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ADP Canada Pay Insights: Pay for Job-Stayers Was Up 3.0% in August

ROSELAND, N.J. and TORONTO, Sept. 3, 2026 -- Base pay for job-stayers in Canada increased 3.0% year-over-year in August; pay for job-changers rose 5.6%, according to the August ADP Canada Pay Insights produced by ADP Research.

Gross pay for job-stayers increased 4.4%. Gross pay for job-changers increased 9.6%.

Drawing on the anonymized payroll transaction data of approximately 1.6 million Canadian workers each month, ADP Canada Pay Insights provides a robust measure of pay trends for job-stayers and job-changers working in Canada's private sector. Using a unique matched sample to track individual workers over a 12-month period, the report also offers a view of wage trends by sector, firm size, and province and territory.

August 2026 ADP Canada Pay Insights Report Highlights

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August 2026 ADP Canada Pay Insights

Median Change in Annual Base Pay

- Job-stayers 3.0%
- Job-changers 5.6%

Median Change in Annual Base Pay by Sector

Goods-producing

- Natural resources and mining 3.0%
- Construction 3.0%
- Manufacturing 3.2%

Service-providing

- Trade, transportation, and utilities 3.0%
- Information 3.0%
- Financial activities 3.0%
- Professional and business services 3.2%
- Education and health services 3.3%
- Leisure and hospitality 3.0%
- Other services 3.0%

Median Change in Annual Base Pay by Province and Territory

- Alberta 3.0%
- British Columbia 3.0%
- Manitoba 3.0%
- New Brunswick 3.5%
- Newfoundland and Labrador 3.0%
- Nova Scotia 3.7%
- Ontario 3.0%
- Prince Edward Island 4.2%
- Quebec 3.2%
- Saskatchewan 3.0%
- Yukon 2.5%

Median Change in Annual Base Pay by Firm Size

- 1-199 employees 3.0%
- 200-499 employees 3.0%
- 500+ employees 3.0%

Median Change in Annual Base Pay by Age

- 15-24 3.1%
- 25-34 3.6%
- 35-54 3.0%
- 55-85 2.8%

For additional information about ADP Canada Pay Insights, including historical files, gross pay data, breakouts by gender, pay quartile, and pay change distribution, methodology notes, and a calendar of release dates, please visit: payinsights.adp.ca.

The September 2026 ADP Canada Pay Insights report will be released on October 8, 2026, at 8:15 a.m. ET.

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