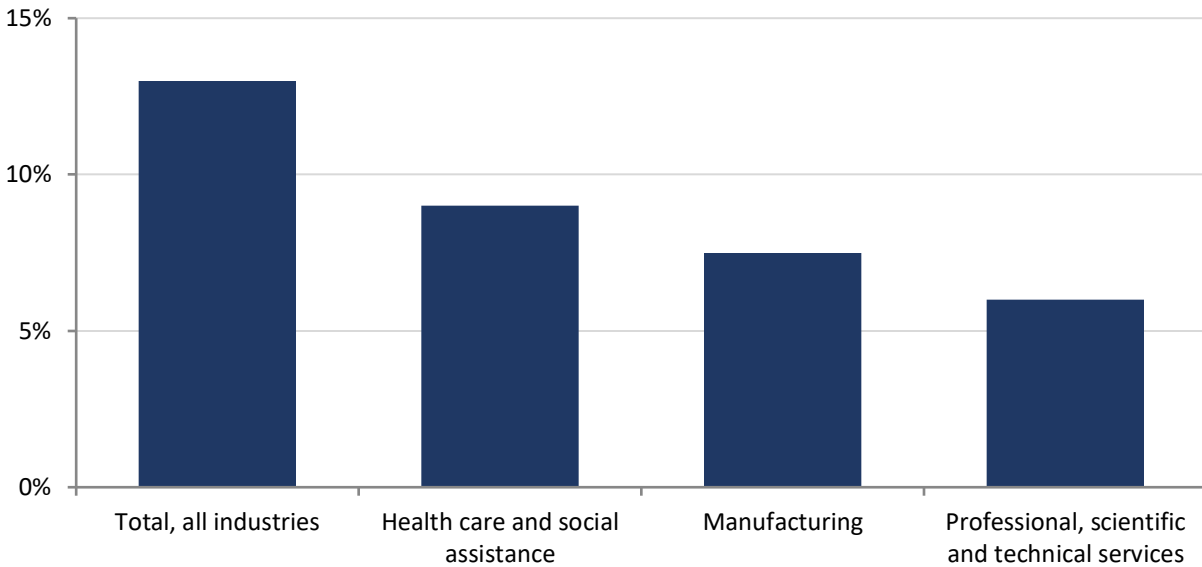
New Entrants

The third component of the recruitment gap considers new entrants. One important source of new entrants is individuals from the existing population. These typically include young people who have completed their education and are seeking full-time employment in the workforce.

Recent data suggests that fewer young adults are entering the labour force (Employment and Social Development Canada, 2025; Statistics Canada, 2026d). Some are making alternate decisions such as continuing education, perhaps by choice or perhaps because youth unemployment rates have increased in recent years.

Compounding the effect of recent trends, manufacturing industries typically have a lower proportion of younger workers compared to other industries in Canada, as shown in Figure 2.

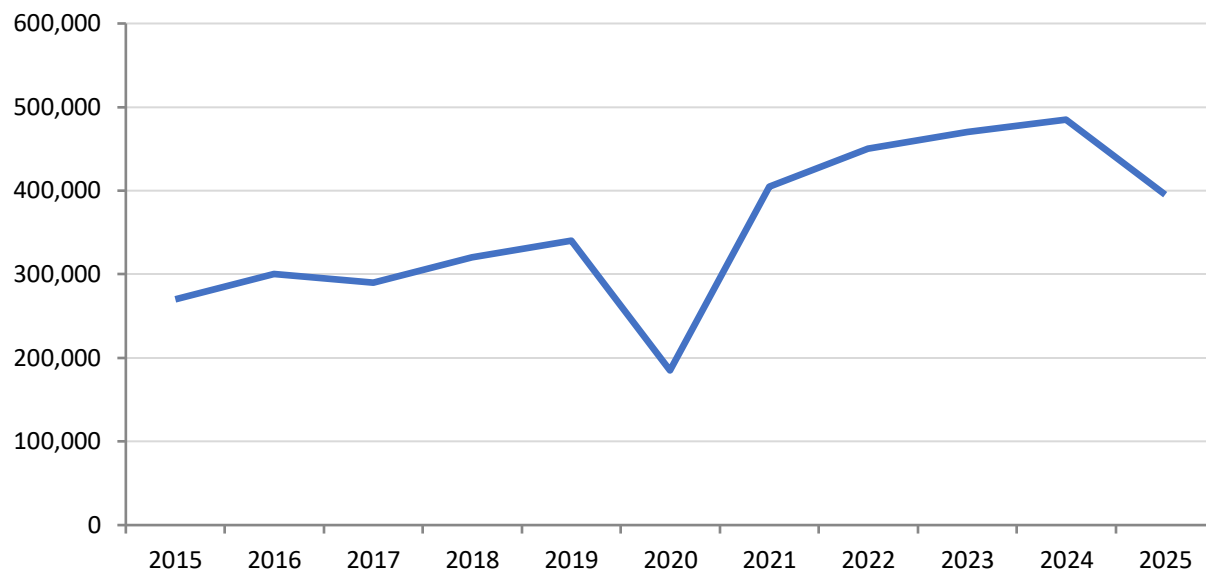
Figure 2. Proportion of younger workers by major industry, Canada (2025).



Source Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey. Table 14-10-0023-01.

Immigrants are also an important source of new entrants. As shown in Figure 3, there have been changes in immigration during the past decade – increases, followed by decreases (due to covid immigration restrictions), followed by increases, and then decreases. Immigration levels are expected to remain constant in the short term, but immigration policy may change after that (Statistics Canada, 2025e). In the meantime, a ripple effect will be observed in the occupational forecasts as differently sized immigrant cohorts move through the forecast period.

Figure 3. Immigration, Canada (2015 to 2025).



Source: Statistics Canada. Quarterly Demographic Estimates. Table 17-10-0040-01.

Recruitment Gap

The recruitment gap is defined as expansion demand plus replacement demand less new entrants. If expansion demand and/or replacement demand increases, the size of the recruitment gap increases. When the number of new entrants increase, the size of the recruitment gap decreases. The interplay of expansion demand, replacement demand, and new entrants results in a unique replacement gap for each occupation.

Large, positive recruitment gaps signal tight labour markets where demand for workers outpace the supply of new entrants. Employers are likely to experience more acute recruiting pressures as competition for skilled workers intensifies. Small recruitment gaps (positive or negative) imply relatively balanced labour markets. Large, negative recruitment gaps signal labour market conditions where the supply of labour exceeds demand. Available positions become easier to fill and labour surpluses are likely to develop.

Recruitment gaps have been forecasted for 68 occupations in 51 industries in Canada's broader auto manufacturing sector (see Appendix A and B, respectively, for a list of industries and occupations modelled in the forecast). The overall forecast period is from 2026 to 2040 and is divided into five-year intervals: 2026 to 2030, 2031 to 2035, and 2036 to 2040. Results for each interval sum the recruitment gap for each year within the

interval. Throughout the forecast period, each component of the recruitment gap may increase or decrease (e.g., as baby boomers exit the labour force, as vehicle production levels change, or as immigration levels rise and fall). The net recruitment gap from 2026 to 2040 indicates long-term changes in labour market conditions for each occupation, while the five-year intervals reveal changes in the size and direction of the recruitment gap in the intervening years.

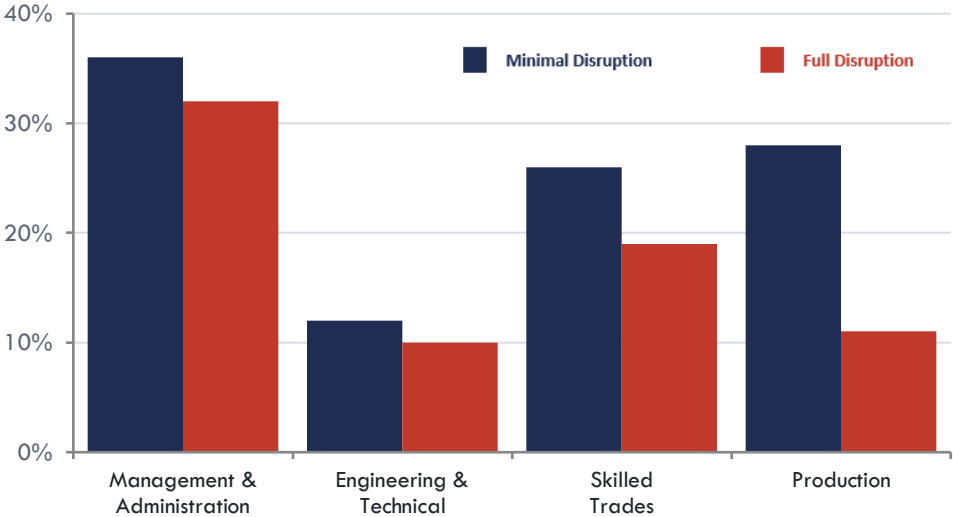
Recruitment gaps are expressed relative to 2025 base year employment levels for each occupation, as the number of additional workers needed (headcount) and as a percentage of base year employment. In other words, recruitment gaps are not a forecast of total employment for each occupation.

Occupation impacts are presented for two forecast Scenarios. The Scenario 1 forecast assumes minimal disruptions in tariffs, exports, and production levels. The Scenario 3 forecast assumes full disruptions in trade and production levels. These scenarios were taken from the industry impact analysis that was discussed in the *Trade Disruptions & the EV Transition: Economic & Labour Market Impacts on Canadian Automotive Manufacturing, 2026-2040* report and summarized at the beginning of this report. Detailed results for Scenario 1 and Scenario 3 are found in Appendix D and E, respectively.

Impacts by Occupational Group

Figure 4 illustrates the recruitment gaps for the following occupational groups: management and administration, engineering and technical, skilled trades, and production occupations.

Figure 4. Recruitment gaps for occupation groups, 2026-2040 (% of 2025 employment).



Source: TRADE Auto Canada occupational forecast

As Figure 4 shows, the size of the recruitment gaps differs among the occupation groups within each scenario. Results show clearly that recruitment pressures will not be consistent across all occupations. The recruitment gap is larger for management and administration occupations relative to engineering and technical occupations. Senior managers, for example, may be older so replacement demand would contribute to a larger recruitment gap. Also, young adults typically don't become senior managers immediately when they enter the workforce, so fewer new entrants would also contribute to a larger recruitment gap for this occupation.

