

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

	May 2021	June 2021	Monthly Change	Monthly Change (%)
Full-time employment	153,900	152,000	-1,900	-1.2%
Part-time employment	36,800	38,000	1,200	3.3%
Total employment	190,800	190,000	-800*	-0.4%

The Key Figures

	May 2020	June 2020	May 2021	June 2021
Labour force	198,400	200,100	215,200	214,500
Employment	172,300	174,300	190,800	190,000
Full-time employment	135,800	138,900	153,900	152,000
Part-time employment	36,500	35,400	36,800	38,000
Unemployment	26,100	25,800	24,400	24,500
Unemployment rate	13.2%	12.9%	11.3%	11.4%
Participation rate	53.5%	53.9%	57.7%	57.5%
Employment rate	46.5%	47.0%	51.2%	51.0%

The Breakdown

- ✓ June 2021 saw 800* fewer people in employment compared to May 2021. This net-decline was due to 1,900 fewer people in full-time employment and 1,200 more people in part-time employment. (*This value is due to rounding by Statistics Canada)
- ✓ Niagara's unemployment rate increased slightly from 11.3% in May 2021 to 11.4% in June 2021. At the same time, the employment rate decreased from 51.2% to 51.0%.
- ✓ Though June 2021's data are positive in the context of year-on-year pandemic recovery, a pre-pandemic May-to-June period (measured from 2015 to 2019) would expect to see Niagara adding an average of 4,400 people to employment.

The Industry Update

Employment in the Goods Producing Sector

Employment in the Services Producing Sector

45,900



44,800

144,800



145,200

May 2021

-1,100

June 2021

May 2021

+400

June 2021

Industry	2020		2021	
	May	June	May	June
Agriculture	5,600	5,300	2,400	2,000
Construction	13,400	14,500	15,100	14,300
Manufacturing	16,400	16,900	25,800	25,700
Wholesale and retail trade	26,100	25,200	24,800	24,400
Transportation and warehousing	6,900	7,700	7,900	7,400
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	9,400	11,400	11,300	11,800
Professional, scientific and technical services	5,600	6,700	9,200	8,300
Business, building and other support services	9,200	9,300	8,400	9,100
Educational services	17,500	17,500	19,400	18,100
Health care and social assistance	26,200	26,100	24,700	23,500
Information, culture and recreation	4,700	3,700	3,500	4,500
Accommodation and food services	14,800	13,700	15,700	18,000
Other services (except public administration)	9,700	10,000	9,900	9,800
Public administration	5,800	5,300	10,000	10,300
Total	172,300	174,300	190,800	190,000

The Breakdown

- ✓ June 2021's employment gains were concentrated in the services-producing sector, which added 400 people to employment. Accommodation and food service added 2,300 people to employment, the largest single sectoral gain in June 2021.
- ✓ Educational services reported 1,300 fewer people in employment in June 2021 and health care and social assistance reported 1,200 fewer people in employment.
- ✓ Manufacturing saw a slight employment decline of 100 people in employment in June 2021, and construction saw a decline of 800 people in employment.

The Youth Lens

	May 2021	June 2021	Monthly Change	Monthly Change (%)
Full-time employment	10,000	11,400	1,400	14.0%
Part-time employment	10,500	10,000	-500	-4.8%
Total employment	20,600	21,400	800*	3.9%

The Big Figures

	May 2020	June 2020	May 2021	June 2021
Labour force	29,600	28,200	27,400	27,200
Employment	20,000	19,500	20,600	21,400
Full-time employment	12,100	12,200	10,000	11,400
Part-time employment	7,900	7,300	10,500	10,000
Unemployment	9,700	8,700	6,800	5,800
Unemployment rate	32.8%	30.9%	24.8%	21.3%
Participation rate	56.7%	56.4%	56.6%	57.9%
Employment rate	38.3%	39.0%	42.6%	45.5%

