

The Eye on Employment is NWPB's monthly update on Niagara's latest employment figures from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey

	March 2021	April 2021	Monthly Change	Monthly Change (%)
Full-time employment	142,500	148,200	5,700	4.0%
Part-time employment	39,100	38,800	-300	-0.8%
Total employment	181,600	186,900	5,300	2.9%

The Key Figures

	March 2020	April 2020	March 2021	April 2021
Labour force	211,200	204,100	208,900	213,600
Employment	192,800	182,000	181,600	186,900
Full-time employment	149,500	142,200	142,500	148,200
Part-time employment	43,300	39,800	39,100	38,800
Unemployment	18,400	22,100	27,200	26,600
Unemployment rate	8.7%	10.8%	13.0%	12.5%
Participation rate	57.0%	55.1%	56.1%	57.3%
Employment rate	52.1%	49.1%	48.7%	50.1%

The Breakdown

- ✓ April 2021 saw 5,300 more people in employment compared to March 2021. These gains were the result of 5,700 more people in full-time employment and 300 fewer people in part-time employment.
- ✓ Niagara's unemployment rate decreased from 13.0% to 12.5%. At the same time, the employment rate increased from 48.7% to 50.1%.
- ✓ The employment rate rising as unemployment falls is generally an ideal pairing of labour market indicators. Given how past lockdowns impacted local employment trends, these are unexpected outcomes that are not aligned to provincial trends.

The Industry Update

Employment in the Goods Producing Sector

44,500

March 2021



+1,300

45,800

April 2021

Employment in the Services Producing Sector

137,100

March 2021



+4,100

141,200

April 2021

Industry	2020		2021	
	March	April	March	April
Agriculture	5,800	5,100	2,300	2,400
Construction	14,200	13,800	16,000	15,500
Manufacturing	20,500	18,200	24,100	25,700
Wholesale and retail trade	30,300	28,500	26,100	27,000
Transportation and warehousing	7,400	7,000	7,100	7,300
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	7,400	8,400	10,500	10,400
Professional, scientific and technical services	5,600	5,500	10,700	10,400
Business, building and other support services	8,200	8,600	9,300	8,200
Educational services	17,900	18,300	16,900	18,700
Health care and social assistance	25,400	26,200	24,900	24,700
Information, culture and recreation	8,100	6,600	4,500	4,000
Accommodation and food services	23,500	18,500	10,000	12,500
Other services (except public administration)	10,900	10,200	9,600	9,600
Public administration	6,200	6,000	7,500	8,400
Total	192,800	182,000	181,600	186,900

The Breakdown

- ✓ April 2021's employment gains were concentrated in the services-producing sector, which added 4,100 people to employment. The largest gains were reported in accommodation and food service, which added 2,500 people to employment.
- ✓ Despite local gains, Ontario, as a whole reported 20,800 fewer people working in accommodations and food service in April 2021.
- ✓ While manufacturing saw 1,600 month-over-month employment gains in April, construction saw 500 employment losses.

The Youth Lens

	March 2021	April 2021	Monthly Change	Monthly Change (%)
Full-time employment	6,500	8,400	1,900	29.2%
Part-time employment	10,100	10,400	300	3.0%
Total employment	16,600	18,800	2,200	13.3%

The Big Figures

	March 2020	April 2020	March 2021	April 2021
Labour force	32,000	30,500	23,500	26,000
Employment	25,200	22,700	16,600	18,800
Full-time employment	12,400	12,400	6,500	8,400
Part-time employment	12,800	10,300	10,100	10,400
Unemployment	6,800	7,900	6,800	7,200
Unemployment rate	21.3%	25.9%	28.9%	27.7%
Participation rate	61.5%	57.2%	49.4%	53.2%
Employment rate	48.5%	42.6%	34.9%	38.4%