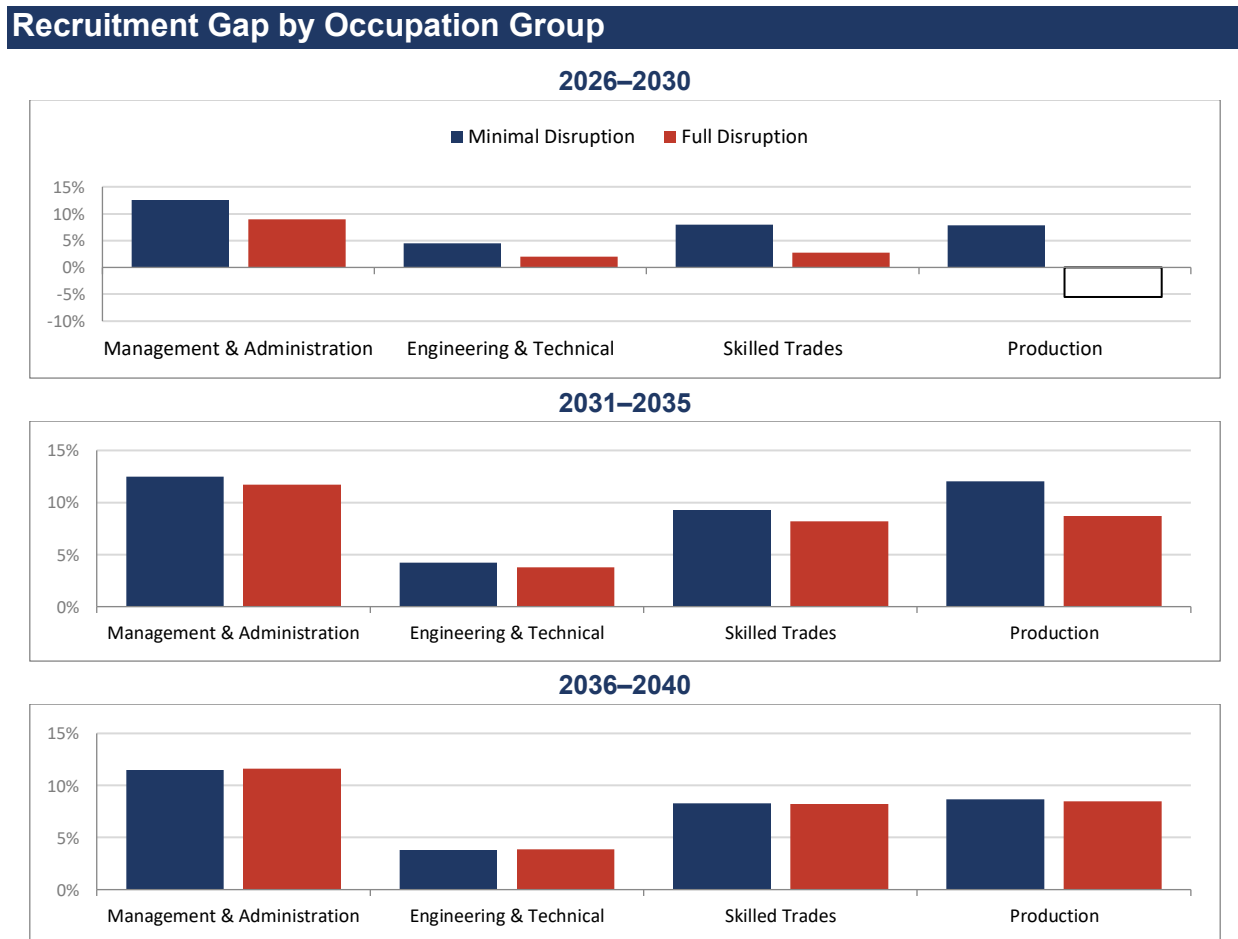
Figure 4 also shows that recruitment gaps are larger for occupations in the minimal-disruption scenario compared to the full disruption scenario. Scenario 3 (the full disruption scenario) assumes lower vehicle production levels and higher tariffs; these conditions will suppress expansion demand, which will reduce the size of recruitment gaps.

Finally, Figure 4 illustrates that recruitment gaps will be positive for both scenarios by the end of the forecast period in 2040. This is not to say that each of the individual

occupations analyzed in the model will have a positive recruitment gap, or a recruitment gap resembling the size in the figure. The model generates unique recruitment gaps for each occupation (as shown in the data tables in Appendices D and E).

Figure 5 disaggregates the full forecast period into five-year intervals. The top chart in Figure 5 shows the Recruitment Gaps for occupation groups during the first interval in the forecast period, from 2026 to 2030. The chart in the middle illustrates the mid-period of the forecast, from 2031 to 2035. The chart on the bottom shows the later interval of the forecast, from 2036 to 2040.

Figure 5. Recruitment gaps for occupation groups - 2026-2030, 2031-2035, 2036-2040 (% of 2025 employment).



Source: TRADE Auto Canada occupational forecast

Appendices D and E contain data tables showing the recruitment gap, expansion demand, replacement demand, and new entrant forecast for each occupation. A closer examination of these data tables reveals the relative contribution of each component to the overall recruitment gap for each occupation.

The difference between the two scenarios is most pronounced in the first interval of the forecast (i.e., the top chart in Figure 5), as expansion demand is expected to contract the most during these five years. For production workers in the full-disruption scenario (Scenario 3) in the first interval of the forecast period, a negative recruitment gap is forecasted. This suggests a likely surplus of workers in that occupation group.

In the second and third interval of the forecast, the occupation group impacts become more similar between Scenario 1 and Scenario 3. An exception is apparent for production workers in the middle interval between 2031 and 2035, where a difference in recruitment gaps between Scenario 1 and Scenario 3 can still be observed. This is consistent with the scenario assumptions - significantly lower vehicle production is assumed for Scenario 3 compared to Scenario 1, and production workers will be directly affected.

Impacts for Selected Occupations

Recruitment gaps for selected occupations presented in Figures 6 to 13. These Figures illustrate similarities and differences in recruitment gaps across occupations. The left side of each Figure shows the recruitment gap by forecast interval, as a percentage of base year employment. The right side of each Figure shows the recruitment gap as the number of additional (or fewer) workers needed, compared to 2025 base year employment for that occupation.

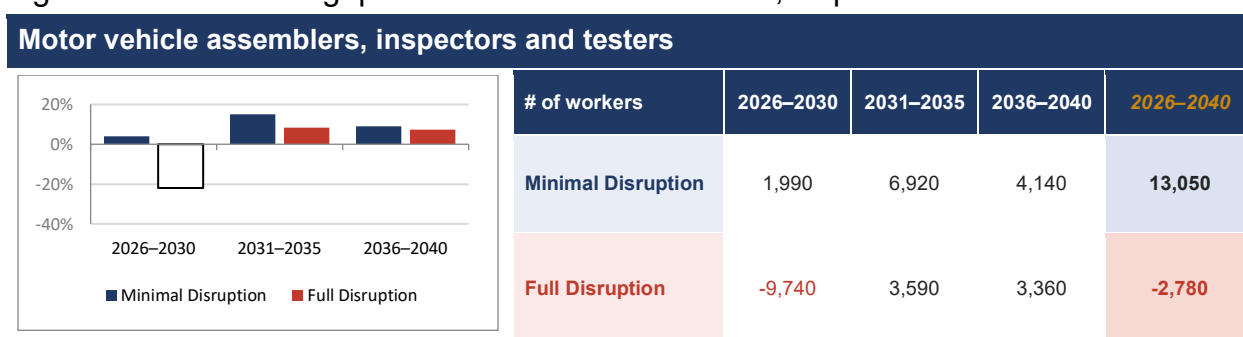
Figure 6 and Figure 7 illustrate examples of occupations that have similar recruitment gap profiles. Significant negative recruitment gaps are observed in the first interval of the forecast under the full disruption scenario (Scenario 3). Recruitment gaps peak in the middle interval of the forecast and then decline somewhat in the third interval. A negative recruitment gap for Scenario 3 is forecasted for the overall forecast period from 2026 to 2040, consistent with the assumption of significantly reduced vehicle production.

Figure 6. Recruitment gap – Supervisors, motor vehicle assembling.



Source: TRADE Auto Canada occupational forecast.

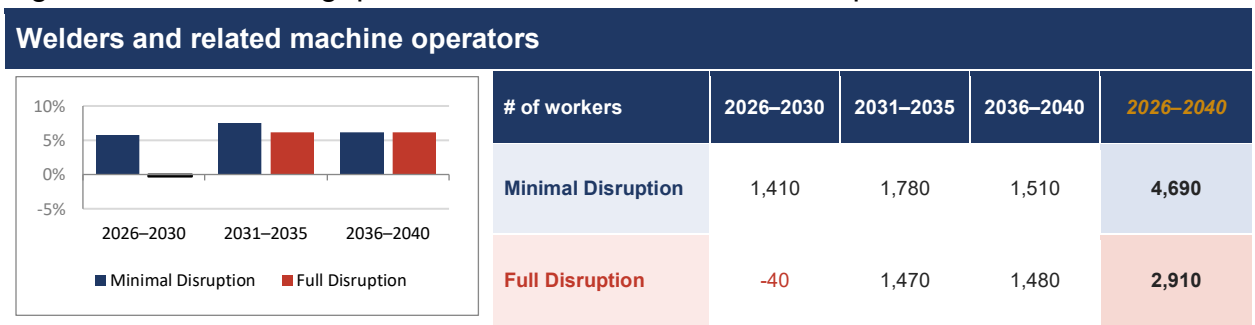
Figure 7. Recruitment gap – Motor vehicle assemblers, inspectors and testers.



Source: TRADE Auto Canada occupational forecast

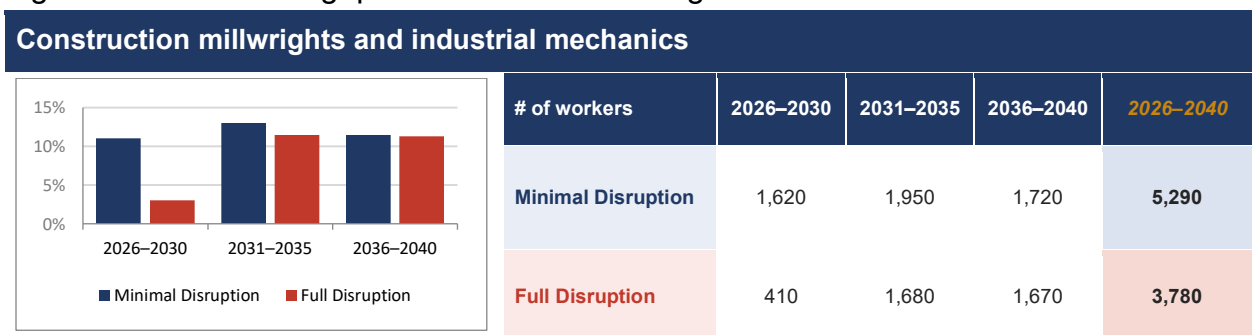
The next two occupations (in Figures 8 and 9) are examples from the skilled trades. Both of these occupations include relatively larger proportions of older workers. During the first interval of the forecast, there will be a higher number of exits due to retirement, so increased replacement demand will contribute to larger recruitment gaps for these occupations. This will offset some of the negative impacts of lower expansion demand. If workers in these occupations were younger, the recruitment gaps from 2026 to 2030 would have been lower. The recruitment gaps are quite similar between Scenario 1 and Scenario 3 between 2036 to 2040, suggesting that the impacts converge by the end of the forecast period.

Figure 8. Recruitment gap – Welders and related machine operators.



Source: TRADE Auto Canada occupational forecast

Figure 9. Recruitment gap – Construction millwrights and industrial mechanics.



