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2025/26 Annual Statistical Report

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Part 1 - Apprenticeship¹

For apprenticeships by trade, see Appendix A, Table 11.

TABLE 1 | TOTAL APPRENTICESHIP REGISTRATIONS

	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Total apprenticeships	40,934	46,396	49,701	48,921

TABLE 2 | NEW APPRENTICESHIP REGISTRATIONS

	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
New apprenticeship registrations ¹	15,035	18,260	16,739	14,485

¹ New apprenticeship registrations is a cumulative measure.

TABLE 3 | WOMEN APPRENTICESHIP REGISTRATIONS

	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Total women apprenticeships	4,214	4,933	4,860	4,547
Total women as % of all apprenticeships	10.3%	10.6%	9.8%	9.3%
Women in under-represented trades ^{1,2}	2,620	3,195	3,167	2,956
Women apprenticeships in under-represented trades as % of total women apprenticeships	62%	65%	65%	65%
Women apprenticeships in under-represented trades as % of total apprenticeships ³	6%	7%	6%	6%

¹ Under-represented trades are trades where women represent less than a quarter of the total apprenticeship population.

² Included in total women apprenticeships.

³ Measure is point in time and includes any apprenticeship active at the end of the reporting period.

¹ Apprenticeship registrations are apprenticeships that have had activities (such as reporting of work-based training hours, technical training results, examination marks, or change in sponsorship information) recorded in SkilledTradesBC's Direct Access system within the last 18 months.

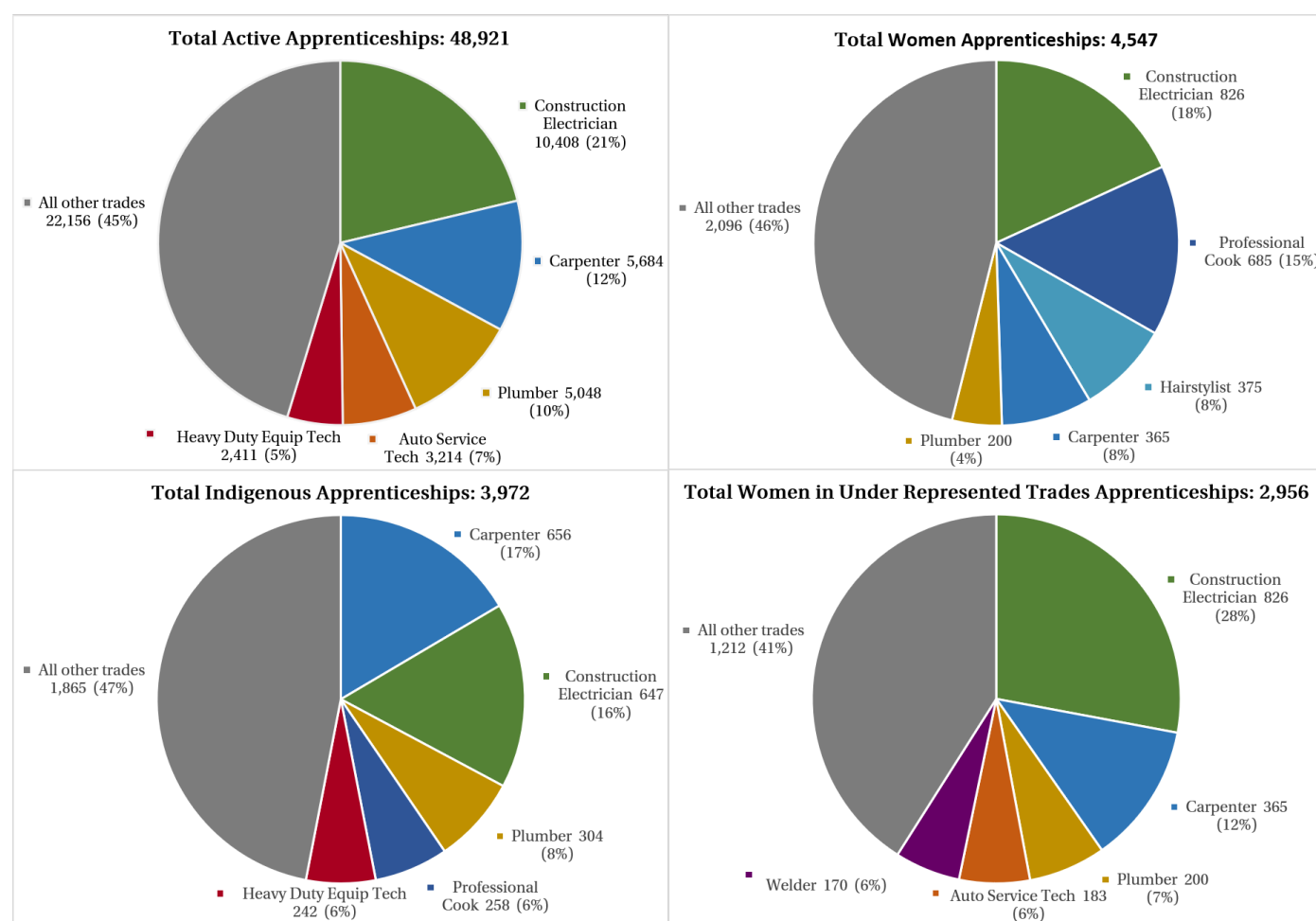
TABLE 4 | INDIGENOUS APPRENTICESHIP REGISTRATIONS

