

The Eye on Employment is NWPB's monthly update on Niagara's latest employment figures from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey

	December 2020	January 2021	Monthly Change	Monthly Change (%)
<b>Full-time employment</b>	146,200	140,900	-5,300	-3.6%
<b>Part-time employment</b>	52,400	45,600	-6,800	-13.0%
<b>Total employment</b>	198,600	186,500	-12,100	-6.1%

## The Key Figures

	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021
Labour force	222,300	220,500	217,700	210,900
Employment	211,600	208,300	198,600	186,500
Full-time employment	162,700	160,100	146,200	140,900
Part-time employment	49,000	48,200	52,400	45,600
Unemployment	10,700	12,200	19,100	24,400
Unemployment rate	4.8%	5.5%	8.8%	11.6%
Participation rate	60.2%	59.6%	58.5%	56.6%
Employment rate	57.3%	56.3%	53.3%	50.1%

## The Breakdown

- ✓ January 2021 saw 12,100 fewer people in employment compared to December 2020: 5,300 of these employment losses were among people in full-time employment and 6,800 were among people in part-time employment.
- ✓ With Niagara's unemployment rate at 11.6% and our employment rate at 50.1%, January 2021's data are similar to the trends observed during the spring 2020 lockdown.
- ✓ The 24,400 job seekers reported in January 2021 is exactly double the number of job seekers living in Niagara in January 2020.

# The Industry Update

## Employment in the Goods Producing Sector

Dec 2020

**46,900**

Dec 2019

**46,700**

Jan 2021

**45,200**

Jan 2020

**46,500**

## Employment in the Services Producing Sector

Dec 2020

**151,700**

Dec 2019

**164,900**

Jan 2021

**141,300**

Jan 2020

**161,800**

Industry	2019/20		2020/21	
	Dec	Jan	Dec	Jan
Agriculture	3,800	4,800	3,300	2,800
Construction	16,900	15,500	18,800	18,100
Manufacturing	23,600	23,700	23,200	22,600
Wholesale and retail trade	32,800	32,500	24,100	23,200
Transportation and warehousing	10,100	9,700	7,500	7,400
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	8,300	8,000	10,900	10,100
Professional, scientific and technical services	7,100	6,100	9,800	9,900
Business, building and other support services	10,700	9,700	13,600	12,400
Educational services	16,000	16,300	16,500	15,300
Health care and social assistance	22,700	23,900	26,200	25,000
Information, culture and recreation	11,700	10,600	7,200	6,600
Accommodation and food services	25,600	25,900	17,900	13,700
Other services (except public administration)	11,200	11,400	11,200	10,800
Public administration	8,800	7,600	6,800	6,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>211,600</b>	<b>208,300</b>	<b>198,600</b>	<b>186,500</b>

## The Breakdown

- ✓ January 2021's employment declines were concentrated in the services-producing sector. The accommodations and food services sector was hardest hit with 4,200 people losing employment between December and January.
- ✓ Both manufacturing and construction saw slight month-over-month employment declines.
- ✓ Wholesale and retail trade's month-over-month employment decline of 3.7% in Niagara is below the 10% decline seen at the provincial level.

# The Youth Lens

	December 2020	January 2021	Monthly Change	Monthly Change (%)
<b>Full-time employment</b>	8,500	6,400	-2,100	-24.7%
<b>Part-time employment</b>	14,400	13,400	-1,000	-6.9%
<b>Total employment</b>	23,000	19,800	-3,200	-13.9%

## The Big Figures

	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021
Labour force	33,100	32,900	27,700	25,600
Employment	27,800	27,400	23,000	19,800
Full-time employment	12,900	12,600	8,500	6,400
Part-time employment	15,000	14,900	14,400	13,400
Unemployment	5,200	5,500	4,700	5,800
Unemployment rate	15.7%	16.7%	17.0%	22.7%
Participation rate	66.7%	67.0%	63.2%	56.8%
Employment rate	56.0%	55.8%	52.5%	43.9%

