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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

	October 2021	November 2021	Monthly Change	Monthly Change (%)
Full-time employment	170,800	168,300	-2,500	-1.5%
Part-time Employment	45,500	45,100	-400	-0.9%
Total Employment	216,300	213,400	-2,900	-1.3%

The Key Figures

	2019		2020		2021	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
Labour force	220,600	221,100	218,800	217,200	232,500	229,300
Employment	209,500	210,100	202,900	202,400	216,300	213,400
<i>FT employment</i>	162,700	162,200	153,000	149,800	170,800	168,300
<i>PT employment</i>	46,800	47,900	50,000	52,600	45,500	45,100
Unemployment	11,100	11,000	15,900	14,800	16,300	15,900
Unemployment rate	5.0%	5.0%	7.3%	6.8%	7.0%	6.9%
Participation rate	59.8%	59.9%	58.8%	58.4%	62.2%	61.3%
Employment rate	56.8%	56.9%	54.5%	54.4%	57.9%	57.1%

The Breakdown

- ✓ November 2021 saw 2,900 fewer people in employment compared to October 2021. This net-loss was primarily due to 2,500 fewer people in full-time employment.
 - Historically (i.e., between 2015 and 2019) we see an average decrease of 1,080 employed individuals between October and November.
- ✓ Niagara's unemployment rate decreased from 7.0% in October to 6.9% in November. We also saw the employment and participation rates decrease.

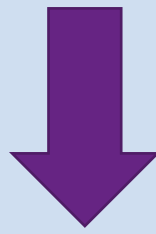
Source note: The Eye on Employment draws on data from Labour Force Survey Table 14-10-0379-01 and Table 14-10-0378-01. All data are seasonally unadjusted.

The Industry Update: Employment

Goods Producing Sector

49,000

October
2021



46,600

November
2021

Services Producing Sector

167,300

October
2021



166,700

November
2021

Industry	2019		2020		2021	
	Oct	Nov	Oct	Nov	Oct	Nov
Agriculture	3,300	3,100	3,400	3,500	2,900	2,700
Construction	18,000	17,800	18,000	18,500	13,300	15,100
Manufacturing	22,200	23,900	23,200	22,200	30,300	26,300
Wholesale & retail trade	31,700	31,400	25,500	24,700	33,100	33,000
Transportation & warehousing	9,000	9,700	7,000	7,200	13,500	13,400
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental & leasing	10,100	9,100	14,000	12,900	10,200	9,800
Professional, scientific & technical services	8,700	8,100	9,900	10,400	10,900	13,100
Business, building & other support services	9,000	10,100	12,800	14,100	11,800	11,400
Educational services	15,100	15,900	14,900	16,700	12,000	12,200
Health care & social assistance	23,400	21,700	27,300	26,200	26,800	28,500
Information, culture & recreation	11,900	11,500	7,000	6,900	11,500	10,200
Accommodation & food services	25,700	25,200	20,200	20,100	17,700	15,800
Other services (except public administration)	9,600	10,800	11,500	11,300	9,400	8,800
Public administration	9,500	9,400	6,800	6,400	10,400	10,500
Total	209,500	210,100	202,900	202,400	216,300	213,400

