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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

	September 2021	October 2021	Monthly Change	Monthly Change (%)
Full-time employment	171,500	170,800	-700	-0.4%
Part-time Employment	41,700	45,500	3,800	9.1%
Total Employment	213,200	216,300	3,100	1.5%

The Key Figures

	2019		2020		2021	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
Labour force	221,200	220,600	215,900	218,800	232,100	232,500
Employment	208,400	209,500	196,800	202,900	213,200	216,300
<i>FT employment</i>	162,500	162,700	154,300	153,000	171,500	170,800
<i>PT employment</i>	45,800	46,800	42,500	50,000	41,700	45,500
Unemployment	12,800	11,100	19,100	15,900	19,000	16,300
Unemployment rate	5.8%	5.0%	8.8%	7.3%	8.2%	7.0%
Participation rate	60.1%	59.8%	58.1%	58.8%	62.2%	62.2%
Employment rate	56.6%	56.8%	52.9%	54.5%	57.1%	57.9%

The Breakdown

- ✓ October 2021 saw 3,100 more people in employment compared to September 2021. This net-gain was due to 3,800 more people in part-time employment and 700 fewer people in full-time employment.
- ✓ Niagara's unemployment rate decreased from 8.2% in September to 7.0% in October 2021. At the same time, we saw the employment rate increase and the participation rate remain stable.

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

49,900

September
2021



49,000

October
2021

Services Producing Sector

167,300

October
2021



163,300

September
2021

Industry	2020		2021	
	September	October	September	October
Agriculture	3,600	3,400	2,500	2,900
Construction	17,900	18,000	13,800	13,300
Manufacturing	23,800	23,200	31,200	30,300
Wholesale & retail trade	25,100	25,500	33,400	33,100
Transportation & warehousing	6,800	7,000	11,900	13,500
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental & leasing	13,900	14,000	10,500	10,200
Professional, scientific & technical services	9,200	9,900	8,800	10,900
Business, building & other support services	11,200	12,800	11,500	11,800
Educational services	13,400	14,900	12,100	12,000
Health care & social assistance	27,900	27,300	25,100	26,800
Information, culture & recreation	6,500	7,000	11,300	11,500
Accommodation & food services	18,800	20,200	18,800	17,700
Other services (except public administration)	11,400	11,500	9,000	9,400
Public administration	6,100	6,800	10,900	10,400
Total	196,800	202,900	213,200	216,300

The Breakdown

- ✓ October 2021's employment gains were concentrated in the services-producing sector, which added 4,000 people to employment.
 - ✓ *Professional, scientific, & technical services* added 2,100 people to employment
 - ✓ *Health care & social assistance* added 1,700 people to employment.
- ✓ Manufacturing saw an employment loss of 900 people but is still higher than October 2019 wherein we saw 22,200 people reporting employment in the industry.

The Youth Lens

	September 2021	October 2021	Monthly Change	Monthly Change (%)
Full-time employment	17,700	16,500	-1,200	-6.8%
Part-time Employment	15,800	17,200	1,400	8.9%
Total Employment	33,500	33,700	200	0.6%

The Big Figures

	2019		2020		2021	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
Labour force	38,000	34,900	31,900	28,700	37,100	35,700
Employment	33,600	30,800	23,900	23,400	33,500	33,700
<i>FT employment</i>	19,600	16,500	14,200	12,300	17,700	16,500
<i>PT employment</i>	14,000	14,200	9,700	11,100	15,800	17,200
Unemployment	4,300	4,100	8,000	5,300	3,600	2,000
Unemployment rate	11.3%	11.7%	25.1%	18.5%	9.7%	5.6%
Participation rate	71.4%	66.5%	72.0%	69.2%	77.3%	72.7%
Employment rate	63.2%	58.7%	54.0%	56.4%	69.8%	68.6%