Source: TRADE Auto Canada occupational forecast

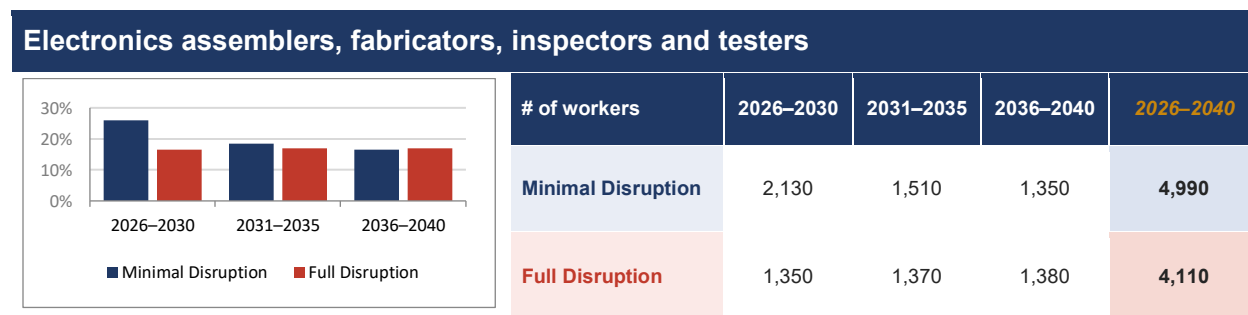
The examples in Figures 10 and 11 illustrate occupations with positive recruitment gaps in all intervals for both Scenario 1 and Scenario 3. This is because both of these occupations are associated with battery manufacturing. Unlike vehicle manufacturing, industry impacts for battery manufacturing are forecasted to be positive under both scenarios (see Table 2) so increased expansion demand is contributing to positive recruitment gaps.

Figure 10. Recruitment gap – Supervisors, electronics and electrical products manufacturing.



Source: TRADE Auto Canada occupational forecast

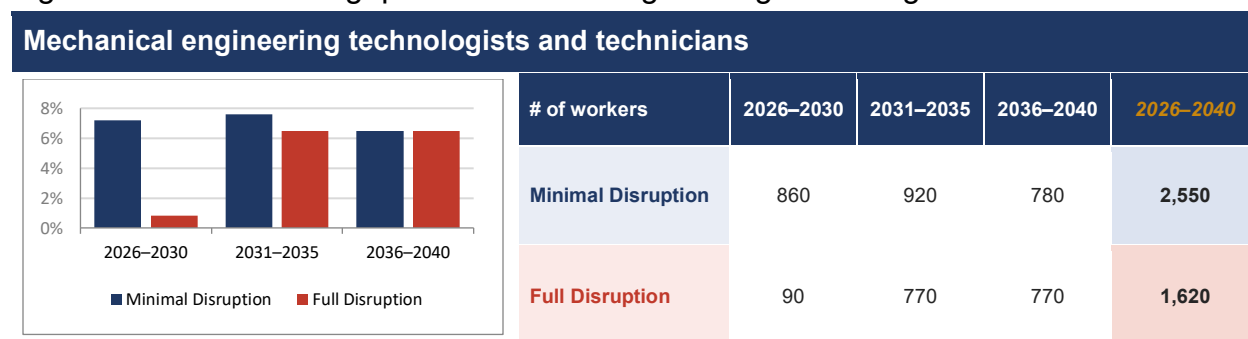
Figure 11. Recruitment gap – Electronics assemblers, fabricators, inspectors and testers.



Source: TRADE Auto Canada occupational forecast

For the engineering and technical occupations in Figures 12 and 13, the largest difference in recruitment gaps occur early in the forecast. After that, the recruitment gaps are generally stable across the entire forecast period for both scenarios. This overall pattern is consistent with the previous examples. The differences between occupations – and the magnitude of the impacts - become apparent when recruitment gap headcounts are examined.

Figure 12. Recruitment gap – Mechanical engineering technologists and technicians.



Source: TRADE Auto Canada occupational forecast

Figure 13. Recruitment gap – Mechanical engineers.



Source: TRADE Auto Canada occupational forecast.

Occupations with Largest Positive Recruitment Gaps

When the entire forecast period from 2026 to 2040 is considered, the recruitment gap is expected to be largest for the occupations listed in Tables 3 and 4. Expansion demand will contribute to the growth in some of these occupations (e.g., electronics assemblers, fabricators, inspectors & testers) while other occupations (e.g., tool and die makers) are forecasted to grow primarily to replacement demand. Regardless of the underlying reason(s) for the recruitment gaps, all are exposed to a higher risk of labour shortages.

Table 3. Occupations with the largest positive recruitment gaps, 2026-2040 – Scenario 1.

Largest Positive Recruitment Gaps, 2026 to 2040 – Scenario 1		Recruitment gap (% of 25 employment)
1	Electronics assemblers, fabricators, inspectors & testers	61%
2	Assemblers, fabricators & inspectors, industrial electrical motors & transformers	50%
3	Transport truck drivers	49%
4	Senior managers — public & private sector	48%
5	Tool & die makers	46%
6	Manufacturing managers	46%
7	Supervisors, electronics & electrical products manufacturing	44%
8	Contractors & supervisors, machining, metal forming, shaping & erecting trades & related occupations	40%
9	Supervisors, mining & quarrying	38%
10	Construction millwrights & industrial mechanics	35%

Source: TRADE Auto Canada occupational forecast. Ranked recruitment gap as a share of 2025 employment over 2026 – 2040

Other than some re-ordering of the occupations, the main difference between the lists in Tables 3 and 4 is that the overall Recruitment Gaps are relatively lower in the full-disruption scenario.

Table 4. Occupations with the largest positive recruitment gaps, 2026-2040 – Scenario 3.

Largest Positive Recruitment Gaps, 2026 to 2040 – Scenario 3		Recruitment gap (% of '25 employment)
1	Electronics assemblers, fabricators, inspectors & testers	51%
2	Senior managers — public & private sector	46%
3	Transport truck drivers	43%
4	Manufacturing managers	35%
5	Contractors & supervisors, machining, metal forming, shaping & erecting trades & related occupations	35%
6	Supervisors, mining & quarrying	34%
7	Tool & die makers	33%
8	Assemblers, fabricators & inspectors, industrial electrical motors & transformers	30%
9	Plastics processing machine operators	29%
10	Supervisors, electronics & electrical products manufacturing	29%

Source: TRADE Auto Canada occupational forecast. Ranked recruitment gap as a share of 2025 employment over 2026 – 2040

Again, the overall recruitment gap for these occupations from 2026 to 2040 is positive, but this may obscure peaks and troughs during the intervals within the 15-year forecast period.

Occupations with the Largest Negative Recruitment Gaps

Although several occupations will experience positive recruitment gaps through the overall forecast period of 2026 to 2040, others will face a net negative recruitment gap. Tables 5 and 6 list the occupations with negative overall recruitment gaps in Scenario 1 and Scenario 3, respectively. The risk of mild or moderate surpluses is highest among information technology occupations, largely because the number of new entrants is relatively higher than both expansion and replacement demand.

Table 5. Occupations with the largest negative recruitment gaps, 2026-2040 – Scenario 1.

Largest Negative Recruitment Gaps, 2026 to 2040 – Scenario 1		Recruitment gap (% of 2025 employment)
1	Software developers & programmers	-3%
2	Web designers	-4%
3	Information systems testing technicians	-6%
4	Web developers & programmers	-8%
5	Data scientists	-14%

Source: TRADE Auto Canada occupational forecast. Ranked recruitment gap as a share of 2025 employment over 2026 – 2040

Information technology occupations have negative overall recruitment gaps under Scenario 3 as well. However, a handful of additional occupations appear in the list for Scenario 3 (Table 6). These additional occupations are at risk of labour shortages primarily because of reduced expansion demand in motor vehicle assembly and parts manufacturing.

Table 6. Occupations with the largest negative recruitment gaps, 20206-2040 – Scenario 3.

Scenario 3		Recruitment gap
1	Web designers	-4%
2	Software developers & programmers	-4%
3	Motor vehicle assemblers, inspectors & testers	-6%
4	Information systems testing technicians	-7%
5	Mechanical assemblers & inspectors	-8%
6	Web developers & programmers	-8%
7	Supervisors, other mechanical & metal products manufacturing	-10%
8	Data scientists	-15%
9	Supervisors, motor vehicle assembling	-33%

Source: TRADE Auto Canada occupational forecast. Ranked recruitment gap as a share of 2025 employment over 2026 – 2040

Summary and Discussion

Occupation impacts were determined by modelling occupation and population demographics alongside two different demand-side scenarios. The assumptions for Scenario 1 depicted sector-wide trade conditions that were minimally disrupted by tariffs, and vehicle production and export levels resembled the current status quo. Scenario 3 assumptions were more pessimistic, with increased tariffs and decreased exports, vehicle production and battery manufacturing. These assumptions were developed as part of an industry-level economic impact analysis summarized in the TRADE Auto Canada report titled *Trade Disruptions & the EV Transition: Economic & Labour Market Impacts on Canadian Automotive Manufacturing, 2026–2040*.

This report describes occupation impacts for each of the scenarios, forecasting recruitment gaps for nearly 70 occupations in more than 50 industries in the broader auto manufacturing sector. Results show that some occupations are more exposed to risk of labour shortages from 2026 to 2040, while others are expected to face a higher risk of labour surpluses. Occupation impacts are measured as recruitment gaps, or the incremental number of additional workers needed above 2025 base year employment. Recruitment gaps combine elements of expansion demand, replacement demand, and new entrants for each occupation.

Forecast modelling shows that the largest risk of labour surpluses occur in the first interval of the forecast period, from 2026 to 2030. This is particularly true for Scenario 3 forecasts, where expansion demand contracts the most. For several occupations, higher replacement demand offsets contracted expansion demand in the first forecast

interval. Recruitment gaps narrow between the two scenarios during the second and third intervals of the forecast period.

Different recruitment gaps across occupations and across forecast intervals imply that a broad-brushed response to address shortages or surpluses will likely be less effective. Surpluses appear to be a bigger concern for the sector, particularly under Scenario 3 conditions. While surpluses are largely driven by contracted expansion demand, demographically-driven replacement demand (higher among occupations with older age profiles) and new entrants (higher among information technology occupations) may obscure the nature of the labour impacts.

For some occupations, managing replacement demand might be sufficient to address contractions in expansion demand. There may also be opportunities to develop targeted responses involving skill transferability between compatible occupations that are experiencing positive recruitment gaps and occupations that are experiencing negative recruitment gaps. Responses such as these may help smooth out adjustments and balance out labour markets.

National forecasts may obscure underlying regional dimensions that limit responses to recruitment gaps. For example, geographically distant labour supply pools complicate responses that involve geographic mobility of workers.

This report summarizes the scope and scale of occupation impacts in Canada's auto manufacturing sector. Given current instability in the sector, a range of outcomes falling between Scenarios 1 and 3 is plausible. However, unless negotiations and other events shift the trajectory towards a more positive outlook, stakeholders need to be aware and prepared for negative labour market impacts.

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Appendix A – Industries Analyzed in the Labour Market Impact Model

Table A1. List of industries analyzed in the labour market impact model, with NAICS industry codes.

