

A construction worker wearing an orange hard hat and a high-visibility vest, looking towards the right.A construction worker wearing a yellow hard hat and a high-visibility vest, working on a wooden structure.A construction site with several tall cranes and structural steel beams against a blue sky.

2016–2025
Key Highlights

Manitoba

New hydro development, transmission lines, pipelines and infrastructure projects will boost employment over the next few years, stretching a 10-year construction expansion to a new peak in 2018. At the same time, Manitoba's economy continues to diversify activities.

An expansion in industrial building activity began in 2010 and, aided by the lower Canadian dollar, will continue to 2017. Commercial and institutional building construction are also rising on a more gradual, but sustainable path that will add new jobs in almost every year across the 2016–2025 scenario.

These steady gains in non-residential building construction combine with the peak in resource and civil projects to sustain overall non-residential employment at record levels.

A modest housing cycle raises total employment to a peak in 2018, but then subsides to 2025, leaving residential employment near current levels at the end of the scenario period.

Altogether, the growth in provincial construction markets combines with rising retirements to consistently add to job opportunities across the scenario. Retirements over the next decade are estimated at 8,200 workers, or 21 percent of the current workforce.

The largest challenges will emerge in the next few years as current major projects peak.