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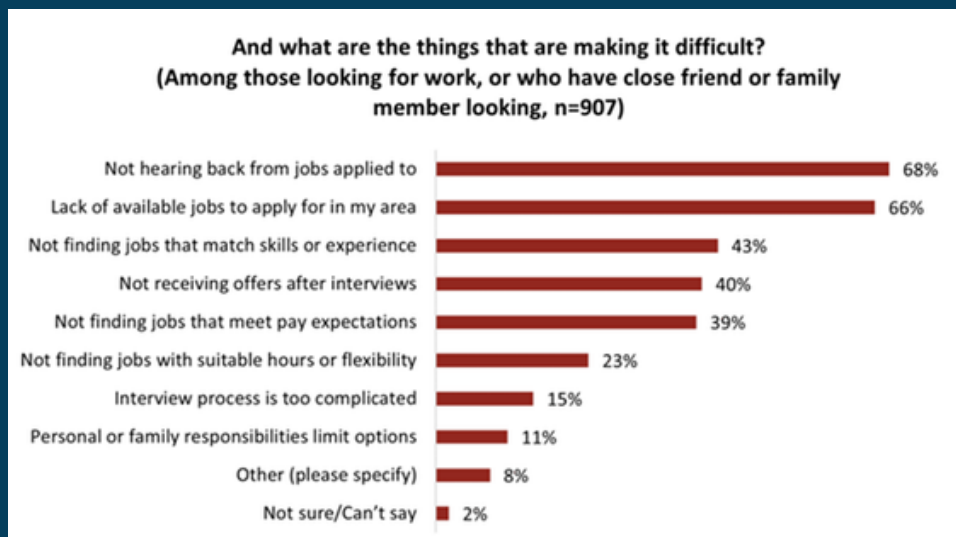
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2 Spring Economic Update: Job market woes test young workers as unemployment exposure tells a worrying story Angus Reid Poll

Employers are encouraged to take note of this recent poll by Angus Reid. Four-in-five Canadians who are either looking for a job, or have someone close to them who is, describe the current job market as “bad” or “terrible,” with just 13 per cent offering a positive assessment. Among job seekers, the most common frustrations reflect a lack of response from employers and a perceived shortage of available jobs in their area.

Link to the poll [here](#)



3 Employment Insurance, February 2026

In February, the number of men receiving regular EI benefits declined by 6,900 (-2.0%), following a decline of 15,000 (-4.2%) in January. The decline in February manifested in all age groups: declines were recorded among young men aged 15 to 24 years (-900; -2.5%), core-aged (25 to 54 years) men (-4,500; -2.1%) and men aged 55 years and older (-1,500; -1.6%).

Meanwhile, there were also declines in the number of people receiving regular EI benefits among core-aged women (-1,700; -1.2%) and young women aged 15 to 24 years (-200; -1.3%), while the number of women aged 55 years and older receiving regular EI benefits was little changed.

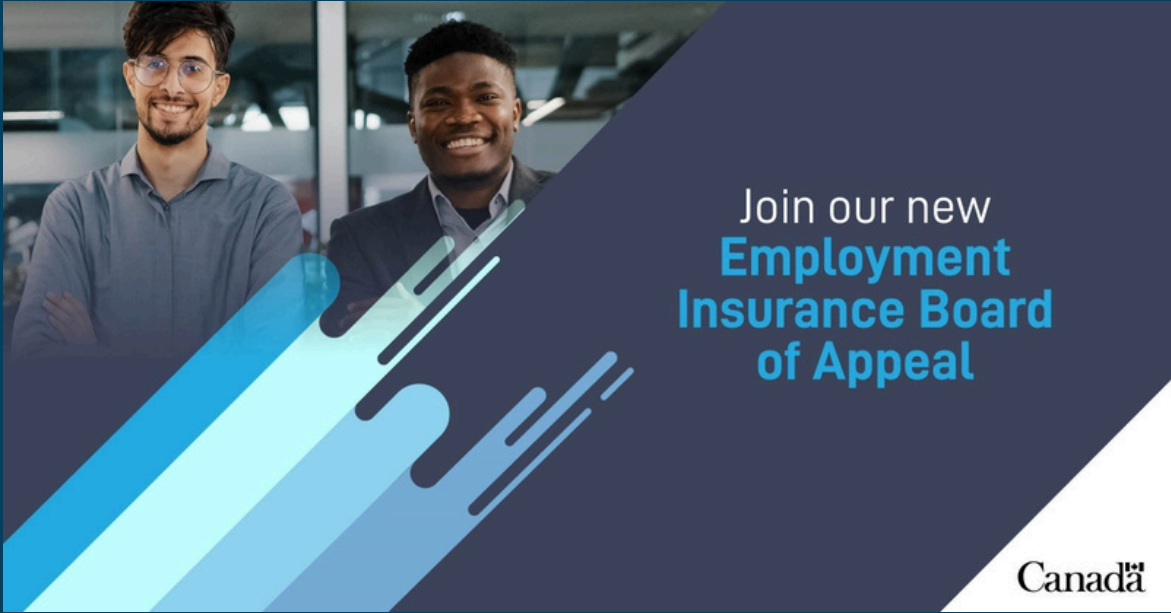
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4 Join the EI Board of Appeals

The EI Board of Appeals is seeking employer candidates in the following regions:

- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Manitoba
- Ontario
- PEI
- Quebec
- Saskatchewan

This board will be hearing and deciding on first-level EI appeals.

An advertisement for the new Employment Insurance Board of Appeal. The image features two men, one with glasses and a beard, and another with a beard, both smiling. The background is a dark blue gradient with abstract light blue and white geometric shapes. The text 'Join our new Employment Insurance Board of Appeal' is written in white and light blue. The Canada logo is in the bottom right corner.

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