	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Total Indigenous apprenticeships ¹	3,498	4,047	4,097	3,972
Indigenous women apprenticeships ^{1,2}	586	682	662	645
Total Indigenous apprenticeships as % of all apprenticeships ³	9%	9%	8%	8%

¹ Self-identified.

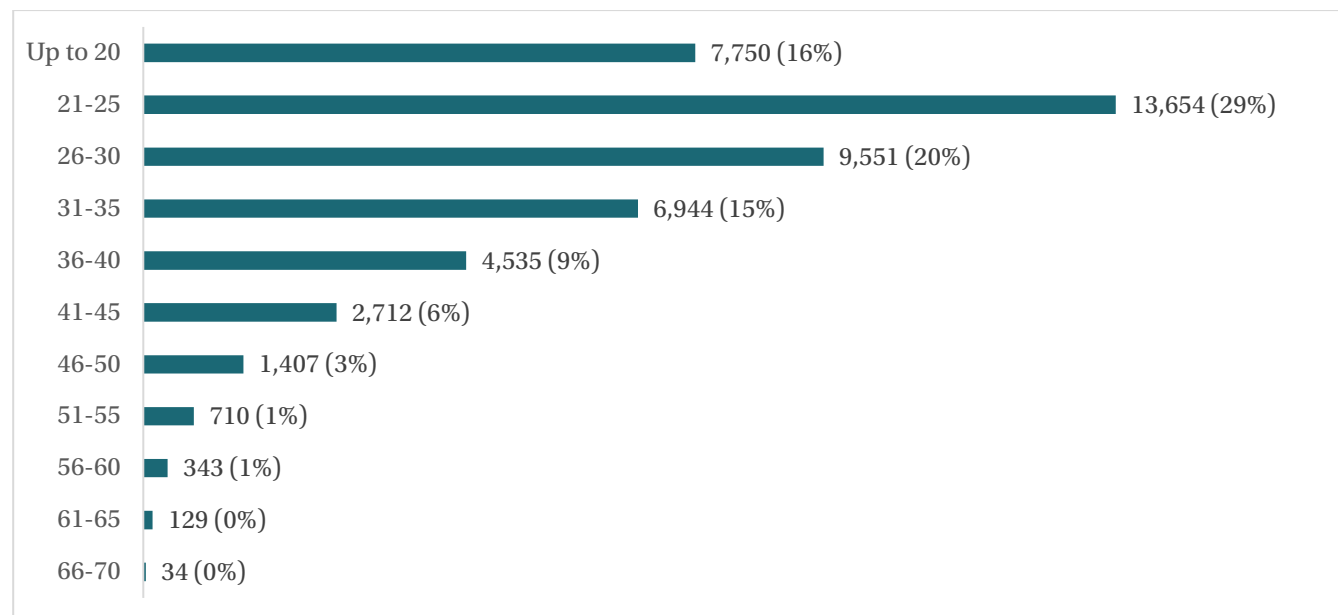
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GRAPH 1 | LARGEST FIVE TRADES BY TOTAL APPRENTICESHIP REGISTRATIONS