Industry (NAICS Code)
2122 Metal ore mining
2123 Non-metallic mineral mining and quarrying
3132 Fabric Mills
3133 Textile and Fabric Finishing and Fabric Coating Mills
3251 Basic chemical manufacturing
3252 Resin, Synthetic Rubber, and Artificial and Synthetic Fibers and Filaments Manufacturing
3255 Paint, coating and adhesive manufacturing
3259 Other chemical product manufacturing
3261 Plastic product manufacturing
3262 Rubber product manufacturing
3272 Glass and glass product manufacturing
3279 Other non-metallic mineral product manufacturing
3311 Iron and steel mills and ferro-alloy manufacturing
3312 Steel product manufacturing from purchased steel
3313 Alumina and aluminum production and processing
3314 Non-ferrous metal (except aluminum) production and processing
3315 Foundries
3321 Forging and stamping
3322 Cutlery and hand tool manufacturing
3323 Architectural and structural metals manufacturing
3325 Hardware manufacturing
3326 Spring and Wire Product Manufacturing
3327 Machine shops, turned product, and screw, nut and bolt manufacturing
3328 Coating, engraving, cold and heat treating and allied activities
3329 Other fabricated metal product manufacturing
3335 Metalworking machinery manufacturing
3341 Computer and peripheral equipment manufacturing
3342 Communications equipment manufacturing
3344 Semiconductor and other electronic component manufacturing
3345 Navigational, measuring, medical and control instruments manufacturing
3351 Electric lighting equipment manufacturing

3353 Electrical equipment manufacturing
3359 Other electrical equipment and component manufacturing
<i>3361 Motor vehicle manufacturing:</i>
336110 - Automobile and light Duty Motor Vehicle Manufacturing
336120 - Heavy-duty truck manufacturing
<i>3363 Motor vehicle parts manufacturing:</i>
336310 - Motor vehicle gasoline engine and engine parts manufacturing
336320 - Motor vehicle electrical and electronic equipment manufacturing
336330 - Motor vehicle steering and suspension components (except spring) manufacturing
336340 - Motor vehicle brake system manufacturing
336350 - Motor vehicle transmission and power train parts manufacturing
336360 - Motor vehicle seating and interior trim manufacturing
336370 - Motor vehicle metal stamping
336390 - Other motor vehicle parts manufacturing
415 Motor vehicle and motor vehicle parts and accessories merchant wholesalers
4173 Computer and communications equipment and supplies merchant wholesalers
4931 Warehousing and storage
5413 Architectural, engineering and related services
5415 Computer systems design and related services
5416 Management, scientific and technical consulting services

Appendix B – Occupations Analyzed in the Labour Market Impact Model

Table B1. List of occupations analyzed in the labour market impact model, with NOC occupational codes.

NOC Code	Occupation
00018	Senior managers - public & private sector
11200	Human resources professionals
13201	Production and transportation logistics coordinators
14400	Shippers and receivers
14402	Production logistics workers
20010	Engineering managers
20012	Computer and information systems managers
21101	Chemists
21211	Data scientists
21220	Cybersecurity specialists
21221	Business systems specialists
21222	Information systems specialists
21223	Database analysts and data administrators
21230	Computer systems developers and programmers
21231	Software engineers and designers
21232	Software developers and programmers
21233	Web designers
21234	Web developers and programmers
21301	Mechanical engineers
21310	Electrical and electronics engineers
21311	Computer engineers (except software engineers and designers)
21320	Chemical engineers
21321	Industrial and manufacturing engineers
21322	Metallurgical and materials engineers
21330	Mining Engineers
22100	Chemical technologists and technicians
22220	Computer network and web technicians
22222	Information systems testing technicians
22301	Mechanical engineering technologists and technicians
22302	Industrial engineering and manufacturing technologists and technicians
22310	Electrical and electronics engineering technologists and technicians
22312	Industrial instrument technicians and mechanics

NOC Code	Occupation
72010	Contractors and supervisors, machining, metal forming, shaping and erecting trades and related occupations
72020	Contractors and supervisors, mechanic trades
72100	Machinists and machining and tooling inspectors
72101	Tool and die makers
72106	Welders and related machine operators
72200	Electricians (except industrial and power system)
72201	Industrial electricians
72400	Construction millwrights and industrial mechanics
72410	Automotive service technicians, truck and bus mechanics and mechanical repairers
73300	Transport truck drivers
73400	Heavy equipment operators
75101	Material handlers
82020	Supervisors, mining and quarrying
83100	Underground production and development miners
84100	Underground mine service and support workers
90010	Manufacturing managers
92020	Supervisors, motor vehicle assembling
92021	Supervisors, electronics and electrical products manufacturing
93100	Central control and process operators, mineral and metal processing
93101	Central control and process operators, petroleum, gas and chemical processing
94100	Machine operators, mineral and metal processing
94101	Foundry workers
94104	Inspectors and testers, mineral and metal processing
94105	Metalworking and forging machine operators
94106	Machining tool operators
94110	Chemical plant machine operators
94111	Plastics processing machine operators
94200	Motor vehicle assemblers, inspectors and testers
94201	Electronics assemblers, fabricators, inspectors and testers
94203	Assemblers, fabricators and inspectors, industrial electrical motors and transformers
94204	Mechanical assemblers and inspectors
94212	Plastic products assemblers, finishers and inspectors
94213	Industrial painters, coaters and metal finishing process operators
95100	Labourers in mineral and metal processing
95102	Labourers in chemical products processing and utilities

NOC Code	Occupation
95109	Other labourers in processing, manufacturing and utilities

Appendix C – Methodology Notes

2025 Base Year Employment

The base year for the occupational forecasts in this report was 2025. This was the most recent year in which complete data on employment by industry was available. Base year employment was estimated using multiple data sources, including Statistics Canada, APRC, Metro Economics, and Prism Economics and Analysis.

Occupation Age Profiles

Single-year age profiles (by occupation and by industry) were produced from 2021 Census data. Census data was collected during May 2021, in the midst of COVID-related labour market disruptions.

Population Forecasts

Population forecasts were sourced from Statistics Canada. Statistics Canada prepares a range of population forecast scenarios. The 'low growth' scenario was used in the occupational forecast model. Relative to the other population forecast scenarios, this scenario assumes low fertility, high mortality, low immigration, high emigration, and low levels of non-permanent residents. Finally, this population scenario assumes that internal migration patterns match recent trends, transitioning to the average of the period 1991/1992 to 2023/2024 (Statistics Canada (2025b)).

Appendix D - Detailed Results, Scenario 1 (Minimal Trade Disruptions)

This Appendix contains detailed forecasts of occupation impacts for Scenario 1, which assumes minimal trade disruptions in the auto sector during the forecast period. The following tables are included: expansion demand (Table D1), replacement demand (Table D2), and new entrants (Table D3). Recruitment gaps combine these supply and demand factors into a summary measure of labour market conditions for each occupation. Recruitment gap tables are presented as headcounts (Table D4) and as a percentage of 2025 base year employment (Table D5). All occupation names include NOC (National Occupational Classification) codes.

Expansion Demand

Expansion demand is the change in employment that is directly related to broad industry changes. Results in Table D1 are expressed as the number of additional workers that will be required in the auto sector due to expansion, relative to 2025 base year employment.

Table D1. Expansion demand – detailed results, Scenario 1.

Expansion Demand – Scenario 1	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
00018 Senior managers - public & private sector	210	60	-120	160
11200 Human resources professionals	-40	60	-30	-10
13201 Production & transportation logistics coordinators	40	50	-50	40
14400 Shippers & receivers	80	120	-140	60
14402 Production logistics workers	10	10	-10	10
20010 Engineering managers	130	50	-60	120
20012 Computer & information systems managers	20	40	-30	30
21101 Chemists	40	0	-20	30
21211 Data scientists	-10	10	0	0
21220 Cybersecurity specialists	0	10	0	0
21221 Business systems specialists	-20	10	-10	-10
21222 Information systems specialists	-20	50	-30	0
21223 Database analysts & data administrators	-10	10	0	0
21230 Computer systems developers & programmers	0	20	-10	10
21231 Software engineers & designers	-30	100	-40	30
21232 Software developers & programmers	30	60	-40	50
21233 Web designers	0	0	0	0
21234 Web developers & programmers	0	20	-10	0

Expansion Demand – Scenario 1	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
21301 Mechanical engineers	130	260	-170	210
21310 Electrical & electronics engineers	390	100	-120	370
21311 Computer engineers (except software engineers & designers)	20	10	-20	20
21320 Chemical engineers	120	0	-40	70
21321 Industrial & manufacturing engineers	30	90	-60	60
21322 Metallurgical & materials engineers	-10	0	-10	-10
21330 Mining Engineers	20	0	-10	10
22100 Chemical technologists & technicians	30	0	-20	10
22220 Computer network & web technicians	20	30	-30	20
22222 Information systems testing technicians	0	0	0	0
22301 Mechanical engineering technologists & technicians	20	100	-60	60
22302 Industrial engineering & manufacturing technologists & technicians	50	60	-60	60
22310 Electrical & electronics engineering technologists & technicians	320	50	-100	270
22312 Industrial instrument technicians & mechanics	0	0	0	0
72010 Contractors & supervisors, machining, metal forming, shaping & erecting trades & related occupations	-40	20	-20	-30
72020 Contractors & supervisors, mechanic trades	-20	30	-20	-20
72100 Machinists & machining & tooling inspectors	-70	110	-70	-30
72101 Tool & die makers	-100	100	-30	-40
72106 Welders & related machine operators	-200	220	-90	-70
72200 Electricians (except industrial & power system)	30	10	-10	30
72201 Industrial electricians	-110	140	-60	-40
72400 Construction millwrights & industrial mechanics	-200	140	-110	-170
72410 Automotive service technicians, truck & bus mechanics & mechanical repairers	-150	170	-70	-50
73300 Transport truck drivers	-20	60	-60	-30
73400 Heavy equipment operators	70	-10	-40	20
75101 Material handlers	-30	350	-240	80
82020 Supervisors, mining & quarrying	70	-10	-20	40

Expansion Demand – Scenario 1	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
83100 Underground production & development miners	120	-10	-40	70
84100 Underground mine service & support workers	30	0	-10	20
90010 Manufacturing managers	150	270	-240	190
92020 Supervisors, motor vehicle assembling	-600	760	-150	10
92021 Supervisors, electronics & electrical products manufacturing	200	0	-40	150
93100 Central control & process operators, mineral & metal processing	-40	0	0	-40
93101 Central control & process operators, petroleum, gas & chemical processing	140	-10	-40	90
94100 Machine operators, mineral & metal processing	-360	0	-30	-400
94101 Foundry workers	-20	0	-10	-20
94104 Inspectors & testers, mineral & metal processing	-30	0	-10	-40
94105 Metalworking & forging machine operators	-130	30	-20	-120
94106 Machining tool operators	-50	40	-30	-40
94110 Chemical plant machine operators	20	0	-10	10
94111 Plastics processing machine operators	-10	70	-60	-10
94200 Motor vehicle assemblers, inspectors & testers	-2,520	2,410	-490	-600
94201 Electronics assemblers, fabricators, inspectors & testers	650	0	-160	480
94203 Assemblers, fabricators & inspectors, industrial electrical motors & transformers	140	70	10	220
94204 Mechanical assemblers & inspectors	-90	150	-40	20
94212 Plastic products assemblers, finishers & inspectors	-20	20	-20	-10
94213 Industrial painters, coaters & metal finishing process operators	-130	120	-40	-50
95100 Labourers in mineral & metal processing	-210	10	-20	-220
95102 Labourers in chemical products processing & utilities	40	10	-20	30
95109 Other labourers in processing, manufacturing & utilities	280	140	-170	250

Replacement Demand

Replacement demand is an estimate of the number of workers needed to maintain current levels of employment, as workers exit the labour force due to retirements and deaths. Results in Table D2 are expressed as the number of additional workers (aged 15 to 69) that will be required, relative to 2025 base year employment.

Table D2. Replacement demand – detailed results, Scenario 1.

