The number of unionized employees is increasing. But union density – the proportion of all employees who belong to a union – is dropping.

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UNION COVERAGE

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CANADA'S TOP 10 UNIONS

- **CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**
- **NATIONAL UNION OF PUBLIC AND GENERAL EMPLOYEES**
- **UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS CANADA**
- **UNITED STEELWORKERS**
- **PUBLIC SERVICE ALLIANCE OF CANADA**
- **CANADIAN AUTOWORKERS**
- **UNIFOR**
- **FÉDÉRATION DE LA SANTÉ ET DES SERVICES SOCIAUX (CSN)**
- **COMMUNICATIONS, ENERGY AND PAPERWORKERS UNION**
- **TEAMSTERS CANADA**
- **SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION**

EUROPE

- **611,827**
- **340,000**
- **245,327**
- **230,700**
- **192,080**
- **191,500**
- **122,193**
- **114,893**
- **113,851**
- **92,781**

Canadians voted on the merger of the Canadian Auto Workers and the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada to form the third largest union in Canada.

The number of unionized employees in Canada has increased from 33.7 per cent in 1997 to 37.1 per cent in 2012, with all the decline taking place in the private sector.

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