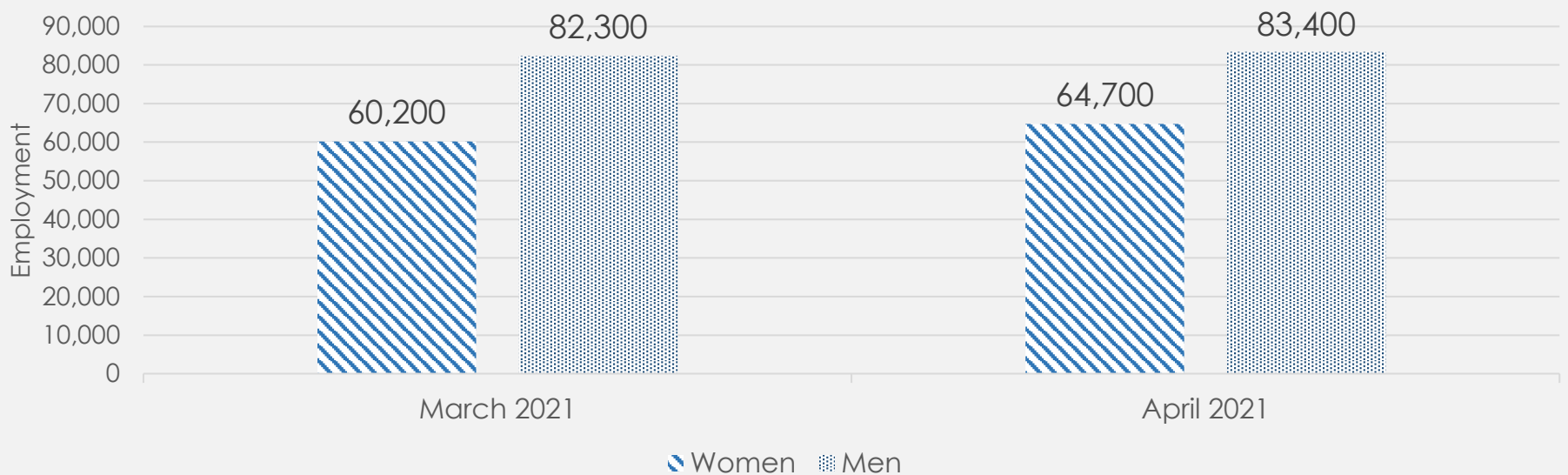
The Breakdown

- ✓ April 2021 saw 2,200 more youth employed in Niagara. This change reflects 1,900 more youth working in a full-time capacity and 300 more working part-time.
- ✓ Similar to the general labour force, youth saw a declining unemployment rate and an increasing employment rate. This suggests that Niagara's youth are experiencing some success in returning to the employment market.
- ✓ Niagara's youth workforce in April 2021 remained 14.8% smaller than it was in April 2020.

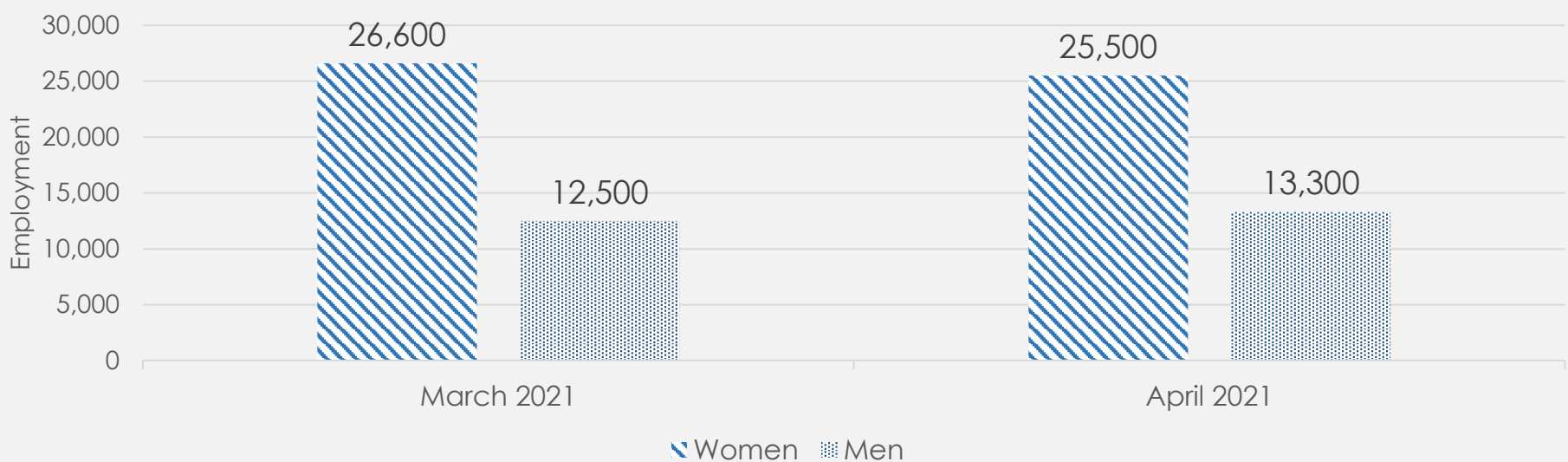
A few words on definitions: Monthly labour force survey data defines a youth as an individual age 15 to 24. An individual who is "not in the labour force" is an individual who is neither working nor looking for work. Full-time students are generally considered to be not in the labour force, even if they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

Employment and Gender

Full-time Employment



Part-time Employment



The Breakdown

- ✓ Month-over-month, April 2021 saw 3,400 more women in employment and 1,900 more men in employment compared to March 2021.
- ✓ Year-over-year, April 2021 saw 3,500 more employed women and 1,500 more employed men compared to April 2020.
- ✓ Women represented 43.7% of full-time employment and 65.7% of part-time work in April 2021.

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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. Click our logo for more reports and to access our interactive job board.

