

# Enterprise pulse, Canada

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Geography:

Canada



## Self-employed

1,983,000

Current number

-1%



Change since Q4 2019



## Businesses with employees

937,578

Current number

3.4%



Change since Q4 2019



## Business entries & exits

43,872 Entries

-0.3%



50,915 Exits

11.5%



Current number

Change since Q4 2019



## Business insolvencies

1,332

Current number

47%



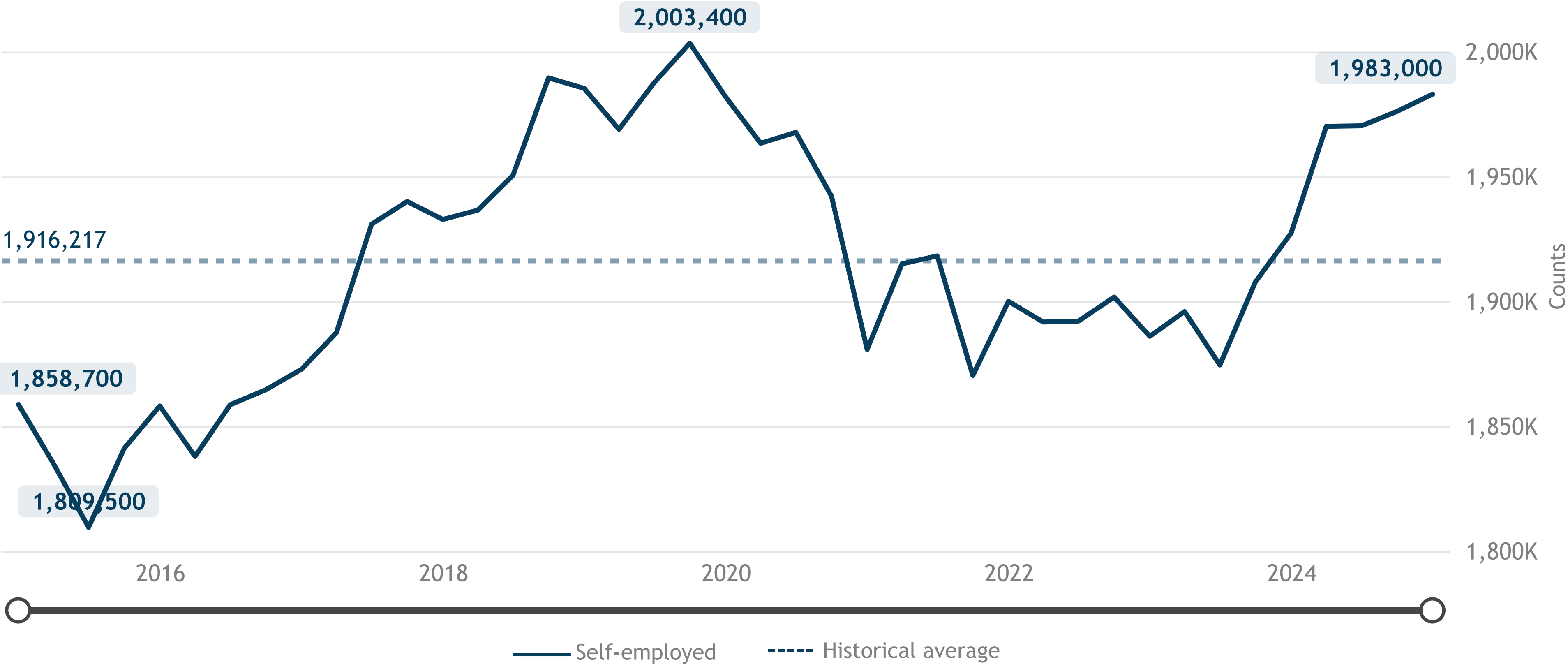
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# Self-employed, quarterly data, Canada



**Note:** Self-employed data presented quarterly from Q1 2015 to Q1 2025. It includes both incorporated and unincorporated self-employed without employees.

