

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

	July 2021	August 2021	Monthly Change	Monthly Change (%)
Full-time employment	157,800	162,200	4,400	2.8%
Part-time Employment	37,700	42,100	4,400	11.7%
Total Employment	195,400	204,300	8,900	4.6%

The Key Figures

	2019		2020		2021	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
Labour force	216,200	219,800	207,100	215,600	218,200	227,900
Employment	204,400	207,300	181,500	191,200	195,400	204,300
<i>FT employment</i>	159,900	163,300	145,600	153,400	157,800	162,200
<i>PT employment</i>	44,500	44,000	35,900	37,800	37,700	42,100
Unemployment	11,800	12,500	25,600	24,500	22,800	23,600
Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.7%	12.4%	11.4%	10.4%	10.4%
Participation rate	58.9%	59.8%	55.8%	58.0%	58.5%	61.1%
Employment rate	55.7%	56.4%	48.9%	51.5%	52.4%	54.8%

The Breakdown

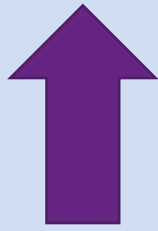
- ✓ August 2021 saw 8,900 more people in employment compared to July 2021. This net-gain was due to 4,400 more people in full-time employment and 4,400 more people in part-time employment (**note that numbers don't add to 8,900 due to rounding by Statistics Canada*).
- ✓ Niagara's unemployment rate remained consistent at 10.4% in August 2021. At the same time, the employment rate increased from 52.4% to 54.8%.

The Industry Update: Employment

Goods Producing Sector

45,900

July 2021



48,500

August 2021

Services Producing Sector

149,600

July 2021



155,800

August 2021

Industry	2020		2021	
	July	August	July	August
Agriculture	5,100	4,100	2,200	2,400
Construction	16,300	17,700	14,200	14,000
Manufacturing	19,500	23,300	26,900	29,700
Wholesale & retail trade	25,200	25,400	26,900	30,600
Transportation & warehousing	7,400	7,400	7,700	9,100
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental & leasing	11,900	13,300	12,200	11,400
Professional, scientific & technical services	7,600	8,500	7,900	8,500
Business, building & other support services	9,300	9,500	10,000	10,600
Educational services	15,500	13,800	15,700	12,700
Health care & social assistance	26,900	27,400	23,400	23,000
Information, culture & recreation	4,100	5,500	6,500	9,900
Accommodation & food services	15,700	16,300	19,300	20,000
Other services (except public administration)	10,300	11,400	9,400	9,400
Public administration	5,300	6,100	10,600	10,400
Total	181,500	191,200	195,400	204,300

The Breakdown

- ✓ August 2021's employment gains were concentrated in the services-producing sector, which added 6,200 people to employment.
 - ✓ *Wholesale and retail trade* added 3,700 people to employment
 - ✓ *Information, culture, and recreation* added 3,400 people to employment.
- ✓ Manufacturing saw an employment gain of 2,800 people in employment, and construction saw a slight decline of 200 people in employment.

The Youth Lens

	July 2021	August 2021	Monthly Change	Monthly Change (%)
Full-time employment	14,000	17,300	3,300	23.6%
Part-time Employment	11,400	13,500	2,100	18.4%
Total Employment	25,400	30,800	5,400	21.3%

The Big Figures

	2019		2020		2021	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
Labour force	38,800	40,000	31,500	32,100	30,800	35,700
Employment	34,300	36,000	21,600	22,800	25,400	30,800
<i>FT employment</i>	16,900	20,700	13,800	15,200	14,000	17,300
<i>PT employment</i>	17,400	15,300	7,800	7,700	11,400	13,500
Unemployment	4,500	4,100	9,900	9,200	5,400	4,900
Unemployment rate	11.6%	10.3%	31.4%	28.7%	17.5%	13.7%
Participation rate	75.2%	75.9%	64.5%	68.6%	65.7%	75.6%
Employment rate	66.5%	68.3%	44.3%	48.7%	54.2%	65.3%

