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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

| | 2020 | | 2021 | | 2022 | |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Jan | Feb | Jan | Feb | Jan | Feb |
| Labour force | 220,500 | 217,000 | 210,900 | 206,400 | 227,300 | 229,700 |
| Employment | 208,300 | 204,100 | 186,500 | 179,900 | 209,900 | 214,100 |
| <i>FT employment</i> | 160,100 | 156,700 | 140,900 | 137,500 | 162,500 | 163,900 |
| <i>PT employment</i> | 48,200 | 47,400 | 45,600 | 42,400 | 47,400 | 50,200 |
| Unemployment | 12,200 | 12,900 | 24,400 | 26,500 | 17,400 | 15,600 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.5% | 5.9% | 11.6% | 12.8% | 7.7% | 6.8% |
| Participation rate | 59.6% | 58.6% | 56.6% | 55.4% | 60.7% | 61.3% |
| Employment rate | 56.3% | 55.1% | 50.1% | 48.3% | 56.0% | 57.1% |

The Industry Update: Employment

Goods Producing Sector

43,700

January
2022



42,300

February
2022

Services Producing Sector

166,200

January
2022



171,900

February
2022

The Breakdown

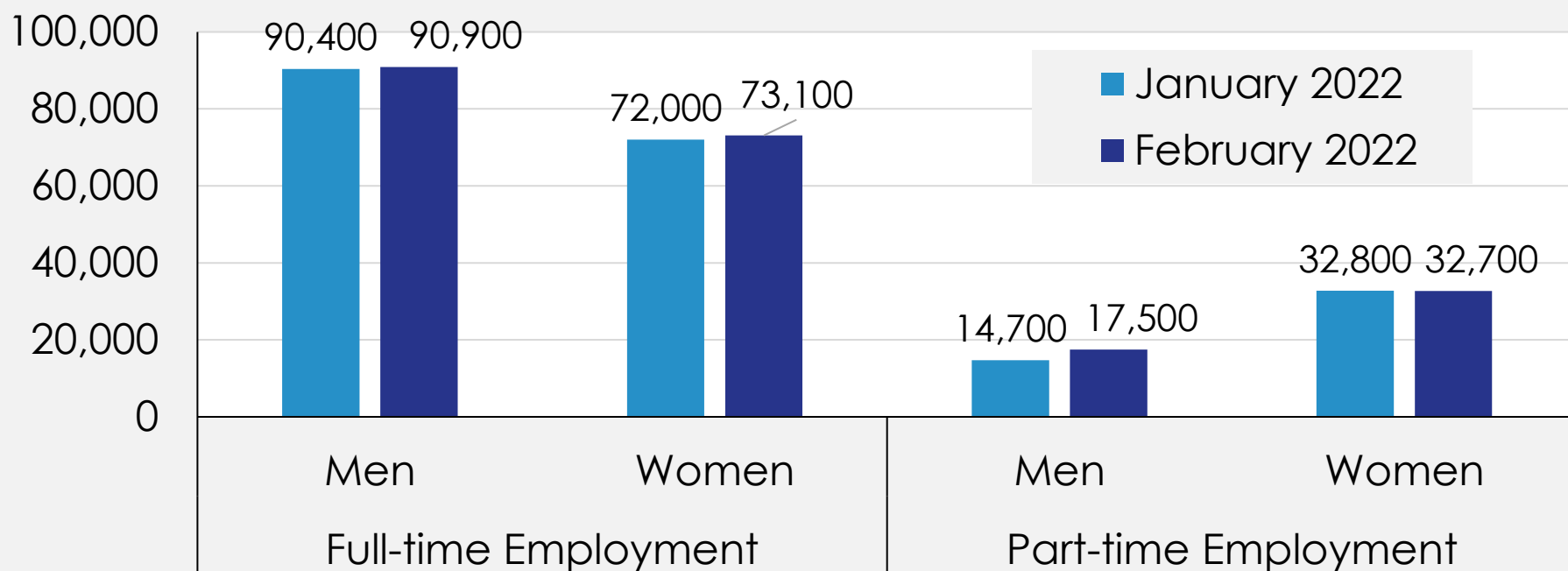
- ✓ February 2022 saw 4,200 more people in employment compared to January 2022. This net-gain was primarily due to 1,400 more people in full-time employment and 2,800 more people in part-time employment
- ✓ Niagara's unemployment rate decreased from 7.7% in January to 6.8% in February alongside increases in both the participation and employment rates.
- ✓ February 2022 saw employment increase by 5,700 in the services-producing sector.

