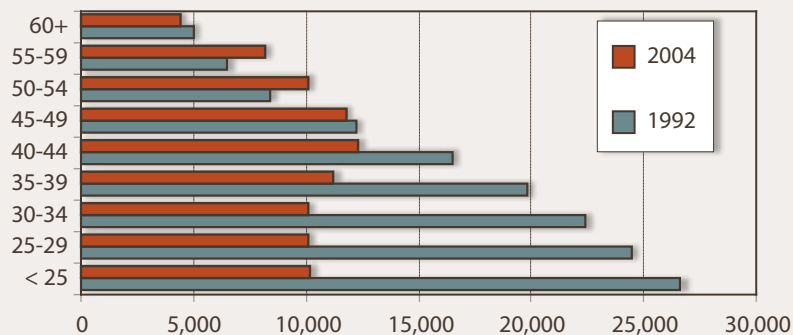


Employment Insurance

trends and usage in Newfoundland and Labrador

**Number of Regular EI Beneficiaries by Age
Newfoundland and Labrador, 1992 and 2004**



by age

Chart 7

*Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency:
Special Tabulation*

Large Decline in the Number of Younger Claimants

Out-migration, an aging of the population, increased employment opportunities, increased enrolment in educational institutions and tightening EI entrance requirements during the 1990s have contributed significantly to the reduction in the number of younger people who access the program. In 1992, 52% of regular beneficiaries were less than age 35; only 34% of beneficiaries were under 35 in 2004.

The younger the age, the larger has been the decline; the number of individuals less than 25 has declined by 62%, 25-29 by 59%, 30-34 by 55%. In 1992, half of all regular beneficiaries were age 34 or less; in 2004, the median age has increased by seven years to age 41.

**Number of Regular Beneficiaries by Occupation Type
Newfoundland and Labrador, 1992 and 2004**

	1992	2004	Change	% Change
Managerial and Other Professional	19,140	14,120	(5,020)	-26
Clerical	11,490	4,860	(6,630)	-58
Sales and Service	30,230	18,580	(11,650)	-39
Trades, Transport and Equipment Operator and Related	28,360	20,770	(7,590)	-27
Construction Labourer and Related	28,050	12,040	(16,010)	-57
Manufacturing and Other Processing	19,180	12,500	(6,680)	-35
Other Primary	4,190	4,810	630	15
Total	140,640	87,690	(52,950)	-38

by occupation *

Table 2

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Large Decline in EI Claimants in Almost All Sectors

With the exception of Other Primary, there has been a decline in regular beneficiaries in all occupation types since 1992. The largest proportional decline was for clerical workers which have dropped 58% since 1992. Benefits for construction workers have also significantly declined by 57%. The only other occupation near 1992 levels of EI usage is fish harvesters (shown in a later table).

* Excludes those employed as fish harvesters.