Age Distribution of Apprenticeship Registrations

GRAPH 2 | TOTAL APPRENTICESHIPS – AGE DISTRIBUTION



GRAPH 3 | NEW APPRENTICESHIP REGISTRATIONS – AGE DISTRIBUTION

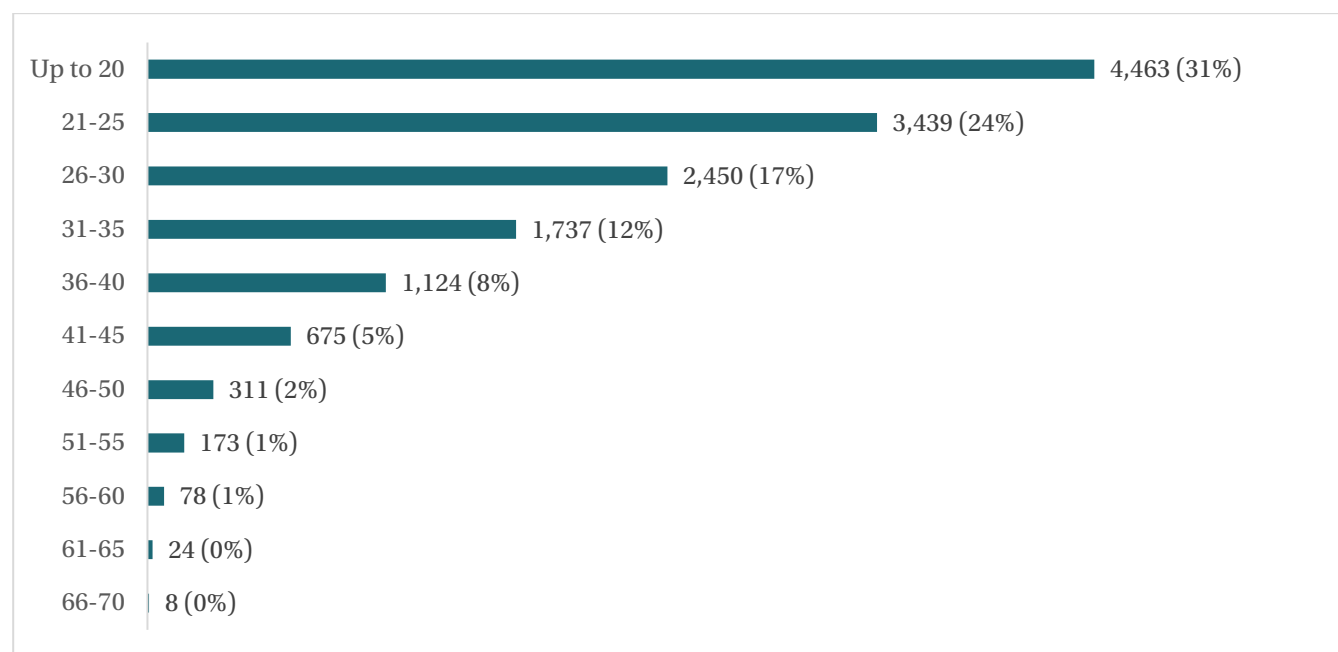


TABLE 5 | HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS – NEW REGISTRATIONS¹ (SCHOOL YEAR)

	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Total new high school participants ²	3,141	3,220	3,235	3,353
New women participants ³	681	661	619	715
New women participants as % of all high school participants	22%	21%	19%	21%
New women in under-represented trades ^{3,4}	241	259	233	281
New women in under-represented trades as % of women participants	35%	39%	38%	39%
New Indigenous participants ³	399	392	370	443
New Indigenous participants as % of all high school participants	13%	12%	11%	13%

¹ New high school participants is a cumulative measure.

² New high school participants includes those participating in SkilledTradesBC Work in Trades or Train in Trades Programs.

³ Included in total new high school participants.

⁴ Under-represented trades are trades where women represent less than a quarter of the total apprenticeship population.