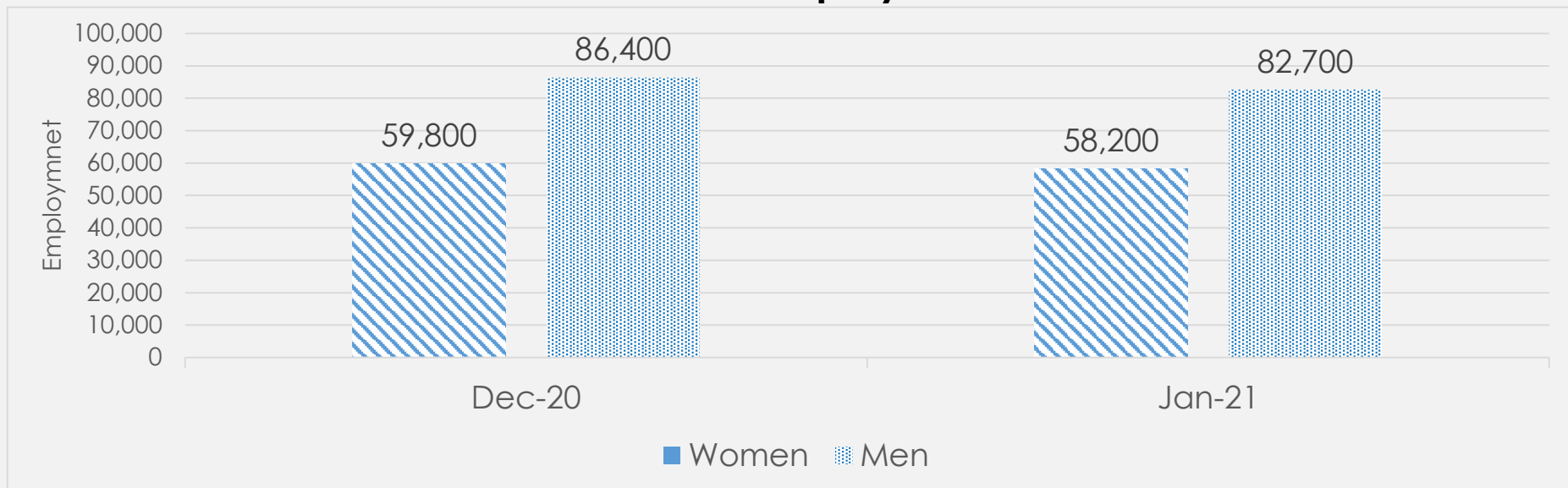
## The Breakdown

- ✓ *January 2021 saw 3,200 fewer youth employed in Niagara: 2,100 of these youth were working in a full-time capacity and 1,000 were working in a part-time capacity.*
- ✓ *Similar to the general labour force, the increases to the youth unemployment rate and decreases in the youth employment rate signal a trend that is similar to what was observed during the Spring 2020 COVID-19 lockdown.*
- ✓ *Compared to January 2020, there were 7,600 fewer youth employed in January 2021.*

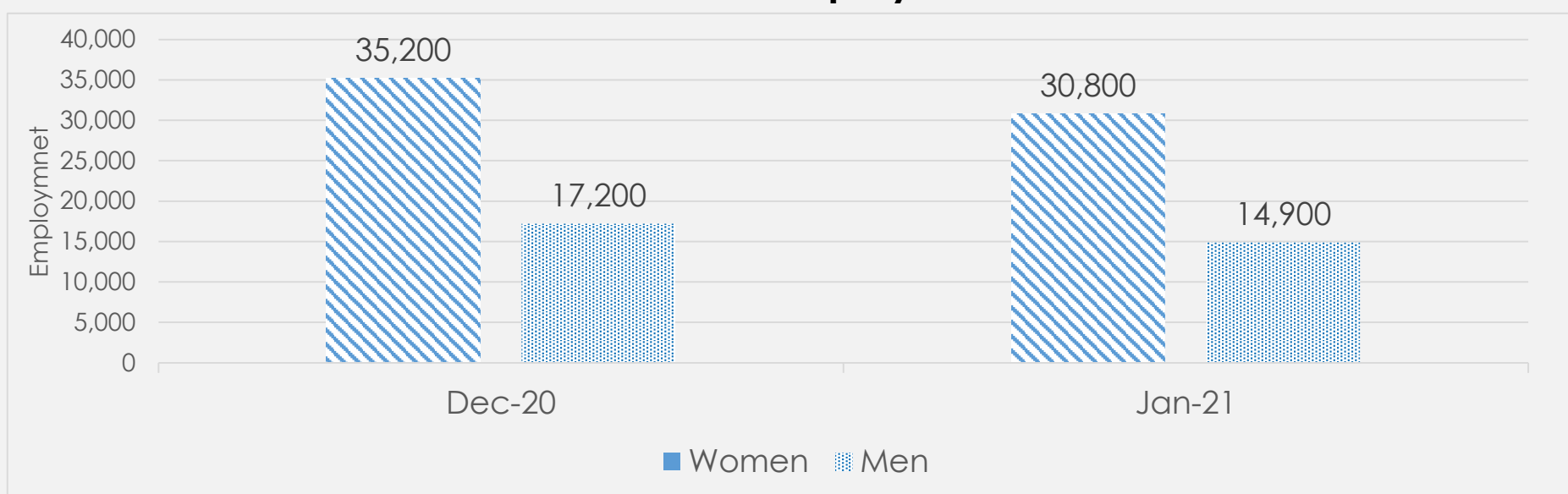
**A few words on definitions:** Monthly labour force survey data defines a youth as an individual age 15 to 24. An individual who is “not in the labour force” is an individual who is neither working nor looking for work. Full-time students are generally considered to be not in the labour force, even if they maintain part-time employment while in education and training.

# Employment and Gender

## Full-time Employment



## Part-time Employment



## The Breakdown

- ✓ Month-over-month, January 2021 saw 6,000 fewer women in employment and 6,100 fewer men in employment.
- ✓ Year-over-year, January 2021 saw 14,300 fewer employed women and 7,400 fewer employed men compared to January 2020.
- ✓ Women represented 41.3% of full-time employment and 67.5% of part-time work in January 2021.

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The Eye on Employment draws on data from Labour Force Survey Table 14-10-0379-01 and Table 14-10-0378-01. All data are seasonally unadjusted. Click our logo for more reports and to access our interactive job board.