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

| | 2020 | | 2021 | | 2022 | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Jan | Feb | Jan | Feb | Jan | Feb |
| Labour force | 32,900 | 31,900 | 25,600 | 22,400 | 30,000 | 30,500 |
| Employment | 27,400 | 27,200 | 19,800 | 16,500 | 25,800 | 26,600 |
| <i>FT employment</i> | 12,600 | 12,600 | 6,400 | 4,700 | 12,900 | 12,800 |
| <i>PT employment</i> | 14,900 | 14,600 | 13,400 | 11,800 | 12,900 | 13,800 |
| Unemployment | 5,500 | 4,700 | 5,800 | 5,900 | 4,200 | 3,900 |
| Unemployment rate | 16.7% | 14.7% | 22.7% | 26.3% | 14.0% | 12.8% |
| Participation rate | 67.0% | 64.8% | 56.8% | 49.2% | 64.4% | 63.3% |
| Employment rate | 55.8% | 55.3% | 43.9% | 36.3% | 55.4% | 55.2% |

Employment and Gender

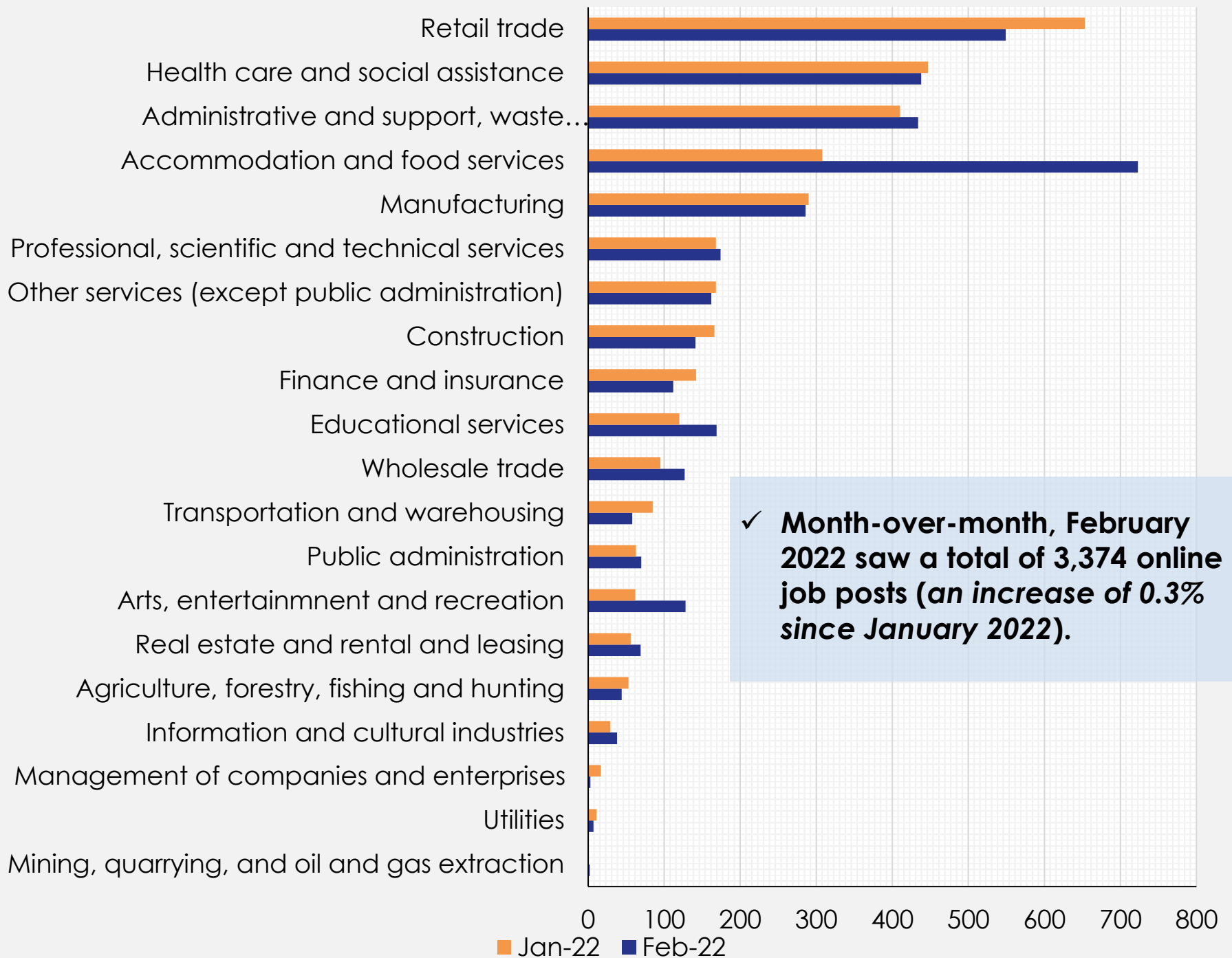


The Breakdown

- ✓ February 2022 saw 800 more youth employed in Niagara. This change reflects 100 fewer youth working full time and 900 more youth working part time.
- ✓ Like the general labour force, youth saw an increase in their unemployment rate between January and February; however youth saw decreases in both their employment and participation rates.
- ✓ Month-over-month, February 2022 saw 900 more women in employment and 3,300 more men in employment compared to January 2022.
- ✓ Women represented 44.6% of full-time employment and 65.1% of part-time employment in February 2022.

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.

February 2022 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
- The labour force size in Niagara has grown throughout the past year
- Job demand data show that opportunities for work are available, with the number of new job postings increasing slightly between January and February 2022.

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