TABLE 6 | CONTINUATION RATE FROM FOUNDATION PROGRAMS TO APPRENTICESHIP

	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Continuation rate from foundation programs to apprenticeship ¹	53%	54%	54%	47%

¹ Continuation from foundation programs to apprenticeship measures the percentage of individuals who successfully complete a foundation program and become an apprentice registered with SkilledTradesBC 12 months from their foundation credential achievement date.

TABLE 7 | CERTIFICATES OF QUALIFICATION

	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Total Certificates of Qualification issued	5,328	5,799	6,162	6,633
Certificates of Qualification issued to women ¹	406	511	601	643
Certificates of Qualification issued to Indigenous peoples ¹	264	283	328	302

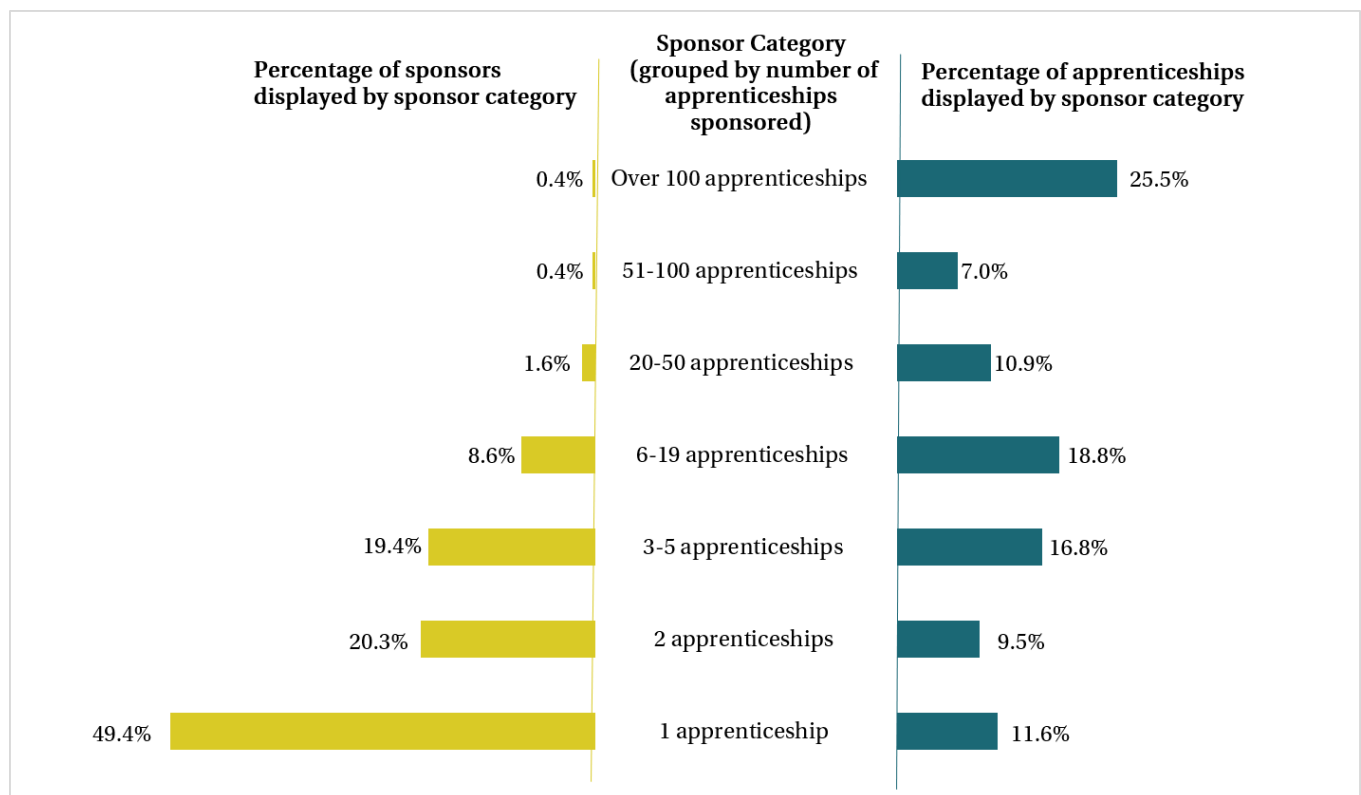
¹ Included in total Certificates of Qualification issued.