Replacement Demand – Scenario 1	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
00018 Senior managers - public & private sector	6,040	6,070	6,060	18,170
11200 Human resources professionals	1,240	1,240	1,240	3,720
13201 Production & transportation logistics coordinators	740	750	750	2,250
14400 Shippers & receivers	3,300	3,330	3,320	9,950
14402 Production logistics workers	140	140	140	430
20010 Engineering managers	1,610	1,630	1,630	4,860
20012 Computer & information systems managers	2,770	2,770	2,770	8,320
21101 Chemists	350	350	350	1,040
21211 Data scientists	110	110	110	320
21220 Cybersecurity specialists	300	300	300	900
21221 Business systems specialists	770	770	770	2,310
21222 Information systems specialists	5,500	5,510	5,510	16,520
21223 Database analysts & data administrators	570	570	570	1,720
21230 Computer systems developers & programmers	1,230	1,230	1,230	3,690
21231 Software engineers & designers	2,360	2,370	2,370	7,100
21232 Software developers & programmers	2,300	2,300	2,300	6,900
21233 Web designers	300	300	300	900
21234 Web developers & programmers	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
21301 Mechanical engineers	2,520	2,540	2,550	7,610
21310 Electrical & electronics engineers	2,660	2,690	2,690	8,040
21311 Computer engineers (except software engineers & designers)	950	960	960	2,870
21320 Chemical engineers	420	430	420	1,270
21321 Industrial & manufacturing engineers	670	680	690	2,040
21322 Metallurgical & materials engineers	130	130	130	390
21330 Mining Engineers	140	140	140	420
22100 Chemical technologists & technicians	380	380	380	1,140

Replacement Demand – Scenario 1	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
22220 Computer network & web technicians	1,240	1,250	1,250	3,730
22222 Information systems testing technicians	250	250	250	750
22301 Mechanical engineering technologists & technicians	1,370	1,380	1,380	4,130
22302 Industrial engineering & manufacturing technologists & technicians	860	870	870	2,590
22310 Electrical & electronics engineering technologists & technicians	1,790	1,820	1,820	5,420
22312 Industrial instrument technicians & mechanics	220	220	220	650
72010 Contractors & supervisors, machining, metal forming, shaping & erecting trades & related occupations	860	860	860	2,590
72020 Contractors & supervisors, mechanic trades	270	280	280	830
72100 Machinists & machining & tooling inspectors	2,590	2,600	2,610	7,800
72101 Tool & die makers	1,400	1,410	1,420	4,230
72106 Welders & related machine operators	2,700	2,720	2,730	8,150
72200 Electricians (except industrial & power system)	150	160	160	470
72201 Industrial electricians	690	710	710	2,110
72400 Construction millwrights & industrial mechanics	2,220	2,240	2,240	6,690
72410 Automotive service technicians, truck & bus mechanics & mechanical repairers	830	830	840	2,500
73300 Transport truck drivers	1,990	2,000	2,000	5,990
73400 Heavy equipment operators	600	600	600	1,800
75101 Material handlers	7,240	7,270	7,280	21,790
82020 Supervisors, mining & quarrying	250	250	250	760
83100 Underground production & development miners	370	370	370	1,110
84100 Underground mine service & support workers	120	120	120	370
90010 Manufacturing managers	4,320	4,380	4,380	13,080
92020 Supervisors, motor vehicle assembling	640	680	710	2,030
92021 Supervisors, electronics & electrical products manufacturing	180	200	190	570

Replacement Demand – Scenario 1	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
93100 Central control & process operators, mineral & metal processing	120	120	120	370
93101 Central control & process operators, petroleum, gas & chemical processing	310	320	320	950
94100 Machine operators, mineral & metal processing	560	560	560	1,670
94101 Foundry workers	210	210	210	640
94104 Inspectors & testers, mineral & metal processing	150	150	150	450
94105 Metalworking & forging machine operators	990	990	990	2,960
94106 Machining tool operators	740	750	750	2,230
94110 Chemical plant machine operators	280	280	280	840
94111 Plastics processing machine operators	1,790	1,800	1,800	5,380
94200 Motor vehicle assemblers, inspectors & testers	6,230	6,360	6,460	19,040
94201 Electronics assemblers, fabricators, inspectors & testers	1,700	1,760	1,750	5,210
94203 Assemblers, fabricators & inspectors, industrial electrical motors & transformers	230	240	250	720
94204 Mechanical assemblers & inspectors	310	320	320	950
94212 Plastic products assemblers, finishers & inspectors	570	570	580	1,720
94213 Industrial painters, coaters & metal finishing process operators	770	780	780	2,330
95100 Labourers in mineral & metal processing	520	520	520	1,560
95102 Labourers in chemical products processing & utilities	470	470	470	1,410
95109 Other labourers in processing, manufacturing & utilities	2,770	2,810	2,810	8,390

New Entrants

New entrants include the number of additional young people and immigrants who are expected to enter the labour force, relative to the 2025 base year.

Table D3. New entrants – detailed results, Scenario 1.

New Entrants – Scenario 1	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
00018 Senior managers - public & private sector	290	310	300	890
11200 Human resources professionals	420	450	430	1,300
13201 Production & transportation logistics coordinators	290	310	300	900
14400 Shippers & receivers	950	1,010	980	2,950
14402 Production logistics workers	80	80	80	240
20010 Engineering managers	230	240	230	700
20012 Computer & information systems managers	460	480	470	1,410
21101 Chemists	150	160	160	470
21211 Data scientists	290	310	300	910
21220 Cybersecurity specialists	180	190	180	540
21221 Business systems specialists	290	310	300	890
21222 Information systems specialists	1,280	1,360	1,320	3,950
21223 Database analysts & data administrators	170	180	180	530
21230 Computer systems developers & programmers	850	900	870	2,610
21231 Software engineers & designers	2,230	2,360	2,290	6,880
21232 Software developers & programmers	2,760	2,920	2,840	8,520
21233 Web designers	370	390	380	1,130
21234 Web developers & programmers	1,630	1,720	1,670	5,020
21301 Mechanical engineers	1,160	1,240	1,210	3,610
21310 Electrical & electronics engineers	800	850	830	2,470
21311 Computer engineers (except software engineers & designers)	300	320	310	920
21320 Chemical engineers	230	250	240	710
21321 Industrial & manufacturing engineers	350	370	360	1,080
21322 Metallurgical & materials engineers	70	80	70	220
21330 Mining Engineers	60	70	60	190
22100 Chemical technologists & technicians	130	140	140	410
22220 Computer network & web technicians	690	730	710	2,140
22222 Information systems testing technicians	340	360	350	1,040
22301 Mechanical engineering technologists & technicians	530	560	550	1,640
22302 Industrial engineering & manufacturing technologists & technicians	300	320	320	940

New Entrants – Scenario 1	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
22310 Electrical & electronics engineering technologists & technicians	490	530	510	1,530
22312 Industrial instrument technicians & mechanics	80	80	80	240
72010 Contractors & supervisors, machining, metal forming, shaping & erecting trades & related occupations	110	120	120	350
72020 Contractors & supervisors, mechanic trades	90	100	100	290
72100 Machinists & machining & tooling inspectors	660	700	680	2,050
72101 Tool & die makers	200	210	210	620
72106 Welders & related machine operators	1,090	1,160	1,130	3,390
72200 Electricians (except industrial & power system)	110	110	110	330
72201 Industrial electricians	160	170	170	500
72400 Construction millwrights & industrial mechanics	400	420	410	1,230
72410 Automotive service technicians, truck & bus mechanics & mechanical repairers	320	340	330	990
73300 Transport truck drivers	270	290	280	830
73400 Heavy equipment operators	190	200	190	580
75101 Material handlers	3,300	3,500	3,400	10,210
82020 Supervisors, mining & quarrying	20	30	30	80
83100 Underground production & development miners	130	140	130	390
84100 Underground mine service & support workers	60	70	60	190
90010 Manufacturing managers	260	280	270	810
92020 Supervisors, motor vehicle assembling	100	120	120	340
92021 Supervisors, electronics & electrical products manufacturing	50	50	50	150
93100 Central control & process operators, mineral & metal processing	50	60	60	170
93101 Central control & process operators, petroleum, gas & chemical processing	160	180	170	510
94100 Machine operators, mineral & metal processing	200	210	210	630
94101 Foundry workers	80	80	80	250

New Entrants – Scenario 1	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
94104 Inspectors & testers, mineral & metal processing	60	60	60	190
94105 Metalworking & forging machine operators	300	320	310	940
94106 Machining tool operators	210	220	220	650
94110 Chemical plant machine operators	80	80	80	230
94111 Plastics processing machine operators	430	460	440	1,330
94200 Motor vehicle assemblers, inspectors & testers	1,720	1,850	1,830	5,390
94201 Electronics assemblers, fabricators, inspectors & testers	220	240	230	700
94203 Assemblers, fabricators & inspectors, industrial electrical motors & transformers	60	70	70	210
94204 Mechanical assemblers & inspectors	130	140	140	410
94212 Plastic products assemblers, finishers & inspectors	170	180	170	520
94213 Industrial painters, coaters & metal finishing process operators	280	290	290	860
95100 Labourers in mineral & metal processing	240	250	240	730
95102 Labourers in chemical products processing & utilities	200	210	210	620
95109 Other labourers in processing, manufacturing & utilities	970	1,030	1,000	3,000

Recruitment Gap (#)

The recruitment gap is a composite measure that incorporates expansion demand, replacement demand, and new entrants. of labour market conditions. The values in Table D4 are expressed as the number of additional workers for each occupation, relative to 2025 base year employment.

Table D4. Recruitment gap (#) – detailed results, Scenario 1.

Recruitment Gap (#) – Scenario 1	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
00018 Senior managers - public & private sector	5,960	5,830	5,650	17,430
11200 Human resources professionals	780	850	780	2,410
13201 Production & transportation logistics coordinators	500	490	390	1,390
14400 Shippers & receivers	2,430	2,430	2,210	7,060
14402 Production logistics workers	70	70	50	200
20010 Engineering managers	1,520	1,430	1,330	4,280
20012 Computer & information systems managers	2,340	2,330	2,270	6,940
21101 Chemists	240	190	170	600
21211 Data scientists	-200	-200	-200	-590
21220 Cybersecurity specialists	120	120	120	360
21221 Business systems specialists	470	480	470	1,410
21222 Information systems specialists	4,200	4,210	4,160	12,570
21223 Database analysts & data administrators	390	400	390	1,190
21230 Computer systems developers & programmers	380	360	350	1,090
21231 Software engineers & designers	110	100	40	250
21232 Software developers & programmers	-430	-560	-580	-1,570
21233 Web designers	-70	-80	-80	-230
21234 Web developers & programmers	-630	-700	-680	-2,010
21301 Mechanical engineers	1,480	1,560	1,170	4,210
21310 Electrical & electronics engineers	2,250	1,940	1,750	5,940
21311 Computer engineers (except software engineers & designers)	680	650	630	1,970
21320 Chemical engineers	310	180	140	630
21321 Industrial & manufacturing engineers	360	410	270	1,030
21322 Metallurgical & materials engineers	50	60	50	160