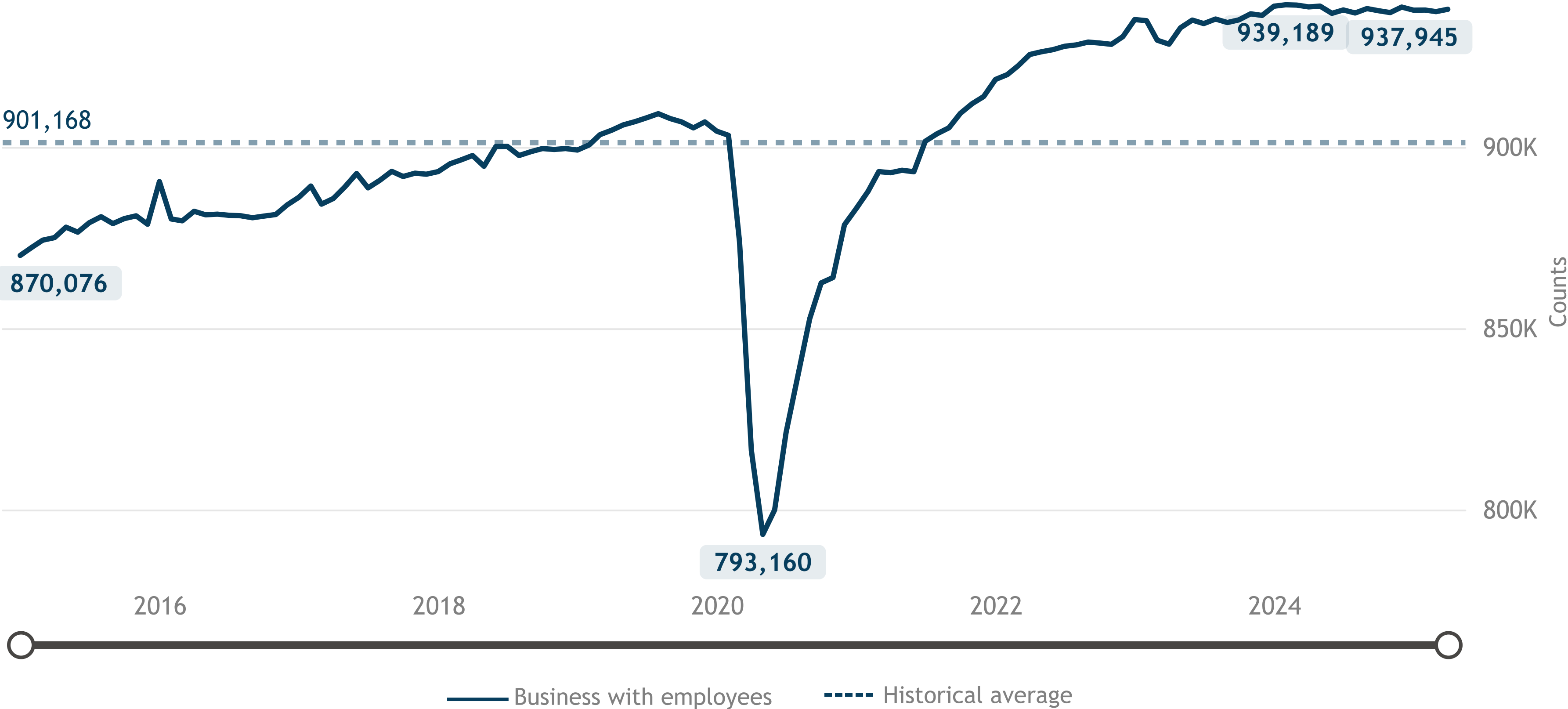
**Source:** [Statistics Canada](#), Custom tabulation for CFIB. Last updated on July 28, 2025.

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# Businesses with employees, monthly data, Canada