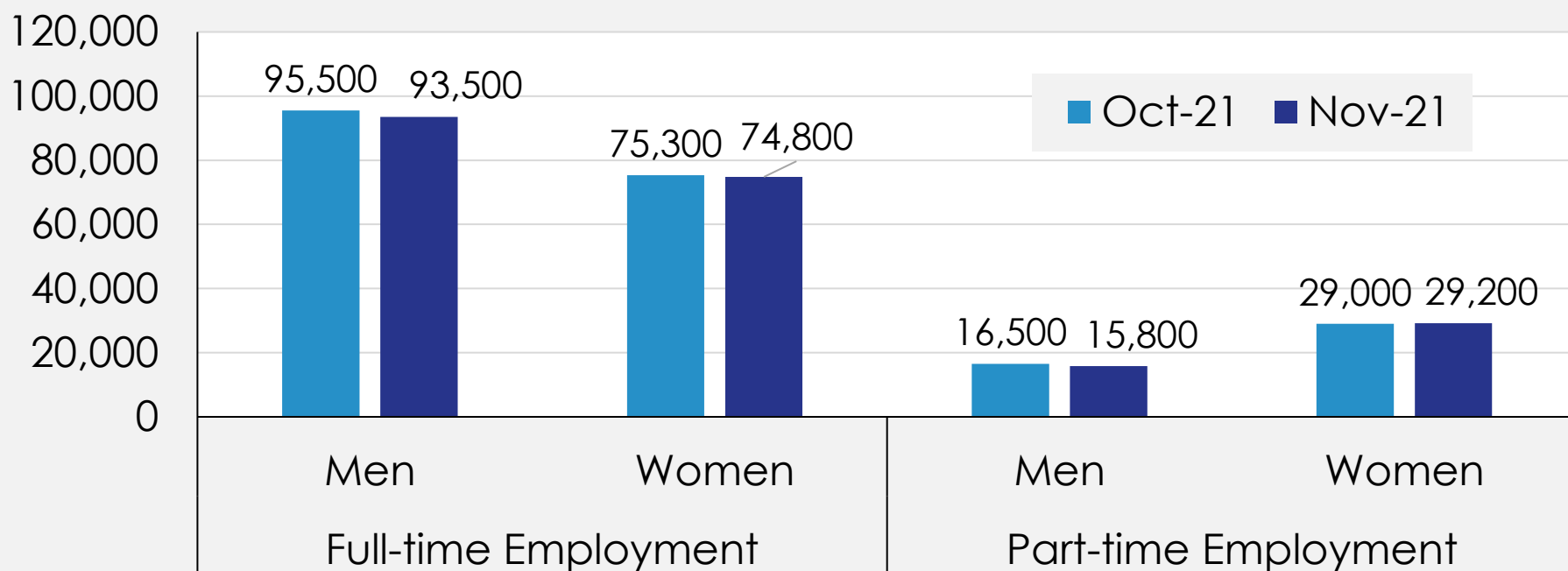
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- ✓ November 2021's employment losses were concentrated in the services-producing sector, which saw a decrease of 2,400 individuals reporting employment.
 - Professional, scientific, & technical services added 2,200 people to employment
 - Health care & social assistance added 1,700 people to employment.
 - Accommodations & food services employment decreased by 1,900 people
 - Information, culture, & recreation employment decreased by 1,300 people
- ✓ Manufacturing saw an employment loss of 4,000 but remains above 2019 levels.
- ✓ Construction added 1,800 people to employment

The Youth Lens

	2019		2020		2021	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
Labour force	34,900	33,700	28,700	27,600	35,700	32,500
Employment	30,800	28,100	23,400	23,200	33,700	29,900
<i>FT employment</i>	16,500	13,200	12,300	9,900	16,500	14,100
<i>PT employment</i>	14,200	14,900	11,100	13,300	17,200	15,900
Unemployment	4,100	5,500	5,300	4,400	2,000	2,500
Unemployment rate	11.7%	16.3%	18.5%	15.9%	5.6%	7.7%
Participation rate	66.5%	64.4%	69.2%	65.6%	72.7%	67.1%
Employment rate	58.7%	53.7%	56.4%	55.1%	68.6%	61.8%