Recruitment Gap (#) – Scenario 1	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
21330 Mining Engineers	90	70	70	240
22100 Chemical technologists & technicians	280	240	220	740
22220 Computer network & web technicians	570	540	510	1,610
22222 Information systems testing technicians	-90	-100	-100	-300
22301 Mechanical engineering technologists & technicians	860	920	780	2,550
22302 Industrial engineering & manufacturing technologists & technicians	600	610	490	1,700
22310 Electrical & electronics engineering technologists & technicians	1,610	1,340	1,210	4,160
22312 Industrial instrument technicians & mechanics	140	140	130	410
72010 Contractors & supervisors, machining, metal forming, shaping & erecting trades & related occupations	710	770	730	2,210
72020 Contractors & supervisors, mechanic trades	160	200	160	520
72100 Machinists & machining & tooling inspectors	1,860	2,010	1,860	5,730
72101 Tool & die makers	1,100	1,300	1,170	3,570
72106 Welders & related machine operators	1,410	1,780	1,510	4,690
72200 Electricians (except industrial & power system)	80	50	30	170
72201 Industrial electricians	420	670	480	1,570
72400 Construction millwrights & industrial mechanics	1,620	1,950	1,720	5,290
72410 Automotive service technicians, truck & bus mechanics & mechanical repairers	360	660	440	1,460
73300 Transport truck drivers	1,700	1,770	1,660	5,120
73400 Heavy equipment operators	480	400	370	1,240
75101 Material handlers	3,910	4,120	3,640	11,660
82020 Supervisors, mining & quarrying	290	220	210	720
83100 Underground production & development miners	360	220	200	790

Recruitment Gap (#) – Scenario 1	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
84100 Underground mine service & support workers	90	50	50	200
90010 Manufacturing managers	4,220	4,370	3,880	12,460
92020 Supervisors, motor vehicle assembling	-60	1,320	440	1,700
92021 Supervisors, electronics & electrical products manufacturing	330	140	100	570
93100 Central control & process operators, mineral & metal processing	30	70	70	170
93101 Central control & process operators, petroleum, gas & chemical processing	290	130	100	520
94100 Machine operators, mineral & metal processing	0	340	310	650
94101 Foundry workers	110	130	120	370
94104 Inspectors & testers, mineral & metal processing	60	90	80	230
94105 Metalworking & forging machine operators	550	700	650	1,890
94106 Machining tool operators	480	560	500	1,540
94110 Chemical plant machine operators	230	200	190	620
94111 Plastics processing machine operators	1,350	1,410	1,290	4,050
94200 Motor vehicle assemblers, inspectors & testers	1,990	6,920	4,140	13,050
94201 Electronics assemblers, fabricators, inspectors & testers	2,130	1,510	1,350	4,990
94203 Assemblers, fabricators & inspectors, industrial electrical motors & transformers	300	240	190	730
94204 Mechanical assemblers & inspectors	90	320	150	560
94212 Plastic products assemblers, finishers & inspectors	380	420	390	1,190
94213 Industrial painters, coaters & metal finishing process operators	360	600	460	1,420
95100 Labourers in mineral & metal processing	70	280	250	610
95102 Labourers in chemical products processing & utilities	300	270	240	810

Recruitment Gap (#) – Scenario 1	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
95109 Other labourers in processing, manufacturing & utilities	2,090	1,910	1,630	5,630

Recruitment Gap (% of 2025 base year employment)

Table D5 shows the recruitment gap for each occupation, expressed as a percentage of 2025 base year employment. For example: If the recruitment gap percentage for an occupation is 50%, then an amount equal to half of the employed workers in 2025 will be required during the forecast period. These results take into consideration demographics and other supply-side conditions, given the broader industry impacts affecting demand.

Table D5. Recruitment gap (% of 2025 base year employment) – detailed results, Scenario 1.

Recruitment Gap (% of 2025 base employment) – Scenario 1	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
00018 Senior managers - public & private sector	17%	16%	16%	48%
11200 Human resources professionals	7%	8%	7%	22%
13201 Production & transportation logistics coordinators	6%	6%	5%	17%
14400 Shippers & receivers	10%	10%	9%	29%
14402 Production logistics workers	4%	4%	3%	13%
20010 Engineering managers	11%	10%	10%	31%
20012 Computer & information systems managers	7%	7%	7%	22%
21101 Chemists	7%	6%	5%	18%
21211 Data scientists	-5%	-5%	-5%	-14%
21220 Cybersecurity specialists	3%	3%	3%	8%
21221 Business systems specialists	5%	5%	5%	16%
21222 Information systems specialists	8%	8%	8%	24%
21223 Database analysts & data administrators	8%	8%	8%	23%
21230 Computer systems developers & programmers	2%	2%	2%	7%
21231 Software engineers & designers	0%	0%	0%	1%
21232 Software developers & programmers	-1%	-1%	-1%	-3%
21233 Web designers	-1%	-1%	-1%	-4%
21234 Web developers & programmers	-2%	-3%	-3%	-8%

Recruitment Gap (% of 2025 base employment) – Scenario 1	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
21301 Mechanical engineers	6%	6%	5%	16%
21310 Electrical & electronics engineers	10%	9%	8%	27%
21311 Computer engineers (except software engineers & designers)	6%	6%	6%	18%
21320 Chemical engineers	7%	4%	3%	14%
21321 Industrial & manufacturing engineers	5%	6%	4%	14%
21322 Metallurgical & materials engineers	4%	4%	4%	12%
21330 Mining Engineers	7%	5%	5%	18%
22100 Chemical technologists & technicians	10%	8%	8%	26%
22220 Computer network & web technicians	3%	3%	3%	9%
22222 Information systems testing technicians	-2%	-2%	-2%	-6%
22301 Mechanical engineering technologists & technicians	7%	8%	6%	21%
22302 Industrial engineering & manufacturing technologists & technicians	8%	8%	6%	22%
22310 Electrical & electronics engineering technologists & technicians	13%	11%	10%	33%
22312 Industrial instrument technicians & mechanics	8%	8%	7%	23%
72010 Contractors & supervisors, machining, metal forming, shaping & erecting trades & related occupations	13%	14%	13%	40%
72020 Contractors & supervisors, mechanic trades	7%	9%	7%	22%
72100 Machinists & machining & tooling inspectors	10%	10%	10%	30%
72101 Tool & die makers	14%	17%	15%	46%
72106 Welders & related machine operators	6%	7%	6%	20%
72200 Electricians (except industrial & power system)	5%	3%	2%	11%
72201 Industrial electricians	7%	12%	8%	28%
72400 Construction millwrights & industrial mechanics	11%	13%	11%	35%
72410 Automotive service technicians, truck & bus mechanics & mechanical repairers	5%	9%	6%	21%
73300 Transport truck drivers	16%	17%	16%	49%
73400 Heavy equipment operators	12%	10%	9%	30%
75101 Material handlers	6%	6%	6%	18%
82020 Supervisors, mining & quarrying	15%	12%	11%	38%

Recruitment Gap (% of 2025 base employment) – Scenario 1	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
83100 Underground production & development miners	9%	6%	5%	21%
84100 Underground mine service & support workers	8%	4%	4%	17%
90010 Manufacturing managers	15%	16%	14%	46%
92020 Supervisors, motor vehicle assembling	-1%	22%	7%	28%
92021 Supervisors, electronics & electrical products manufacturing	25%	11%	8%	44%
93100 Central control & process operators, mineral & metal processing	2%	5%	5%	12%
93101 Central control & process operators, petroleum, gas & chemical processing	9%	4%	3%	15%
94100 Machine operators, mineral & metal processing	0%	6%	5%	11%
94101 Foundry workers	6%	7%	6%	19%
94104 Inspectors & testers, mineral & metal processing	5%	7%	6%	18%
94105 Metalworking & forging machine operators	8%	10%	9%	28%
94106 Machining tool operators	9%	10%	9%	29%
94110 Chemical plant machine operators	11%	9%	9%	29%
94111 Plastics processing machine operators	11%	12%	11%	34%
94200 Motor vehicle assemblers, inspectors & testers	4%	15%	9%	28%
94201 Electronics assemblers, fabricators, inspectors & testers	26%	18%	16%	61%
94203 Assemblers, fabricators & inspectors, industrial electrical motors & transformers	20%	16%	13%	50%
94204 Mechanical assemblers & inspectors	4%	13%	6%	22%
94212 Plastic products assemblers, finishers & inspectors	10%	11%	11%	32%
94213 Industrial painters, coaters & metal finishing process operators	6%	10%	8%	23%
95100 Labourers in mineral & metal processing	1%	6%	5%	13%
95102 Labourers in chemical products processing & utilities	8%	8%	7%	23%
95109 Other labourers in processing, manufacturing & utilities	11%	10%	8%	29%



Appendix E - Detailed Results, Scenario 3 (Full Trade Disruptions)

This Appendix contains detailed forecasts of occupation impacts for Scenario 3, which assumes full trade disruptions across the auto sector during the forecast period. The following tables are included: expansion demand (Table E1), replacement demand (Table E2), and new entrants (Table E3). Recruitment gaps combine these supply and demand factors into a summary measure of labour market conditions for each occupation. Recruitment gap tables are presented as headcounts (Table E4) and as a percentage of 2025 base year employment (Table E5).

Expansion Demand

Expansion demand is the change in employment that is directly related to broad industry changes. Results in Table E1 are expressed as the number of additional workers that will be required in the auto sector due to expansion, relative to 2025 base year employment.

Table E1. Expansion demand – detailed results, Scenario 3.

Expansion Demand – Scenario 3	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
00018 Senior managers - public & private sector	-560	-10	-20	-590
11200 Human resources professionals	-370	0	0	-370
13201 Production & transportation logistics coordinators	-390	0	-10	-400
14400 Shippers & receivers	-980	-10	-20	-1,000
14402 Production logistics workers	-110	0	0	-110
20010 Engineering managers	-310	-10	-10	-330
20012 Computer & information systems managers	-240	0	-10	-250
21101 Chemists	-40	0	0	-40
21211 Data scientists	-40	0	0	-40
21220 Cybersecurity specialists	-30	0	0	-30
21221 Business systems specialists	-80	0	0	-80
21222 Information systems specialists	-340	0	0	-340
21223 Database analysts & data administrators	-50	0	0	-50
21230 Computer systems developers & programmers	-140	0	0	-150
21231 Software engineers & designers	-440	10	-10	-440
21232 Software developers & programmers	-300	0	-10	-310
21233 Web designers	-20	0	0	-20
21234 Web developers & programmers	-110	0	0	-110

Expansion Demand – Scenario 3	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
21301 Mechanical engineers	-1,420	0	-30	-1,440
21310 Electrical & electronics engineers	-380	-20	-20	-410
21311 Computer engineers (except software engineers & designers)	-80	0	0	-90
21320 Chemical engineers	-70	-10	-10	-80
21321 Industrial & manufacturing engineers	-600	0	-10	-610
21322 Metallurgical & materials engineers	-70	0	0	-70
21330 Mining Engineers	-10	0	0	-10
22100 Chemical technologists & technicians	-60	0	0	-60
22220 Computer network & web technicians	-200	0	0	-210
22222 Information systems testing technicians	-20	0	0	-20
22301 Mechanical engineering technologists & technicians	-720	0	-10	-730
22302 Industrial engineering & manufacturing technologists & technicians	-540	0	-10	-560
22310 Electrical & electronics engineering technologists & technicians	-290	-20	-20	-330
22312 Industrial instrument technicians & mechanics	-40	0	0	-40
72010 Contractors & supervisors, machining, metal forming, shaping & erecting trades & related occupations	-230	0	0	-230
72020 Contractors & supervisors, mechanic trades	-180	0	0	-180
72100 Machinists & machining & tooling inspectors	-870	0	-10	-880
72101 Tool & die makers	-780	10	0	-780
72106 Welders & related machine operators	-1,590	10	-10	-1,590
72200 Electricians (except industrial & power system)	-60	0	0	-60
72201 Industrial electricians	-830	10	-10	-830
72400 Construction millwrights & industrial mechanics	-1,300	0	-20	-1,320
72410 Automotive service technicians, truck & bus mechanics & mechanical repairers	-880	10	-10	-870
73300 Transport truck drivers	-460	0	-10	-470
73400 Heavy equipment operators	-110	-10	0	-120
75101 Material handlers	-2,380	10	-30	-2,410
82020 Supervisors, mining & quarrying	-10	0	0	-10