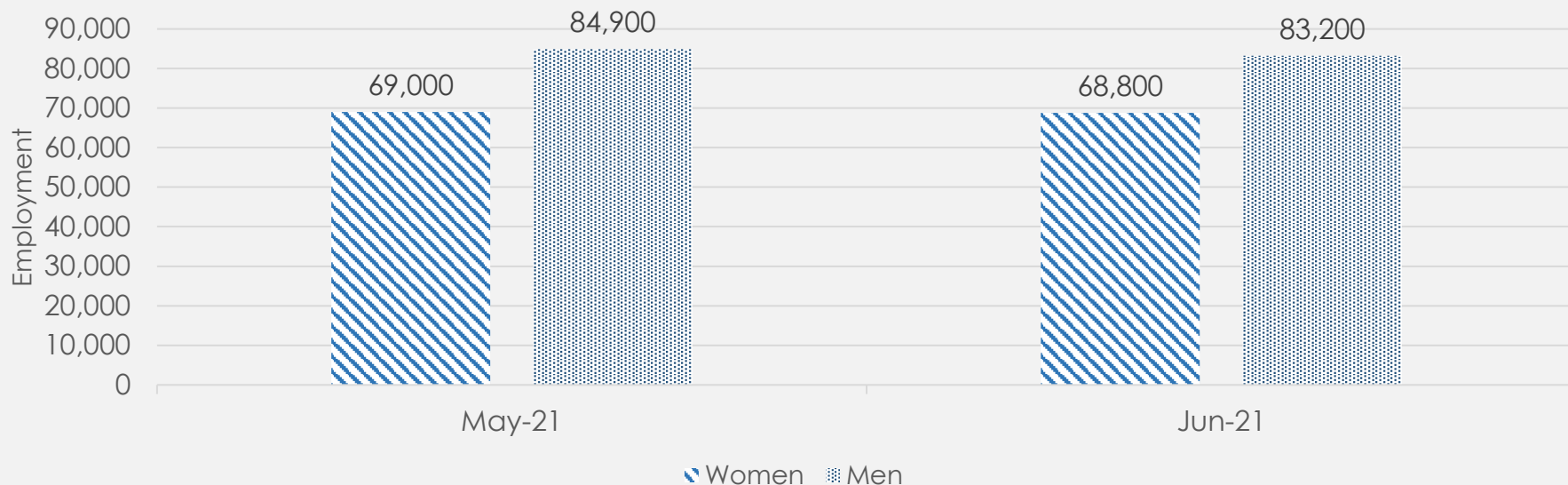
The Breakdown

- ✓ June 2021 saw 800 more youth employed in Niagara. This change reflects 1,400 more youth working full-time and 500 fewer working in a part-time. (*This value is due to rounding by Statistics Canada)
- ✓ Unlike the general labour force, youth saw a decline in their unemployment rate from 24.8% in May 2021 to 21.3% in June 2021.
- ✓ The overall youth employment rate remains low at 45.5%, which is a marked increase from June 2020's rate of 39.0%. The average youth employment rate in June before the pandemic (2015-2019) was 64.7%

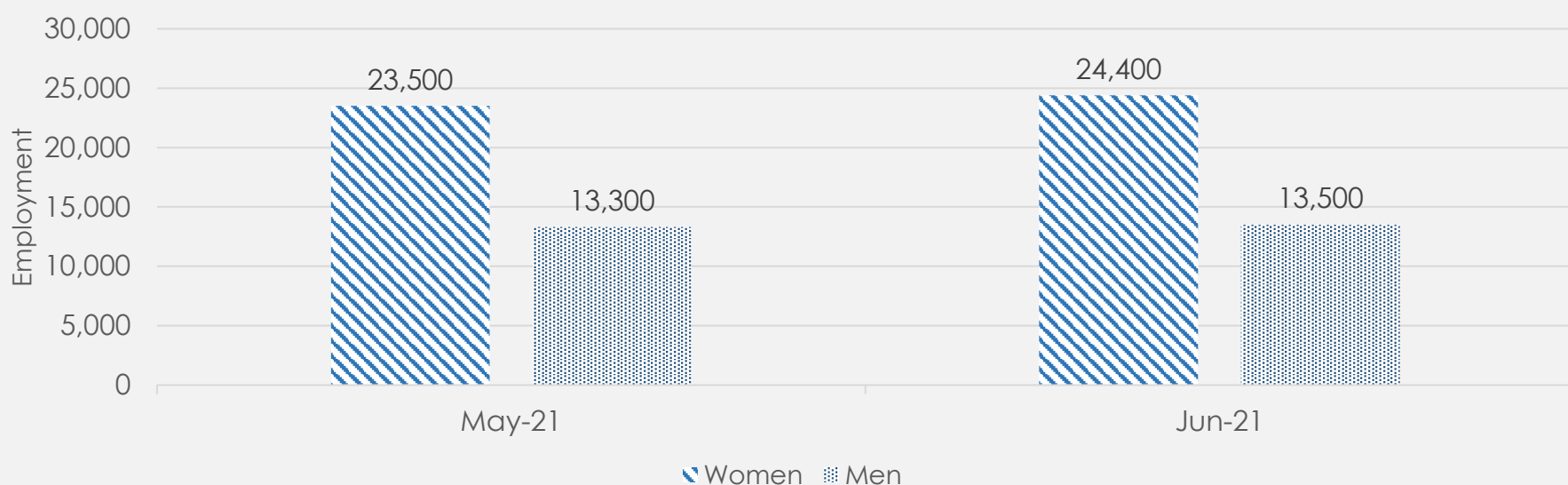
A few words on definitions: Monthly labour force survey data defines a youth as an individual age 15 to 24. An individual who is "not in the labour force" is an individual who is neither working nor looking for work. Full-time students are generally considered to be not in the labour force, even if they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

Employment and Gender

Full-time Employment



Part-time Employment



The Breakdown

- ✓ Month-over-month, June 2021 saw 800 more women in employment and 1,500 fewer men in employment compared to May 2021.
- ✓ Year-over-year, June 2021 saw 12,500 more employed women and 3,200 more employed men compared to June 2020.
- ✓ Women represented 45.3% of full-time employment and 64.2% of part-time work in June 2021.

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