Employment and Gender

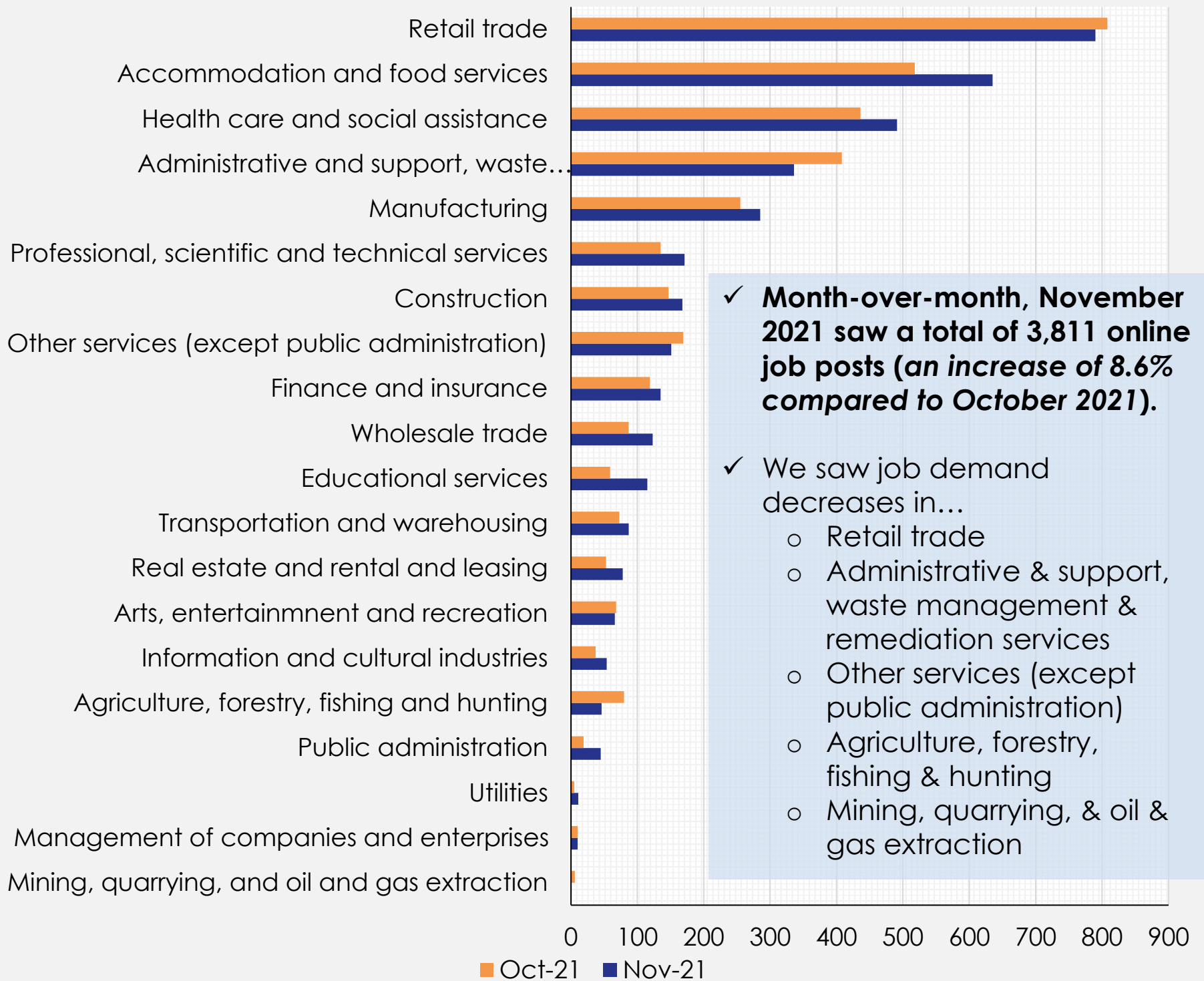


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- ✓ November 2021 saw 3,800 fewer youth employed in Niagara. This change reflects 1,300 fewer youth working part time and 2,400 fewer youth working full time.
- ✓ Contrasting the general labour force, youth saw an increase in their unemployment rate from 5.6% in October to 7.7% in November.
- ✓ Month-over-month, November 2021 saw 300 fewer women in employment and 2,600 fewer men in employment compared to October 2021.
- ✓ Women represented 44.4% of full-time employment and 64.7% of part-time employment in November 2021.

Definitions: Labour force survey data define youth as individuals age 15 to 24. An individual who is “not in the labour force” is neither working nor looking for work. Full-time students are considered to be not in the labour force, even if they have part-time employment.

November 2021 Job Demand



- ✓ It is important to note here that:
 - We have a higher number of individuals reporting unemployment (i.e., not working and actively looking for work) than before the pandemic
 - Between October and November we saw a decrease in the number of individuals reporting employment
- ✓ BUT, job demand data show that opportunities for work are available.

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