

# October 8, 2021

## Eye on Employment

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

	August 2021	September 2021	Monthly Change	Monthly Change (%)
Full-time employment	162,200	171,500	9,300	5.7%
Part-time Employment	42,100	41,700	-400	-1.0%
<b>Total Employment</b>	<b>204,300</b>	<b>213,200</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>4.4%</b>

### The Key Figures

	2019		2020		2021	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
Labour force	219,800	221,200	215,600	215,900	227,900	232,100
Employment	207,300	208,400	191,200	196,800	204,300	213,200
<i>FT employment</i>	163,300	162,500	153,400	154,300	162,200	171,500
<i>PT employment</i>	44,000	45,800	37,800	42,500	42,100	41,700
Unemployment	12,500	12,800	24,500	19,100	23,600	19,000
Unemployment rate	5.7%	5.8%	11.4%	8.8%	10.4%	8.2%
Participation rate	59.8%	60.1%	58.0%	58.1%	61.1%	62.2%
Employment rate	56.4%	56.6%	51.5%	52.9%	54.8%	57.1%

### The Breakdown

- ✓ September 2021 saw 8,900 more people in employment compared to August 2021. This net-gain was due to 9,300 more people in full-time employment and 400 fewer people in part-time employment.
- ✓ Niagara's unemployment rate decreased from 10.4% in August 2021 to 8.2% in September 2021. At the same time, we saw increases in both the employment and participation rates.

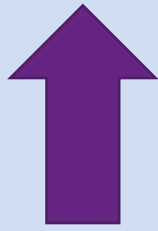
Source note: The Eye on Employment draws on data from Labour Force Survey Table 14-10-0379-01 and Table 14-10-0378-01. All data are seasonally unadjusted.

# The Industry Update: Employment

## Goods Producing Sector

**48,500**

**August 2021**



**49,900**

**September  
2021**

## Services Producing Sector

**155,800**

**August 2021**



**163,300**

**September  
2021**

Industry	2020		2021	
	August	September	August	September
Agriculture	4,100	3,600	2,400	2,500
Construction	17,700	17,900	14,000	13,800
Manufacturing	23,300	23,800	29,700	31,200
Wholesale & retail trade	25,400	25,100	30,600	33,400
Transportation & warehousing	7,400	6,800	9,100	11,900
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental & leasing	13,300	13,900	11,400	10,500
Professional, scientific & technical services	8,500	9,200	8,500	8,800
Business, building & other support services	9,500	11,200	10,600	11,500
Educational services	13,800	13,400	12,700	12,100
Health care & social assistance	27,400	27,900	23,000	25,100
Information, culture & recreation	5,500	6,500	9,900	11,300
Accommodation & food services	16,300	18,800	20,000	18,800
Other services (except public administration)	11,400	11,400	9,400	9,000
Public administration	6,100	6,100	10,400	10,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>191,200</b>	<b>196,800</b>	<b>204,300</b>	<b>213,200</b>

## The Breakdown

- ✓ September 2021's employment gains were concentrated in the services-producing sector, which added 7,500 people to employment.
  - ✓ Wholesale and retail trade added 2,800 people to employment
  - ✓ Transportation and warehousing added 2,800 people to employment.
- ✓ Manufacturing saw an employment gain of 1,500 people in employment, and construction saw a slight decline of 200 people in employment.

# The Youth Lens

	August 2021	September 2021	Monthly Change	Monthly Change (%)
Full-time employment	17,300	17,700	400	2.3%
Part-time Employment	13,500	15,800	2,300	17.0%
<b>Total Employment</b>	<b>30,800</b>	<b>33,500</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>8.8%</b>

## The Big Figures

	2019		2020		2021	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
Labour force	40,000	38,000	32,100	31,900	35,700	37,100
Employment	36,000	33,600	22,800	23,900	30,800	33,500
<i>FT employment</i>	20,700	19,600	15,200	14,200	17,300	17,700
<i>PT employment</i>	15,300	14,000	7,700	9,700	13,500	15,800
Unemployment	4,100	4,300	9,200	8,000	4,900	3,600
Unemployment rate	10.3%	11.3%	28.7%	25.1%	13.7%	9.7%
Participation rate	75.9%	71.4%	68.6%	72.0%	75.6%	77.3%
Employment rate	68.3%	63.2%	48.7%	54.0%	65.3%	69.8%

