ABSTRACT

This profile provides an overview of recent labour market conditions in the Arts, entertainment and recreation sector in the Atlantic Region, and provides a sub-regional analysis on key trends. The specific sub-industries covered in this report are: Amusement, gambling and recreation, Performing arts, spectator sports and related industries, and Heritage institutions. Trends and outlooks for employment in the Atlantic Region are provided when relevant and sufficient data are available.

The following are some key highlights:

- The Arts, entertainment and recreation sector is a small employer in Atlantic Canada accounting for just 2.2% of Service sector jobs and 1.7% of total Atlantic employment.
- The sector’s contribution to Atlantic Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is also small at 0.5% of the total in 2016.
- Of the three subsectors within the Arts, entertainment and recreation sector, Amusement, gambling and recreation is the largest, accounting for 63% of the sector’s employment in 2016.
- Part-time employment in the Arts, entertainment and recreation sector is above average at 36% compared to other industry sectors in the Atlantic Region.
- At $587.63 per week in 2016, average earnings in the Arts, entertainment and recreation sector ranked second lowest among all 22 industries in the economy.
- Employment in the sector is forecast to decline by an average of 0.1% per year between 2017 and 2019 due in large part to expected job losses in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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