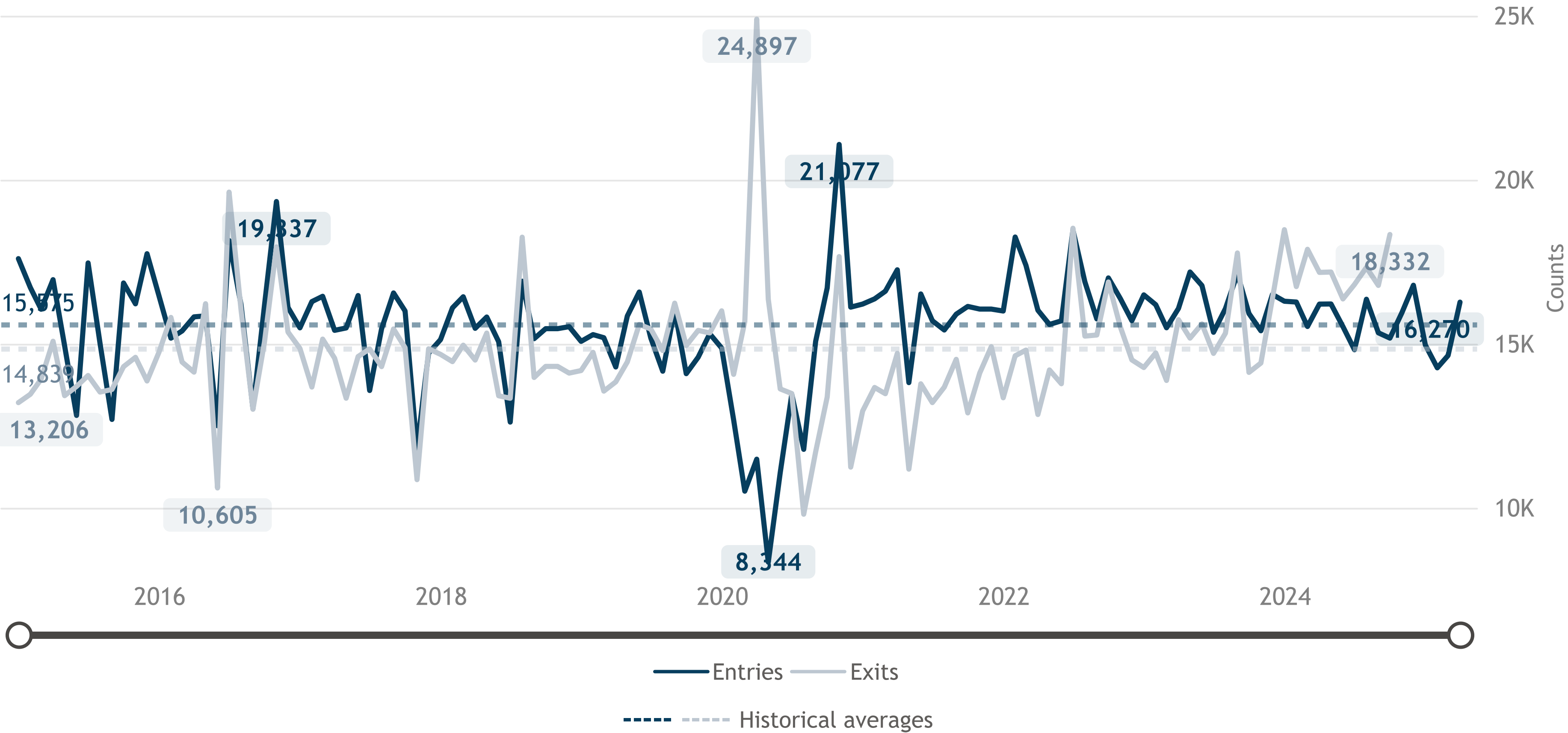


**Note:** Business with employees data presented monthly from January 2015 to April 2025.

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Business entries & exits, monthly data, Canada

