

Youth Employment Report – Blog 2 Infographic

Youth Labour Force Characteristics, Niagara

- These data outline key indicators for youth aged 15 to 24 living in the St. Catharines-Niagara CMA.
- Note that youth data exclude full-time students from the labour force even if they maintain part-time employment while in education and training.

Labour force characteristics	2018	2019	2020	July 2021	August 2021	September 2021
Population	52,900	52,500	47,500	46,900	47,200	48,000
Labour force	36,600	35,700	29,900	30,800	35,700	37,100
Employment	32,000	31,300	22,900	25,400	30,800	33,500
<i>Full-time employment</i>	16,500	15,600	11,800	14,000	17,300	17,700
<i>Part-time employment</i>	15,500	15,800	11,100	11,400	13,500	15,800
Unemployment	4,600	4,400	7,100	5,400	4,900	3,600
Not in the labour force	16,300	16,800	17,600	16,000	11,500	10,900
Unemployment rate	12.6%	12.3%	23.7%	17.5%	13.7%	9.7%
Participation rate	69.2%	68.0%	62.9%	65.7%	75.6%	77.3%
Employment rate	60.5%	59.6%	48.2%	54.2%	65.3%	69.8%

Youth Barriers to Employment

- Here we see commonly listed barriers to employment for youth.
- The below highlight barriers from national-level reports published by YMCA and YWCA Canada, and Canadian Heritage.
- We also have barriers identified through survey work conducted by Civiconnect and Niagara Workforce Planning Board

National Insights

YMCA & YWCA Youth Report

- Limited access to technology
- Difficulties with reliable internet
- limited technological skills
- Difficulties with digital platforms

State of Youth Report

- Limited professional networks
- Limited career development opportunities
- Difficulty finding entry-level work
- Limited access to technology
- Limited technological skills

Local Insights

Civiconnect Survey

- Limited professional networks
- Not enough work opportunities
- Not enough work experience
- Mental health challenges

NWPB Workforce Survey

- Not enough opportunity in field or geography of desired work
- Not enough opportunity at desired level of compensation
- Compensation offered was lower than expected
- Physical health-related challenges
- Fear of contracting COVID-19 through employment

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