Part 2 - Sponsorship²

TABLE 8 | TOTAL ACTIVE SPONSORS

	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Total active sponsors	10,722	11,092	11,367	10,960

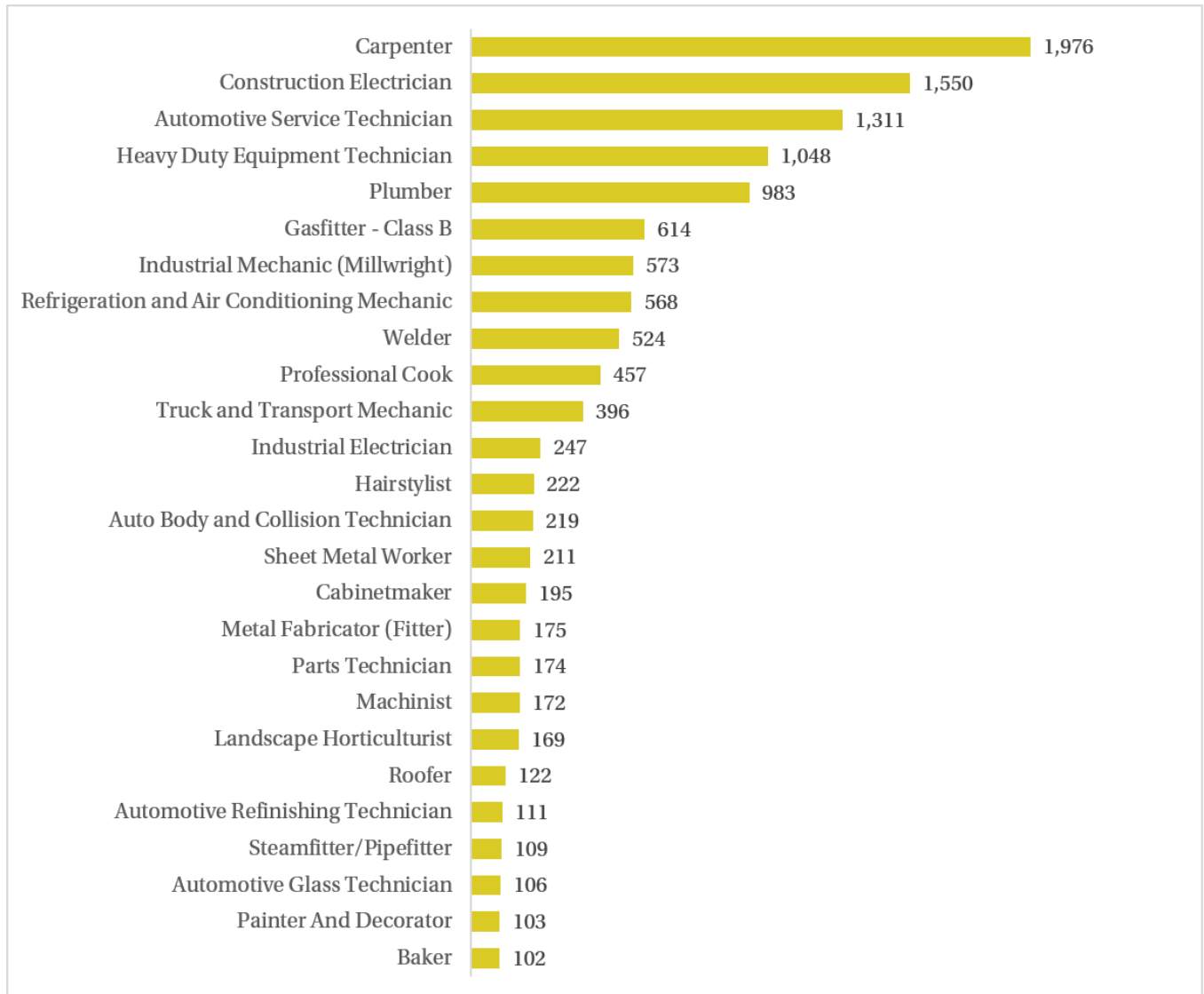
GRAPH 4 | PERCENTAGE OF SPONSORS AND APPRENTICESHIPS BY SPONSOR CATEGORY¹



¹ Several sponsors with over 100 apprenticeships represent training providers (acting as sponsors) and group sponsors (such as employer groups and unions that place apprentices with different employers).