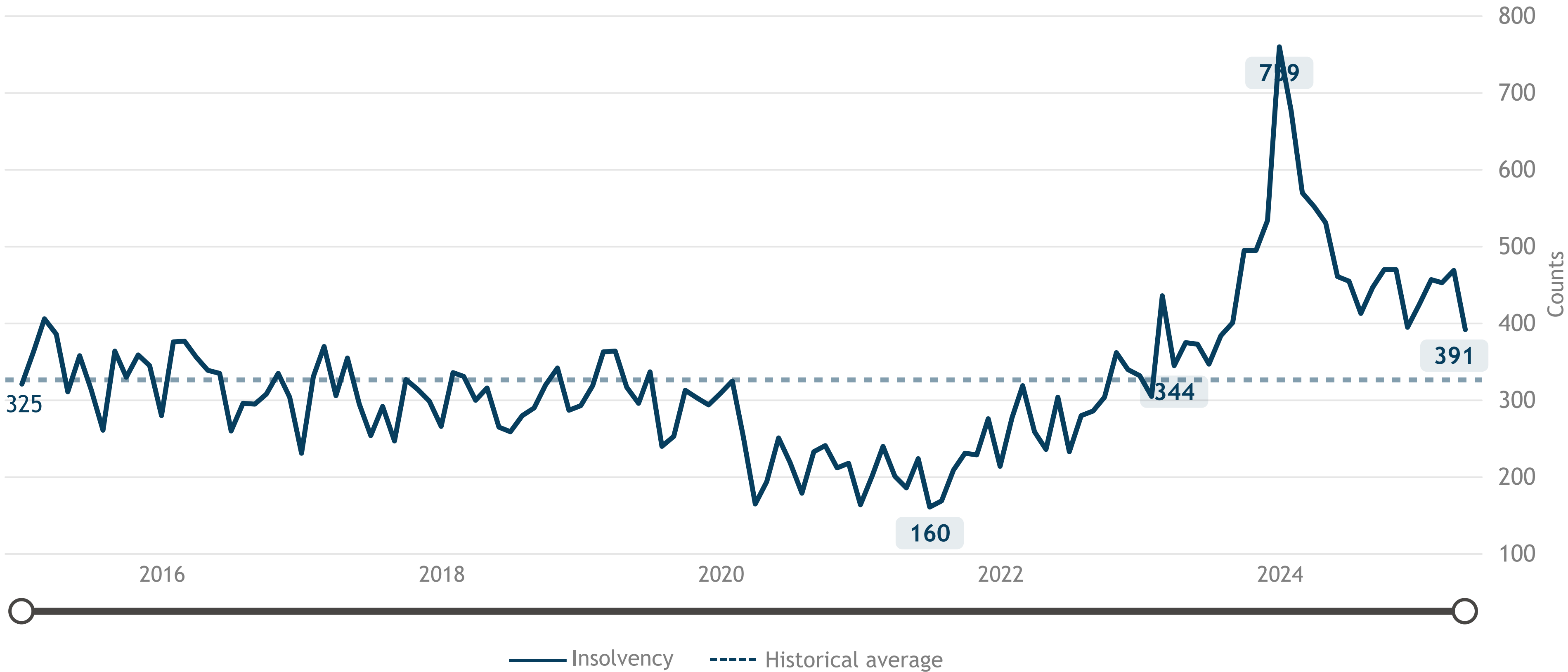


**Note:** Business entries data presented monthly from January 2015 to April 2025. Business exits data presented monthly from January 2015 to October 2024. November 2018 data is replaced with October 2018 data as the original table from Statistics Canada is to be used with caution.

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Business insolvencies, monthly data, Canada



**Notes:** Business insolvencies data presented monthly from January 2015 to May 2025.

Monthly statistics for insolvency volumes tend to vary widely. Quarterly and annual statistics can be more indicative of the evolution of insolvency volume.

Source: [ISED Canada](#). Last updated on July 28, 2025.



# Methodology

## 1. Sources and definitions

For the **number of businesses with employees, business entries and exits**, we have used data from Statistics Canada, table: 33-10-0270-01, on *Experimental estimates for business openings and closures for Canada, provinces and territories, census metropolitan areas, seasonally adjusted*. This data is released monthly, on the last Monday of every month, and lags by 3 months. For example, March data became available in June. There is one exception for business exits which lag by a total of 9 months, three initial months plus an additional 6 months.

Statistics Canada offers the following definitions:

- *Active businesses* are those businesses that reported having one or more employees in any given month.
- *Entrants* are businesses with employment in the current month that were not active in any previous month in the current or previous year.
- The definition of *exits* is based on the Longitudinal Employment Analysis Program (LEAP) annual exits. Because the LEAP definition can require up to 24 months of data to be counted as an exit, projections of exits using predicted growth rates are implemented using a regression model of exits on closures of more than 6 months. As a result, there are no published exits in the last six months.

For the **self-employed numbers**, we have used custom tabulations for CFIB prepared quarterly by Statistics Canada based on the Labour force survey. This data is not prepared monthly. The category includes both incorporated and unincorporated self-employed without employees.

For the **insolvency numbers**, we use data from the Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada’s Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy. We track insolvencies for businesses which can be corporations or individual businesses. The insolvencies include bankruptcies and proposals. For the exact definitions, click [here](#).

## 2. Formulas used:

- All index calculations use Q4 2019 = 100.
- Net change for self-employed and for businesses with employees presents the difference in the past 12 months or past 5 years in the number of self-employed or in the number of businesses with employees.
- Entry and exit rates are calculated as percentage of active business.
- The net change for entries and exits is calculated by subtracting the number of exits from the number of entries.
- The entry-exit net change may be negative and yet the number of active businesses may increase. The number of active businesses with employees includes businesses continuing to operate, opening, closing, reponing and temporary closing enterprises.
- The insolvency rate is calculated as the number of insolvencies divided by the number of business exits.

## 3. Limitations

- The current data presented is not available by size of business.
- The dashboard presents only these variables but there are many others that characterize entrepreneurship. These are major indicators that are available by province and sector.



# Questions or data requests

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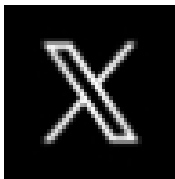


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