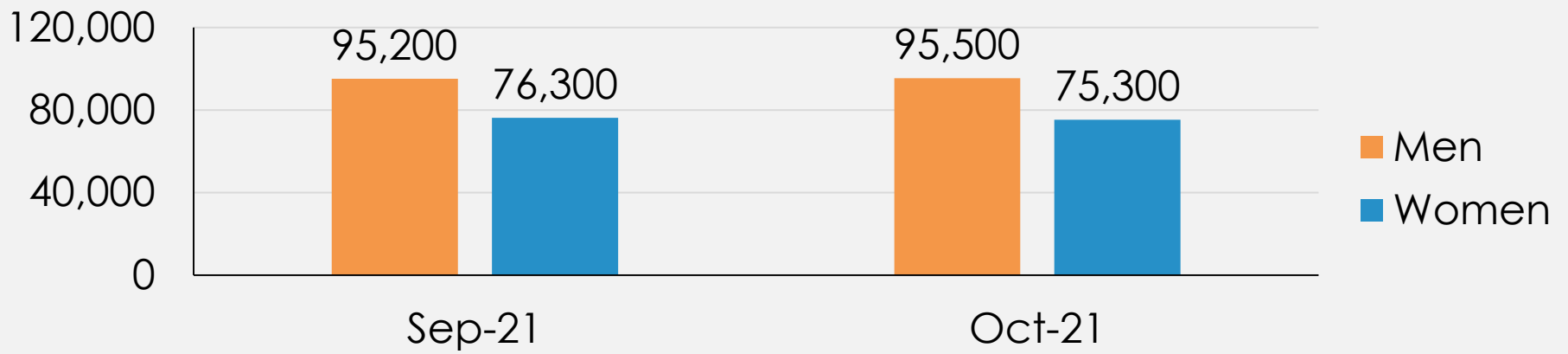
The Breakdown

- ✓ October 2021 saw 200 more youth employed in Niagara. This change reflects 1,400 more youth working in a part-time capacity and 1,200 fewer youth working in a full-time role.
- ✓ Like the general labour force, youth saw a decline in their unemployment rate from 9.7% in September to 5.6% in October.
- ✓ The youth employment rate decreased from 69.8% in September to 68.6% in October. However, the average youth employment rate in October before the pandemic (2015-2019) was 65.7%

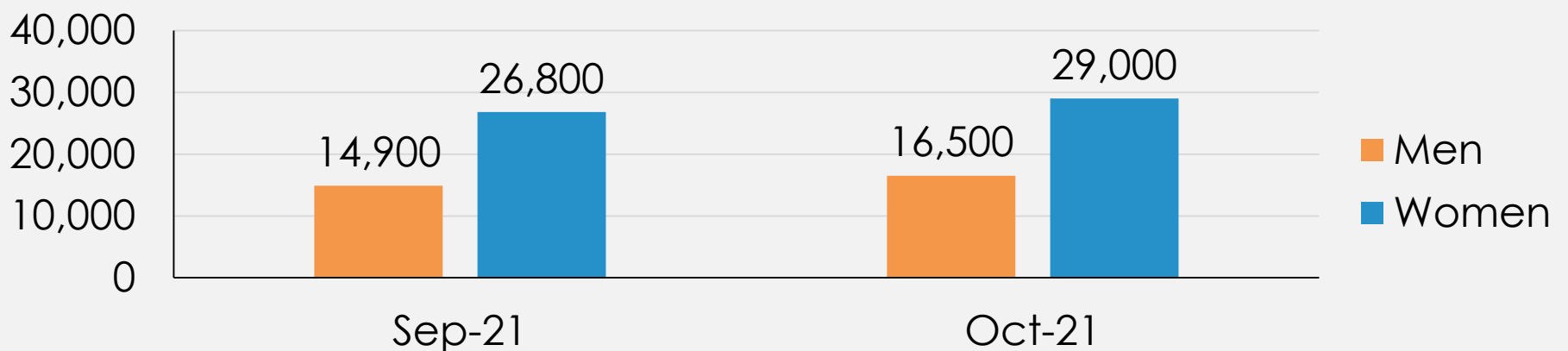
A few words on definitions: Monthly labour force survey data defines a youth as an individual age 15 to 24. An individual who is “not in the labour force” is an individual who is neither working nor looking for work. Full-time students are generally considered to be not in the labour force, even if they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

Employment and Gender

Full-time Employment



Part-time Employment



The Breakdown

- ✓ Month-over-month, October 2021 saw 1,200 more women in employment and 1,900 more men in employment compared to September 2021.
- ✓ Year-over-year, October 2021 saw 11,100 more employed women and 2,200 more employed men compared to October 2020.
- ✓ Women represented 44.1% of full-time employment and 63.7% of part-time employment in October 2021.

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