² Several registered sponsors represent multiple employers.

GRAPH 5 | TRADES LISTED BY NUMBER OF SPONSORS (100 AND ABOVE)



Part 3 – Technical Training

TABLE 9 | UTILIZATION OF SKILLEDTRADESBC ALLOCATED TRAINING SEATS

	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Capacity utilization ¹	87.7%	89.3%	92.7%	92.9%

¹ Capacity utilization is the percentage of SkilledTradesBC allocated apprenticeship and foundation program seats filled by registered participants. Foundation programs are focused primarily on knowledge of essential skills needed to gain entry into a particular occupation.

TABLE 10 | PARTICIPANTS IN SKILLEDTRADESBC ALLOCATED TRAINING SEATS¹

	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Total participants in SkilledTradesBC allocated training seats	23,008	23,808	24,437	25,737
Apprenticeship participants	18,176	18,967	19,257	20,362
Foundation participants ²	4,832	4,841	5,180	5,375

¹ The number of total participants does not represent unique individuals as participants can enroll in multiple training sessions within the same year.

² Foundation programs seats are focused primarily on knowledge of essential skills needed to gain entry into a particular occupation.

Appendix A

TABLE 11 | TOTAL APPRENTICESHIPS BY TRADE (AS OF MARCH 31 EACH YEAR)

Trade ¹	Red Seal	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2025/26 Women	2025/26 Women as % of Total Trade	2025/26 Indigenous	2025/26 Indigenous as % of Total Trade
A									
Aircraft Maintenance Technician		160	199	280	295	29	10%	8	3%
Aircraft Structural Technician		46	46	45	54	6	11%	...	...
Appliance Service Technician	●	42	51	45	77	...	...	...	...
Arborist Technician		27	32	58	60	9	15%	...	...
Architectural Sheet Metal Worker		288	314	384	428	13	3%	15	4%
Asphalt Paving/Laydown Technician		19	26	34	32	...	...	...	...
Auto Body and Collision Technician	●	392	452	462	502	22	4%	16	3%
Automotive Glass Technician		265	269	249	227	16	7%	8	4%
Automotive Refinishing Technician	●	179	192	180	175	34	19%	...	...
Automotive Service Technician	●	2,980	2,871	3,123	3,214	183	6%	215	7%
B									
Baker	●	161	171	167	187	153	82%	16	9%
Boilermaker	●	61	78	84	83	11	13%	...	...
Boom Truck Operator - Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage		6	...	...	...	-	-	...	...
Boom Truck Operator - Stiff Boom Unlimited Tonnage		...	11	9	...	-	-	...	...
Bricklayer	●	123	122	150	143	9	6%	13	9%
C									
Cabinetmaker	●	361	414	417	363	60	17%	8	2%
Carpenter	●	5,855	6,150	6,009	5,684	365	6%	656	12%
Climbing Arborist		-	-	-	...	-	-	...	...
Concrete Finisher	●	96	113	130	132	...	...	8	6%
Construction Craft Worker (Labourer)	●	120	204	265	240	38	16%	80	33%
Construction Electrician	●	8,045	9,429	10,369	10,408	826	8%	647	6%
Cook ²	●	2,164	2,169	2,126	1,979	685	35%	258	13%
D									
Diesel Engine Mechanic		42	38	36	40	-	-	...	...
Drywall Finisher		55	186	248	109	...	...	...	...
E									
Embalmer		...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Embalmer And Funeral Director		65	83	74	48	29	60%	...	...
F									
Floor Covering Installer	●	38	99	109	122	15	12%	10	8%
Funeral Director		17	17	14	16	9	56%	-	-
G									
Gasfitter - Class A	●	45	85	124	129	-	-	...	...
Gasfitter - Class B	●	622	784	927	1,278	43	3%	77	6%
Glazier	●	300	294	346	291	15	5%	20	7%
H									
Hairstylist	●	362	375	393	418	375	90%	36	9%
Heavy Duty Equipment Technician	●	2,086	2,331	2,410	2,411	100	4%	242	10%
Heavy Equipment Operator		262	254	171	140	21	15%	51	36%
I									
Industrial Electrician	●	344	438	506	531	40	8%	37	7%
Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)		1,382	1,431	1,471	1,441	62	4%	113	8%
Instrumentation And Control Technician	●	212	248	238	219	17	8%	17	8%
Insulator (Heat And Frost)	●	229	242	344	404	48	12%	21	5%
Ironworker (Generalist)	●	193	261	260	211	25	12%	35	17%
Ironworker (Reinforcing)	●	131	179	187	96	...	...	16	17%

