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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

	2019		2020		2021	
	Nov	Dec	Nov	Dec	Nov	Dec
Labour force	221,100	222,300	217,200	217,700	229,300	226,300
Employment	210,100	211,600	202,400	198,600	213,400	210,200
<i>FT employment</i>	162,200	162,700	149,800	146,200	168,300	162,400
<i>PT employment</i>	47,900	49,000	52,600	52,400	45,100	47,800
Unemployment	11,000	10,700	14,800	19,100	15,900	16,100
Unemployment rate	5.0%	4.8%	6.8%	8.8%	6.9%	7.1%
Participation rate	59.9%	60.2%	58.4%	58.5%	61.3%	60.5%
Employment rate	56.9%	57.3%	54.4%	53.3%	57.1%	56.2%

The Industry Update: Employment

Goods Producing Sector

46,600

November
2021



44,800

December
2021

Services Producing Sector

166,700

November
2021



165,400

December
2021

The Breakdown

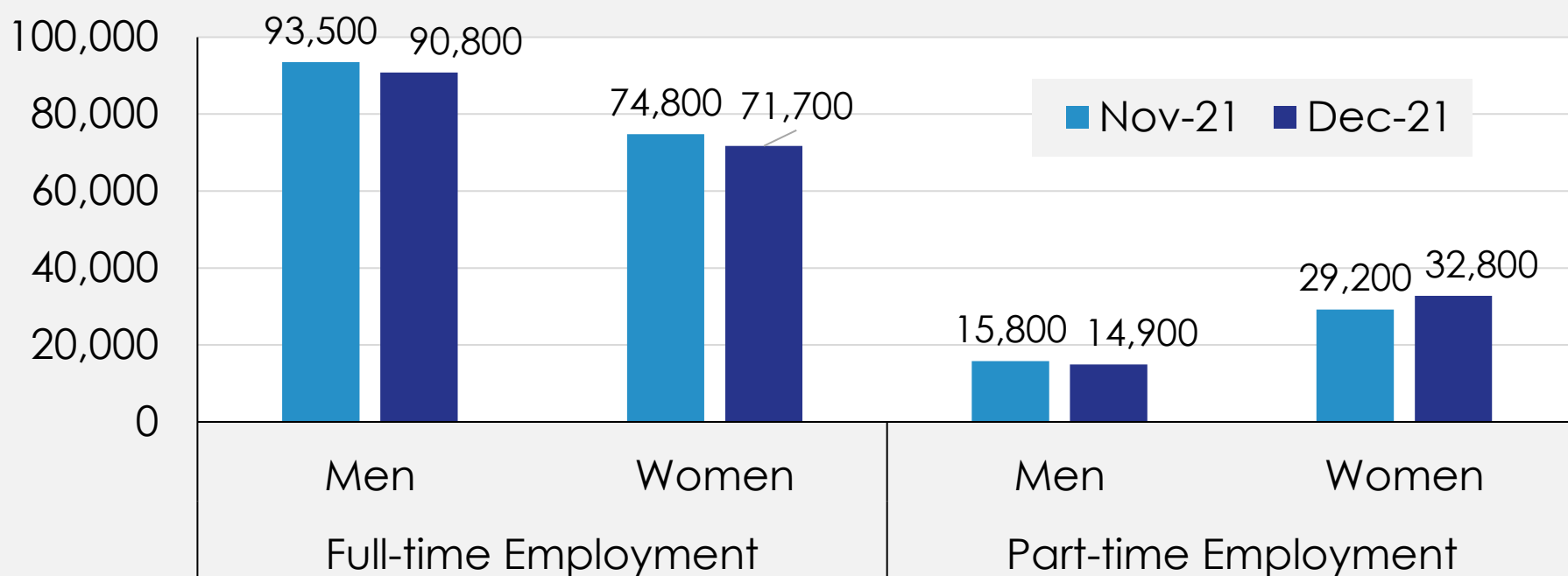
- ✓ December 2021 saw 3,200 fewer people in employment compared to November 2021. This net-loss was primarily due to 5,900 fewer people in full-time employment and 2,700 more people in part-time employment.
- ✓ Niagara's unemployment rate increased from 6.9% in November to 7.1% in December alongside decreases in the participation and employment rates.
- ✓ December 2021 saw employment decreases in both the goods-producing and services-producing sectors.

