



CANADIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS WORKERS ALLIANCE (CTWA)

We need your help to stop the offshoring of Canadian jobs and the threats to our privacy and sovereignty

In the last ten years, the number of telecommunications sector jobs that have left Canada is approaching 20,000, putting this essential Canadian infrastructure is at risk.

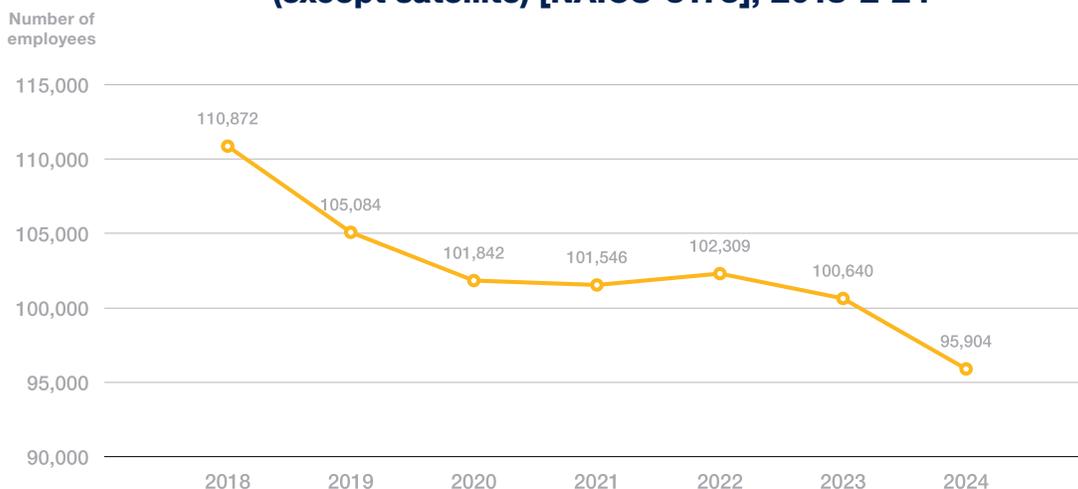
1. Protecting our jobs

Over the past ten years, we've lost thousands of good jobs in the Canadian telecommunications sector.

Canadian telecommunications corporations are increasingly using overseas call centres or labour. The sector receives public financial support, but our jobs are leaving the country. Our tax dollars shouldn't subsidize job cuts here at home.

Let's stop our jobs being sent offshore and bring jobs we've lost back to Canada.

Wireline and wireless telecommunications companies (except satellite) [NAICS-5173], 2018-2-24



* This graph from StatsCan only shows data over 7 years. Thousands of additional jobs have been lost since 2024.

2. Protecting our privacy

The risks to our privacy are at an all-time high, because our data is accessible overseas and our jobs are being outsourced to countries like India, the Philippines, Egypt, Morocco and the United States.

Canadian corporations are using subcontractors that often aren't governed by our rules and protections. Unaccountable people around the world have instant access to our data at their fingertips.

We must push for legislation guaranteeing our personal information is stored and protected in Canada.

3. Protecting our sovereignty

Telecommunications is not only a critical and strategic sector of our economy, but also a vital part of our national infrastructure, without which our country could not function.

Should our telecommunications infrastructure be compromised, this could cause severe harm to our national security and stability. Yet foreign entities are increasingly exerting operational control over these systems that we depend on.

Canadians must own and democratically control our telecoms, through effective regulation.

4. Protecting workers in the age of AI

Unions and workers must be directly involved in any federal government approaches to artificial intelligence.

The federal government must also adopt concrete measures and effective enforcement mechanisms to protect and support telecommunications workers, as AI has already had a disruptive effect on jobs, working conditions, and workplace power relations.

The Canadian Telecommunications Workers Alliance (CTWA) is formed by the largest unions representing telecommunications workers in Canada: Unifor, the United Steelworkers and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).