Trade ¹	Red Seal	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2025/26 Women	2025/26 Women as % of Total Trade	2025/26 Indigenous	2025/26 Indigenous as % of Total Trade
L									
Landscape Horticulturist	●	378	456	479	429	183	43%	73	17%
Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic)	●	211	210	232	235	22	9%	15	6%
Locksmith		13	18	20	21	...	...	...	...
M									
Machinist	●	365	369	371	357	31	9%	19	5%
Marine Mechanical Technician		71	78	84	80	7	9%	...	...
Marine Service Technician		111	118	124	130	18	14%	15	12%
Meatcutter		116	105	114	130	43	33%	11	8%
Metal Fabricator (Fitter)	●	364	403	395	395	38	10%	48	12%
Mobile Crane Operator	●	146	145	123	124	...	...	7	6%
Mobile Crane Operator - Hydraulic 80 Tonnes And Under		7	17	10	6	...	...	-	-
Motorcycle Technician	●	121	121	101	95	12	13%	6	6%
P									
Painter And Decorator	●	250	457	581	481	84	17%	20	4%
Parts Technician ³	●	235	296	307	289	114	39%	22	8%
Piledriver And Bridgeworker	●	149	146	175	198	8	4%	15	8%
Plumber	●	3,871	4,648	5,162	5,048	200	4%	304	6%
Powerline Technician	●	135	167	182	190	8	4%	23	12%
R									
Recreation Vehicle Service Technician	●	119	124	111	95	17	18%	9	9%
Refrigeration And Air Conditioning Mechanic	●	1,795	2,131	2,228	2,174	63	3%	102	5%
Residential Building Maintenance Worker		18	47	68	45	9	20%	41	91%
Residential Steep Roofer		9	6	18	10	-	-	-	-
Roofer	●	478	602	714	729	19	3%	56	8%
S									
Saw Filer		127	110	97	81	...	...	...	...
Security Systems Technician		148	112	130	140	13	9%	13	9%
Sheet Metal Worker	●	1,000	1,300	1,522	1,403	76	5%	88	6%
Sprinkler Fitter	●	459	558	680	704	23	3%	37	5%
Steamfitter/Pipefitter	●	448	706	760	651	46	7%	101	16%
T									
Tilesetter	●	11	44	68	52	...	...	...	...
Tower Crane Operator	●	30	40	55	74	...	...	8	11%
Transport Trailer Technician	●	43	45	37	56	...	...	...	...
Truck And Transport Mechanic	●	765	826	899	884	35	4%	66	7%
U									
Utility Arborist		171	174	182	234	12	5%	31	13%
W									
Water Well Driller		-	...	...	...	-	-	-	-
Welder	●	958	1,125	1,196	1,163	170	15%	170	15%
Winder Electrician		31	26	25	22	-	-	...	...
Grand Total		40,934	46,396	49,701	48,921	4,547	9%	3,972	8%

¹ Trades without apprenticeship registrations in the past two fiscal years (2023/24 - 2024/25) are not included.

² Cook includes both *Cook* and *Professional Cook*.

³ Effective April 1, 2023, *Parts and Warehousing Person 1* and *Partsperson* trades are renamed as *Parts Technician*.

■ Skilled Trades Certification (STC) requires tradespeople working in these trades to be registered apprentices or certified journeypersons.

- indicates zero apprenticeship registrations

... Represents numbers 5 and less. These numbers have been masked to ensure information about an individual is not released. In some cases, it is not only necessary to mask one number but also a complementary number because the missing value can be calculated from the total. In these cases, two cells are suppressed so the exact value of one cell cannot be calculated.