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Canada adds 18k jobs as youth market improves

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THE TAKE

“Young people are starting to find jobs again in what’s been a tough summer market. The World Cup effect may also be showing up, with much of the hiring happening in the hospitality industry.”

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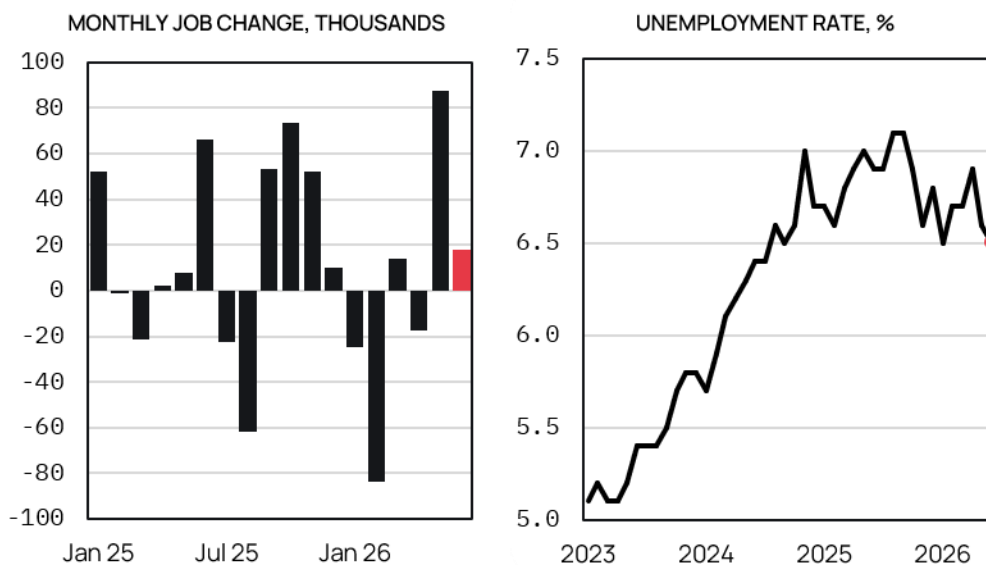
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Canada adds 18k jobs in June, beating expectations

June's jobs report showed an 18k gain, more than the 11k expected by private sector economists. Unemployment ticked down a tenth to 6.5%, while participation held flat at 65%.

The big story is the youth job market coming back to life. Youth unemployment rose 33k, matching the gain among core-aged Canadians. Gains were concentrated in industries that hire young people: wholesale & retail trade, and hospitality (restaurants, hotels). Despite this month's improved hiring, the youth job market is still tough, with people aged 15-24 facing an unemployment rate of 12.7%, about twice the national average.

Unemployment edges down to 6.5%



Source: Statistics Canada. Seasonally adjusted.

World Cup effect?

This is the first piece of June data, and thus the first report that should show some impact from the World Cup. StatCan doesn't mention it, but you'd expect the effect to turn up in tourism, shopping, and dining out—which happens to coincide with the top hiring-industries. The boost should show up in next month's data as well.

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