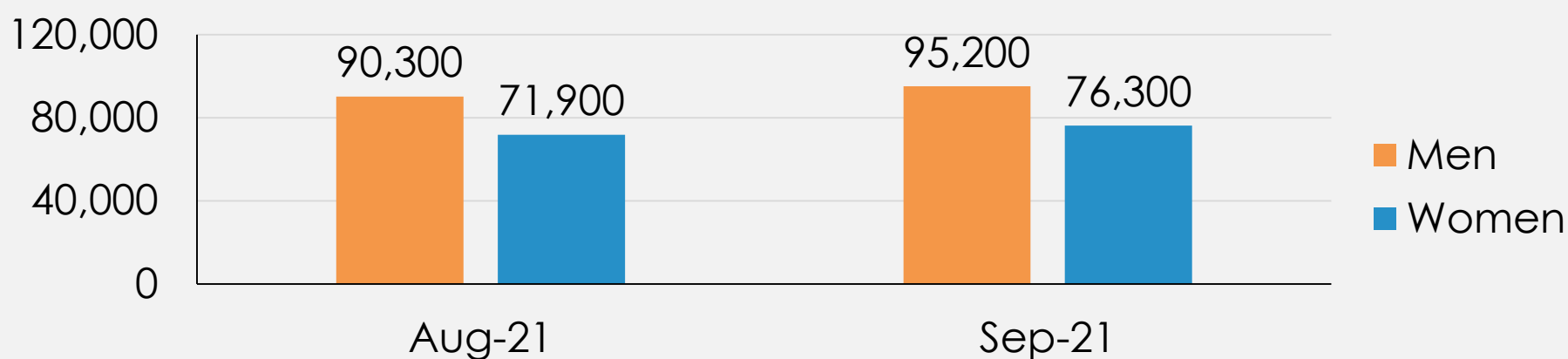
## The Breakdown

- ✓ September 2021 saw 2,700 more youth employed in Niagara. This change reflects 400 more youth working in a full-time capacity and 2,300 more youth working in a part-time role.
- ✓ Like the general labour force, youth saw a decline in their unemployment rate from 13.7% in August to 9.7% in September.
- ✓ The overall youth employment rate rose to 69.8% - a marked increase from September 2020's rate of 54.0%. The average youth employment rate in September before the pandemic (2015-2019) was 68.7%

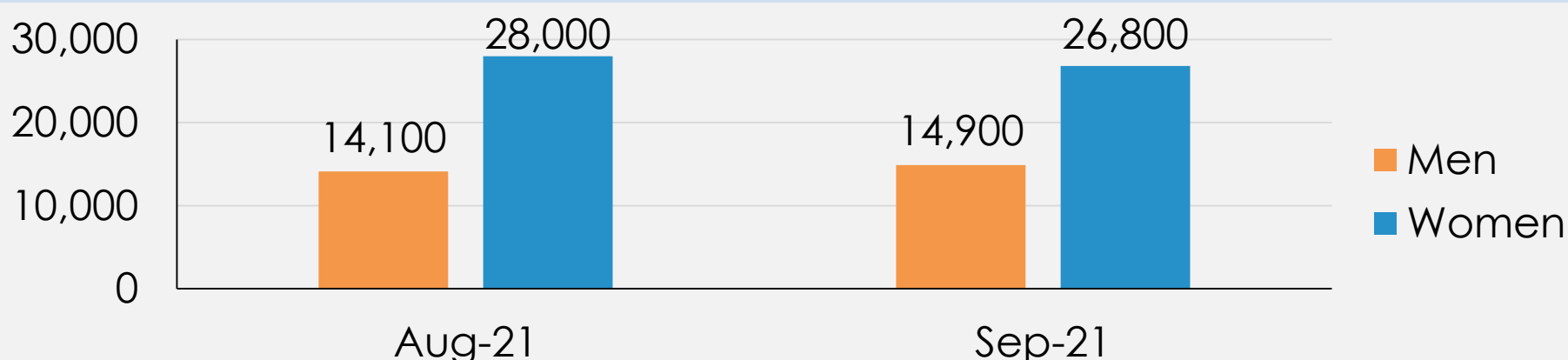
**A few words on definitions:** Monthly labour force survey data defines a youth as an individual age 15 to 24. An individual who is "not in the labour force" is an individual who is neither working nor looking for work. Full-time students are generally considered to be not in the labour force, even 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, September 2021 saw 3,200 more women in employment and 5,800 more men in employment compared to August 2021.
- ✓ Year-over-year, September 2021 saw 15,100 more employed women and 1,300 more employed men compared to September 2020.
- ✓ Women represented 44.5% of full-time employment and 64.3% of part-time employment in September 2021.

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