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 Youth Lens

	2019		2020		2021	
	Nov	Dec	Nov	Dec	Nov	Dec
Labour force	33,700	33,100	27,600	27,700	32,500	31,700
Employment	28,100	27,800	23,200	23,000	29,900	28,700
<i>FT employment</i>	13,200	12,900	9,900	8,500	14,100	13,400
<i>PT employment</i>	14,900	15,000	13,300	14,400	15,900	15,300
Unemployment	5,500	5,200	4,400	4,700	2,500	3,000
Unemployment rate	16.3%	15.7%	15.9%	17.0%	7.7%	9.5%
Participation rate	64.4%	66.7%	65.6%	63.2%	67.1%	66.7%
Employment rate	53.7%	56.0%	55.1%	52.5%	61.8%	60.4%

Employment and Gender

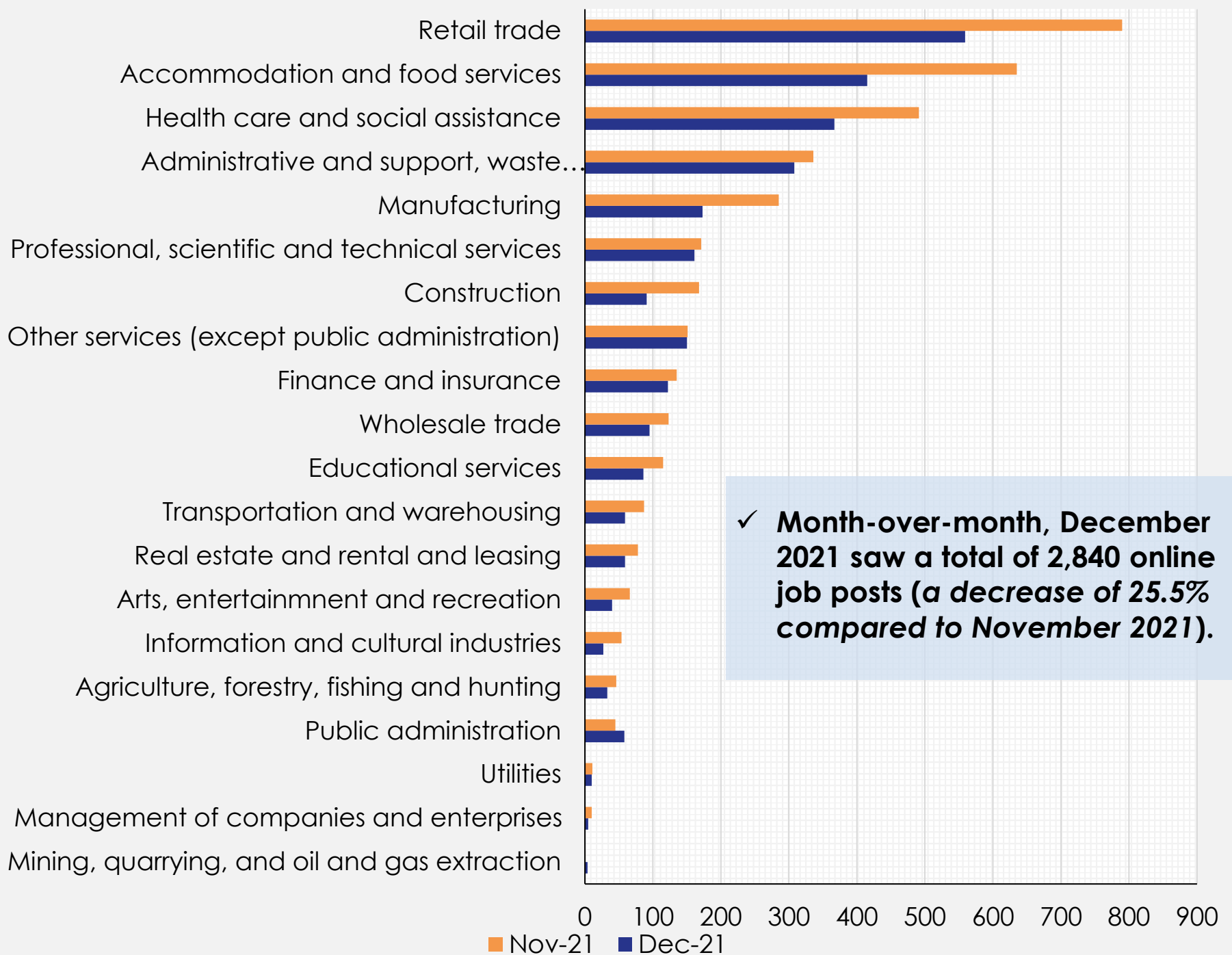


The Breakdown

- ✓ December 2021 saw 1,200 fewer youth employed in Niagara. This change reflects 600 fewer youth working part time and 700 fewer youth working full time.
- ✓ Like the general labour force, youth saw an increase in their unemployment rate from 7.7% in November to 9.5% in December.
- ✓ Month-over-month, December 2021 saw 500 more women in employment and 3,700 fewer men in employment compared to November 2021.
- ✓ Women represented 44.2% of full-time employment and 68.6% of part-time employment in December 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.

December 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 November and December we saw a decrease in the number of individuals reporting employment
- Job demand data show that opportunities for work are available, though the total number of posts decreased between November and December.

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