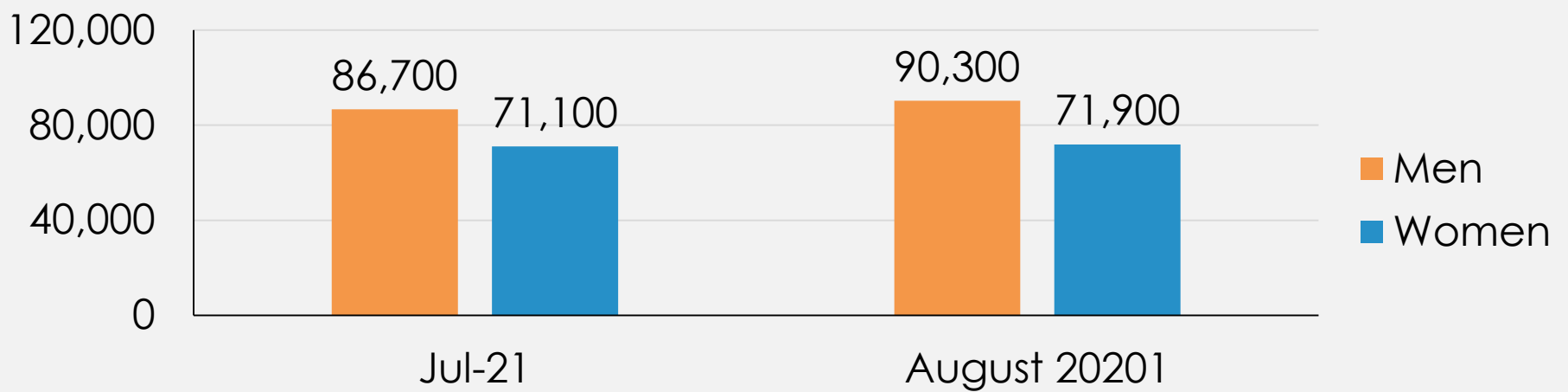
The Breakdown

- ✓ August 2021 saw 5,400 more youth employed in Niagara. This change reflects 3,300 more youth working in a full-time capacity and 2,100 more youth working in a part-time role.
- ✓ Like the general labour force, youth saw a decline in their unemployment rate from 17.5% in July 2021 to 13.7% in August.
- ✓ The overall youth employment rate remains slightly low at 65.3%, which is a marked increase from August 2020's rate of 48.7%. The average youth employment rate in August before the pandemic (2015-2019) was 71.7%

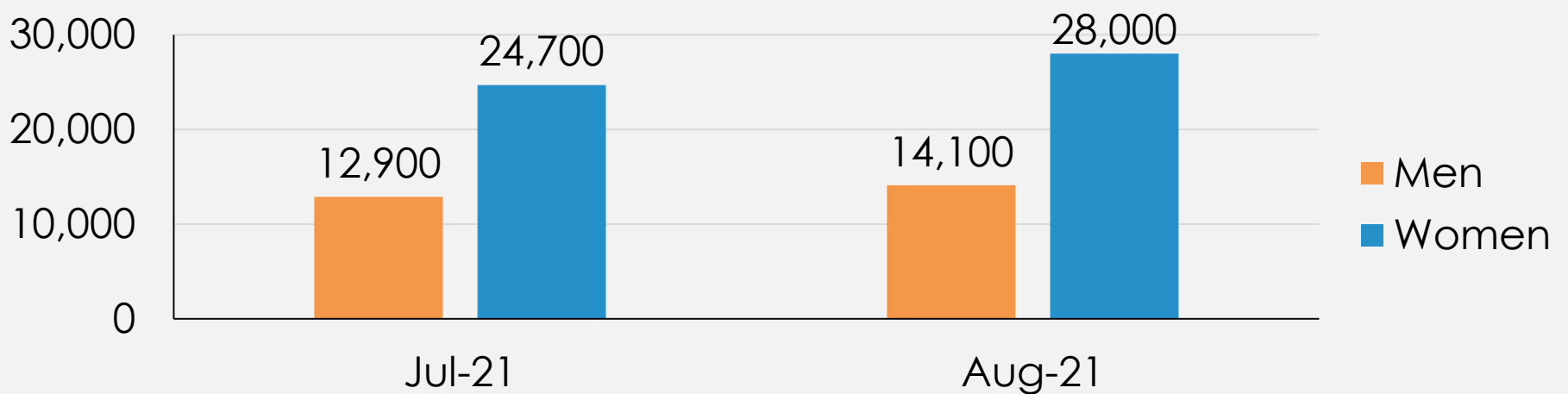
A few words on definitions: Monthly labour force survey data defines a youth as an individual age 15 to 24. An individual who is "not in the labour force" is an individual who is neither working nor looking for work. Full-time students are generally considered to be not in the labour force, even if they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

Employment and Gender

Full-time Employment



Part-time Employment



The Breakdown

- ✓ Month-over-month, August 2021 saw 4,100 more women in employment and 4,700 more men in employment compared to July 2021.
- ✓ Year-over-year, August 2021 saw 13,500 more employed women and 400 fewer employed men compared to August 2020.
- ✓ Women represented 44.3% of full-time employment and 66.5% of part-time employment in August 2021.

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