Expansion Demand – Scenario 3	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
83100 Underground production & development miners	-20	-10	0	-30
84100 Underground mine service & support workers	-10	0	0	-10
90010 Manufacturing managers	-1,910	-10	-40	-1,960
92020 Supervisors, motor vehicle assembling	-2,870	70	-20	-2,810
92021 Supervisors, electronics & electrical products manufacturing	10	-10	-10	-10
93100 Central control & process operators, mineral & metal processing	-70	0	0	-70
93101 Central control & process operators, petroleum, gas & chemical processing	-50	-10	-10	-60
94100 Machine operators, mineral & metal processing	-580	-10	-10	-590
94101 Foundry workers	-160	0	0	-160
94104 Inspectors & testers, mineral & metal processing	-100	0	0	-100
94105 Metalworking & forging machine operators	-470	0	0	-470
94106 Machining tool operators	-420	0	0	-430
94110 Chemical plant machine operators	-50	0	0	-50
94111 Plastics processing machine operators	-440	0	-10	-440
94200 Motor vehicle assemblers, inspectors & testers	-13,460	220	-60	-13,290
94201 Electronics assemblers, fabricators, inspectors & testers	-70	-40	-30	-140
94203 Assemblers, fabricators & inspectors, industrial electrical motors & transformers	-20	0	0	-20
94204 Mechanical assemblers & inspectors	-610	10	-10	-610
94212 Plastic products assemblers, finishers & inspectors	-140	0	0	-140
94213 Industrial painters, coaters & metal finishing process operators	-630	10	0	-630
95100 Labourers in mineral & metal processing	-420	0	0	-430
95102 Labourers in chemical products processing & utilities	-110	0	0	-110
95109 Other labourers in processing, manufacturing & utilities	-1,080	-20	-30	-1,130

Replacement Demand

Replacement demand is an estimate of the number of workers needed to maintain current levels of employment, as workers exit the labour force due to retirements and deaths. Results in Table E2 are expressed as the number of additional workers (aged 15 to 69) that will be required, relative to 2025 base year employment.

Table E2. Replacement demand – detailed results, Scenario 3

Replacement Demand – Scenario 3	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
00018 Senior managers - public & private sector	5,960	5,940	5,940	17,830
11200 Human resources professionals	1,210	1,200	1,200	3,610
13201 Production & transportation logistics coordinators	720	710	710	2,130
14400 Shippers & receivers	3,210	3,180	3,180	9,570
14402 Production logistics workers	140	130	130	400
20010 Engineering managers	1,580	1,580	1,570	4,730
20012 Computer & information systems managers	2,750	2,750	2,750	8,250
21101 Chemists	340	340	340	1,020
21211 Data scientists	110	110	110	320
21220 Cybersecurity specialists	300	300	300	890
21221 Business systems specialists	770	760	760	2,290
21222 Information systems specialists	5,480	5,470	5,470	16,430
21223 Database analysts & data administrators	570	570	570	1,700
21230 Computer systems developers & programmers	1,220	1,220	1,220	3,660
21231 Software engineers & designers	2,350	2,340	2,340	7,040
21232 Software developers & programmers	2,290	2,280	2,280	6,850
21233 Web designers	300	300	300	900
21234 Web developers & programmers	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,990
21301 Mechanical engineers	2,410	2,390	2,380	7,180
21310 Electrical & electronics engineers	2,610	2,600	2,600	7,810
21311 Computer engineers (except software engineers & designers)	950	950	950	2,840
21320 Chemical engineers	410	410	410	1,230
21321 Industrial & manufacturing engineers	630	620	620	1,880
21322 Metallurgical & materials engineers	130	120	120	370

Replacement Demand – Scenario 3	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
21330 Mining Engineers	140	140	140	410
22100 Chemical technologists & technicians	370	370	370	1,110
22220 Computer network & web technicians	1,230	1,230	1,230	3,690
22222 Information systems testing technicians	250	250	250	740
22301 Mechanical engineering technologists & technicians	1,310	1,290	1,290	3,900
22302 Industrial engineering & manufacturing technologists & technicians	810	800	800	2,410
22310 Electrical & electronics engineering technologists & technicians	1,750	1,740	1,740	5,220
22312 Industrial instrument technicians & mechanics	210	210	210	640
72010 Contractors & supervisors, machining, metal forming, shaping & erecting trades & related occupations	840	830	830	2,500
72020 Contractors & supervisors, mechanic trades	260	260	260	770
72100 Machinists & machining & tooling inspectors	2,520	2,490	2,490	7,500
72101 Tool & die makers	1,310	1,280	1,280	3,870
72106 Welders & related machine operators	2,590	2,550	2,550	7,700
72200 Electricians (except industrial & power system)	150	150	150	440
72201 Industrial electricians	630	610	610	1,850
72400 Construction millwrights & industrial mechanics	2,110	2,070	2,070	6,240
72410 Automotive service technicians, truck & bus mechanics & mechanical repairers	760	740	740	2,240
73300 Transport truck drivers	1,930	1,910	1,910	5,760
73400 Heavy equipment operators	580	580	580	1,750
75101 Material handlers	7,070	7,010	7,010	21,090
82020 Supervisors, mining & quarrying	250	250	250	740
83100 Underground production & development miners	360	360	360	1,080
84100 Underground mine service & support workers	120	120	120	360
90010 Manufacturing managers	4,100	4,040	4,040	12,180
92020 Supervisors, motor vehicle assembling	450	390	400	1,240

Replacement Demand – Scenario 3	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
92021 Supervisors, electronics & electrical products manufacturing	170	170	170	510
93100 Central control & process operators, mineral & metal processing	120	120	120	370
93101 Central control & process operators, petroleum, gas & chemical processing	300	300	300	900
94100 Machine operators, mineral & metal processing	550	540	540	1,620
94101 Foundry workers	200	200	200	600
94104 Inspectors & testers, mineral & metal processing	150	140	140	430
94105 Metalworking & forging machine operators	950	940	940	2,830
94106 Machining tool operators	700	690	690	2,090
94110 Chemical plant machine operators	270	270	270	810
94111 Plastics processing machine operators	1,740	1,730	1,730	5,200
94200 Motor vehicle assemblers, inspectors & testers	5,110	4,750	4,760	14,630
94201 Electronics assemblers, fabricators, inspectors & testers	1,640	1,640	1,630	4,900
94203 Assemblers, fabricators & inspectors, industrial electrical motors & transformers	210	210	210	640
94204 Mechanical assemblers & inspectors	260	250	250	750
94212 Plastic products assemblers, finishers & inspectors	560	560	560	1,670
94213 Industrial painters, coaters & metal finishing process operators	730	710	710	2,150
95100 Labourers in mineral & metal processing	510	500	500	1,500
95102 Labourers in chemical products processing & utilities	460	450	450	1,360
95109 Other labourers in processing, manufacturing & utilities	2,660	2,630	2,620	7,910

New Entrants

New entrants include the number of additional young people and immigrants who are expected to enter the labour force, relative to the 2025 base year.

Table E3. New entrants – detailed results, Scenario 3.

New Entrants – Scenario 3	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
00018 Senior managers - public & private sector	280	300	290	870
11200 Human resources professionals	410	430	420	1,260
13201 Production & transportation logistics coordinators	280	290	280	860
14400 Shippers & receivers	920	970	940	2,840
14402 Production logistics workers	70	80	80	230
20010 Engineering managers	220	230	230	680
20012 Computer & information systems managers	450	480	460	1,390
21101 Chemists	150	160	150	460
21211 Data scientists	290	310	300	900
21220 Cybersecurity specialists	170	180	180	540
21221 Business systems specialists	290	300	290	890
21222 Information systems specialists	1,280	1,350	1,310	3,930
21223 Database analysts & data administrators	170	180	170	520
21230 Computer systems developers & programmers	840	890	860	2,590
21231 Software engineers & designers	2,220	2,340	2,270	6,820
21232 Software developers & programmers	2,750	2,900	2,810	8,460
21233 Web designers	370	390	380	1,130
21234 Web developers & programmers	1,620	1,710	1,660	5,000
21301 Mechanical engineers	1,110	1,160	1,130	3,400
21310 Electrical & electronics engineers	780	820	800	2,400
21311 Computer engineers (except software engineers & designers)	300	310	300	910
21320 Chemical engineers	220	240	230	690
21321 Industrial & manufacturing engineers	320	340	330	990
21322 Metallurgical & materials engineers	70	70	70	210
21330 Mining Engineers	60	60	60	190
22100 Chemical technologists & technicians	130	140	130	400
22220 Computer network & web technicians	690	720	700	2,110
22222 Information systems testing technicians	340	360	340	1,040
22301 Mechanical engineering technologists & technicians	500	530	510	1,540
22302 Industrial engineering & manufacturing technologists & technicians	290	300	290	880

New Entrants – Scenario 3	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
22310 Electrical & electronics engineering technologists & technicians	480	510	490	1,470
22312 Industrial instrument technicians & mechanics	80	80	80	230
72010 Contractors & supervisors, machining, metal forming, shaping & erecting trades & related occupations	110	120	110	340
72020 Contractors & supervisors, mechanic trades	90	90	90	270
72100 Machinists & machining & tooling inspectors	640	670	650	1,970
72101 Tool & die makers	190	190	190	570
72106 Welders & related machine operators	1,050	1,090	1,060	3,200
72200 Electricians (except industrial & power system)	100	110	100	310
72201 Industrial electricians	150	150	140	440
72400 Construction millwrights & industrial mechanics	370	390	380	1,140
72410 Automotive service technicians, truck & bus mechanics & mechanical repairers	290	300	290	880
73300 Transport truck drivers	260	270	270	800
73400 Heavy equipment operators	180	190	190	560
75101 Material handlers	3,220	3,380	3,280	9,870
82020 Supervisors, mining & quarrying	20	30	20	80
83100 Underground production & development miners	130	130	130	390
84100 Underground mine service & support workers	60	60	60	190
90010 Manufacturing managers	250	260	250	750
92020 Supervisors, motor vehicle assembling	70	70	70	210
92021 Supervisors, electronics & electrical products manufacturing	40	50	40	140
93100 Central control & process operators, mineral & metal processing	50	60	50	160
93101 Central control & process operators, petroleum, gas & chemical processing	160	170	160	490
94100 Machine operators, mineral & metal processing	200	210	200	610
94101 Foundry workers	80	80	80	230

New Entrants – Scenario 3	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
94104 Inspectors & testers, mineral & metal processing	60	60	60	180
94105 Metalworking & forging machine operators	290	310	300	900
94106 Machining tool operators	200	210	200	610
94110 Chemical plant machine operators	70	80	80	230
94111 Plastics processing machine operators	420	440	430	1,280
94200 Motor vehicle assemblers, inspectors & testers	1,390	1,390	1,350	4,130
94201 Electronics assemblers, fabricators, inspectors & testers	210	230	220	660
94203 Assemblers, fabricators & inspectors, industrial electrical motors & transformers	60	60	60	190
94204 Mechanical assemblers & inspectors	110	110	110	320
94212 Plastic products assemblers, finishers & inspectors	160	170	170	500
94213 Industrial painters, coaters & metal finishing process operators	260	270	260	790
95100 Labourers in mineral & metal processing	230	240	230	700
95102 Labourers in chemical products processing & utilities	200	210	200	600
95109 Other labourers in processing, manufacturing & utilities	920	970	940	2,830

Recruitment Gap (#)

The recruitment gap is a composite measure that incorporates expansion demand, replacement demand, and new entrants, of labour market conditions. The values in Table E4 are expressed as the number of additional workers for each occupation, relative to 2025 base year employment.

