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Loss of 20,000 full-time jobs in BC highlights need for good jobs, good wages strategy

Vancouver -September employment numbers released today by Statistics Canada show BC has the worst record of any province on full-time employment, after the province shed 20,000 full-time jobs in September, says the BC Federation of Labour.

“Numbers bounce around month to month, but the downward trend for good-paying, full-time jobs over the last quarter and the rise of lower-paying, part-time work have been a growing concern,” says Federation President Irene Lanzinger.

“And when you look deeper into the statistics, our economy is not creating enough good-paying, full-time positions,” Lanzinger says. “Meanwhile, stable, full-time employment is being replaced with more precarious and lower-paying, part-time jobs.”

And that trend, she says, underlies a growing crisis that labour groups are demanding the provincial government address.

The BCFED recently submitted a nine-point Good Jobs, Good Wages Action Plan to Liberal and NDP politicians on the finance committee of the provincial Legislature.

Among the plan’s recommendations include a call that Victoria implement a good jobs strategy to create more full-time work in all sectors of the economy instead of precarious, part-time positions, and

that the BC Government set a goal of making BC first in Canada in the creation of good-paying, full-time jobs