Table E4. Recruitment gap (#) – detailed results, Scenario 3.

Recruitment Gap (#) – Scenario 3	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
00018 Senior managers - public & private sector	5,120	5,630	5,630	16,370
11200 Human resources professionals	430	770	780	1,980
13201 Production & transportation logistics coordinators	50	410	420	880
14400 Shippers & receivers	1,310	2,200	2,220	5,730
14402 Production logistics workers	-40	50	60	70
20010 Engineering managers	1,050	1,330	1,340	3,720
20012 Computer & information systems managers	2,060	2,270	2,280	6,610
21101 Chemists	150	180	180	520
21211 Data scientists	-230	-200	-190	-620
21220 Cybersecurity specialists	90	110	120	330
21221 Business systems specialists	400	460	470	1,330
21222 Information systems specialists	3,860	4,130	4,160	12,160
21223 Database analysts & data administrators	350	390	390	1,130
21230 Computer systems developers & programmers	240	330	360	930
21231 Software engineers & designers	-310	10	70	-220
21232 Software developers & programmers	-760	-620	-540	-1,910
21233 Web designers	-80	-90	-70	-240
21234 Web developers & programmers	-730	-720	-670	-2,120
21301 Mechanical engineers	-110	1,220	1,230	2,340
21310 Electrical & electronics engineers	1,450	1,760	1,780	5,000
21311 Computer engineers (except software engineers & designers)	570	630	640	1,840
21320 Chemical engineers	120	170	170	460
21321 Industrial & manufacturing engineers	-290	290	290	280
21322 Metallurgical & materials engineers	-10	50	50	90

Recruitment Gap (#) – Scenario 3	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
21330 Mining Engineers	70	70	70	210
22100 Chemical technologists & technicians	180	230	230	650
22220 Computer network & web technicians	350	500	520	1,370
22222 Information systems testing technicians	-110	-110	-100	-320
22301 Mechanical engineering technologists & technicians	90	770	770	1,620
22302 Industrial engineering & manufacturing technologists & technicians	-20	500	500	980
22310 Electrical & electronics engineering technologists & technicians	970	1,220	1,230	3,420
22312 Industrial instrument technicians & mechanics	100	130	130	370
72010 Contractors & supervisors, machining, metal forming, shaping & erecting trades & related occupations	500	720	720	1,930
72020 Contractors & supervisors, mechanic trades	-10	160	160	320
72100 Machinists & machining & tooling inspectors	1,000	1,820	1,830	4,650
72101 Tool & die makers	340	1,090	1,090	2,520
72106 Welders & related machine operators	-40	1,470	1,480	2,910
72200 Electricians (except industrial & power system)	-10	40	40	70
72201 Industrial electricians	-350	470	460	580
72400 Construction millwrights & industrial mechanics	430	1,680	1,670	3,780
72410 Automotive service technicians, truck & bus mechanics & mechanical repairers	-410	450	440	480
73300 Transport truck drivers	1,210	1,640	1,640	4,490
73400 Heavy equipment operators	290	380	390	1,070
75101 Material handlers	1,470	3,640	3,700	8,810
82020 Supervisors, mining & quarrying	210	220	220	650
83100 Underground production & development miners	220	220	230	670

Recruitment Gap (#) – Scenario 3	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
84100 Underground mine service & support workers	50	50	60	160
90010 Manufacturing managers	1,950	3,780	3,750	9,470
92020 Supervisors, motor vehicle assembling	-2,490	400	310	-1,770
92021 Supervisors, electronics & electrical products manufacturing	140	110	120	370
93100 Central control & process operators, mineral & metal processing	0	70	70	130
93101 Central control & process operators, petroleum, gas & chemical processing	100	120	130	350
94100 Machine operators, mineral & metal processing	-230	320	330	420
94101 Foundry workers	-40	120	120	200
94104 Inspectors & testers, mineral & metal processing	-10	80	80	160
94105 Metalworking & forging machine operators	190	630	640	1,460
94106 Machining tool operators	80	480	490	1,050
94110 Chemical plant machine operators	150	190	190	530
94111 Plastics processing machine operators	890	1,290	1,290	3,480
94200 Motor vehicle assemblers, inspectors & testers	-9,740	3,590	3,360	-2,780
94201 Electronics assemblers, fabricators, inspectors & testers	1,350	1,370	1,380	4,110
94203 Assemblers, fabricators & inspectors, industrial electrical motors & transformers	130	150	150	430
94204 Mechanical assemblers & inspectors	-460	150	130	-180
94212 Plastic products assemblers, finishers & inspectors	260	390	390	1,030
94213 Industrial painters, coaters & metal finishing process operators	-160	450	440	730
95100 Labourers in mineral & metal processing	-150	260	260	370

Recruitment Gap (#) – Scenario 3	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
95102 Labourers in chemical products processing & utilities	150	240	250	650
95109 Other labourers in processing, manufacturing & utilities	650	1,640	1,660	3,950

Recruitment Gap (% of 2025 base year employment)

Table E5 shows the recruitment gap for each occupation, expressed as a percentage of 2025 base year employment.

For example: If the recruitment gap percentage for an occupation is 50%, then an amount equal to half of the employed workers in 2025 will be required during the forecast period. These results take into consideration demographics and other supply-side conditions, given the broader industry impacts affecting demand.

Table E5. Recruitment gap (% of 2025 base year employment) – detailed results, Scenario 3.

Recruitment Gap - % of 2025 base employment Scenario 3	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
00018 Senior managers - public & private sector	14%	16%	16%	46%
11200 Human resources professionals	4%	7%	7%	19%
13201 Production & transportation logistics coordinators	1%	5%	5%	11%
14400 Shippers & receivers	5%	9%	9%	24%
14402 Production logistics workers	-3%	3%	4%	5%
20010 Engineering managers	8%	10%	10%	27%
20012 Computer & information systems managers	7%	7%	7%	21%
21101 Chemists	5%	5%	5%	16%
21211 Data scientists	-5%	-5%	-5%	-15%
21220 Cybersecurity specialists	2%	3%	3%	8%
21221 Business systems specialists	5%	5%	5%	15%
21222 Information systems specialists	7%	8%	8%	23%
21223 Database analysts & data administrators	7%	8%	8%	22%
21230 Computer systems developers & programmers	1%	2%	2%	6%
21231 Software engineers & designers	-1%	0%	0%	0%
21232 Software developers & programmers	-2%	-1%	-1%	-4%

Recruitment Gap - % of 2025 base employment Scenario 3	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
21233 Web designers	-1%	-1%	-1%	-4%
21234 Web developers & programmers	-3%	-3%	-3%	-8%
21301 Mechanical engineers	0%	5%	5%	9%
21310 Electrical & electronics engineers	7%	8%	8%	23%
21311 Computer engineers (except software engineers & designers)	5%	6%	6%	17%
21320 Chemical engineers	3%	4%	4%	10%
21321 Industrial & manufacturing engineers	-4%	4%	4%	4%
21322 Metallurgical & materials engineers	-1%	4%	4%	7%
21330 Mining Engineers	5%	5%	5%	16%
22100 Chemical technologists & technicians	6%	8%	8%	23%
22220 Computer network & web technicians	2%	3%	3%	8%
22222 Information systems testing technicians	-2%	-2%	-2%	-7%
22301 Mechanical engineering technologists & technicians	1%	6%	6%	14%
22302 Industrial engineering & manufacturing technologists & technicians	0%	7%	7%	13%
22310 Electrical & electronics engineering technologists & technicians	8%	10%	10%	27%
22312 Industrial instrument technicians & mechanics	6%	7%	7%	21%
72010 Contractors & supervisors, machining, metal forming, shaping & erecting trades & related occupations	9%	13%	13%	35%
72020 Contractors & supervisors, mechanic trades	0%	7%	7%	14%
72100 Machinists & machining & tooling inspectors	5%	10%	10%	24%
72101 Tool & die makers	5%	14%	14%	33%
72106 Welders & related machine operators	0%	6%	6%	12%
72200 Electricians (except industrial & power system)	-1%	3%	3%	4%
72201 Industrial electricians	-6%	9%	8%	11%
72400 Construction millwrights & industrial mechanics	3%	11%	11%	26%
72410 Automotive service technicians, truck & bus mechanics & mechanical repairers	-6%	7%	6%	7%
73300 Transport truck drivers	12%	16%	16%	43%

Recruitment Gap - % of 2025 base employment Scenario 3	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
73400 Heavy equipment operators	7%	9%	9%	26%
75101 Material handlers	2%	6%	6%	13%
82020 Supervisors, mining & quarrying	11%	12%	12%	34%
83100 Underground production & development miners	6%	6%	6%	17%
84100 Underground mine service & support workers	4%	4%	5%	13%
90010 Manufacturing managers	7%	14%	14%	35%
92020 Supervisors, motor vehicle assembling	-47%	7%	6%	-33%
92021 Supervisors, electronics & electrical products manufacturing	11%	9%	9%	29%
93100 Central control & process operators, mineral & metal processing	0%	5%	5%	9%
93101 Central control & process operators, petroleum, gas & chemical processing	3%	4%	4%	10%
94100 Machine operators, mineral & metal processing	-4%	5%	6%	7%
94101 Foundry workers	-2%	6%	6%	11%
94104 Inspectors & testers, mineral & metal processing	-1%	6%	6%	13%
94105 Metalworking & forging machine operators	3%	9%	9%	22%
94106 Machining tool operators	2%	9%	9%	20%
94110 Chemical plant machine operators	7%	9%	9%	25%
94111 Plastics processing machine operators	7%	11%	11%	29%
94200 Motor vehicle assemblers, inspectors & testers	-23%	8%	8%	-6%
94201 Electronics assemblers, fabricators, inspectors & testers	17%	17%	17%	51%
94203 Assemblers, fabricators & inspectors, industrial electrical motors & transformers	9%	10%	10%	30%
94204 Mechanical assemblers & inspectors	-19%	6%	5%	-8%
94212 Plastic products assemblers, finishers & inspectors	7%	11%	11%	28%
94213 Industrial painters, coaters & metal finishing process operators	-3%	8%	7%	12%
95100 Labourers in mineral & metal processing	-3%	5%	5%	8%

Recruitment Gap - % of 2025 base employment Scenario 3	2026-30	2031-35	2036-40	2026-40
95102 Labourers in chemical products processing & utilities	4%	7%	7%	18%
95109 Other labourers in processing, manufacturing & utilities	3%	8%	9%	20%



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