

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

	June 2021	July 2021	Monthly Change	Monthly Change (%)
Full-time employment	152,000	157,800	5,800	3.8%
Part-time Employment	38,000	37,700	-300	-0.8%
Total Employment	190,000	195,400	5,400	2.8%

The Key Figures

	June 2020	July 2020	June 2021	July 2021
Labour force	200,100	207,100	214,500	218,200
Employment	174,300	181,500	190,000	195,400
Full-time employment	138,900	145,600	152,000	157,800
Part-time employment	35,400	35,900	38,000	37,700
Unemployment	25,800	25,600	24,500	22,800
Unemployment rate	12.9%	12.4%	11.4%	10.4%
Participation rate	53.9%	55.8%	57.5%	58.5%
Employment rate	47.0%	48.9%	51.0%	52.4%

The Breakdown

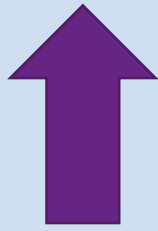
- ✓ July 2021 saw 5,400 more people in employment compared to June 2021. This net-gain was due to 5,800 more people in full-time employment and 300 fewer people in part-time employment.
- ✓ Niagara's unemployment rate decreased slightly from 11.4% in June 2021 to 10.4% in July 2021. At the same time, the employment rate increased from 51.0% to 52.4%.
- ✓ July 2021's data are positive in the context of year-on-year pandemic recovery; a pre-pandemic June-to-July period (measured from 2015 to 2019) would expect to see Niagara adding an average of 4,220 people to employment.

The Industry Update: Employment

Goods Producing Sector

44,800

June 2021



45,900

July 2021

Services Producing Sector

145,200

June 2021



149,600

July 2021

Industry	2020		2021	
	June	July	June	July
Agriculture	5,300	5,100	2,000	2,200
Construction	14,500	16,300	14,300	14,200
Manufacturing	16,900	19,500	25,700	26,900
Wholesale & retail trade	25,200	25,200	24,400	26,900
Transportation & warehousing	7,700	7,400	7,400	7,700
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental & leasing	11,400	11,900	11,800	12,200
Professional, scientific & technical services	6,700	7,600	8,300	7,900
Business, building & other support services	9,300	9,300	9,100	10,000
Educational services	17,500	15,500	18,100	15,700
Health care & social assistance	26,100	26,900	23,500	23,400
Information, culture & recreation	3,700	4,100	4,500	6,500
Accommodation & food services	13,700	15,700	18,000	19,300
Other services (except public administration)	10,000	10,300	9,800	9,400
Public administration	5,300	5,300	10,300	10,600
Total	174,300	181,500	190,000	195,400

The Breakdown

- ✓ July 2021's employment gains were concentrated in the services-producing sector, which added 4,400 people to employment. Wholesale and retail trade added 2,500 people to employment, the largest single sectoral gain in July 2021.
- ✓ Educational services reported 2,400 fewer people in employment in July 2021.
- ✓ Manufacturing saw an employment gain of 1,200 people in employment in July 2021, and construction saw a slight decline of 100 people in employment.

The Youth Lens

	June 2021	July 2021	Monthly Change	Monthly Change (%)
Full-time employment	11,400	14,000	2,600	22.8%
Part-time Employment	10,000	11,400	1,400	14.0%
Total Employment	21,400	25,400	4,000	18.7%

The Big Figures

	June 2020	July 2020	June 2021	July 2021
Labour force	28,200	31,500	27,200	30,800
Employment	19,500	21,600	21,400	25,400
Full-time employment	12,200	13,800	11,400	14,000
Part-time employment	7,300	7,800	10,000	11,400
Unemployment	8,700	9,900	5,800	5,400
Unemployment rate	30.9%	31.4%	21.3%	17.5%
Participation rate	56.4%	64.5%	57.9%	65.7%
Employment rate	39.0%	44.3%	45.5%	54.2%

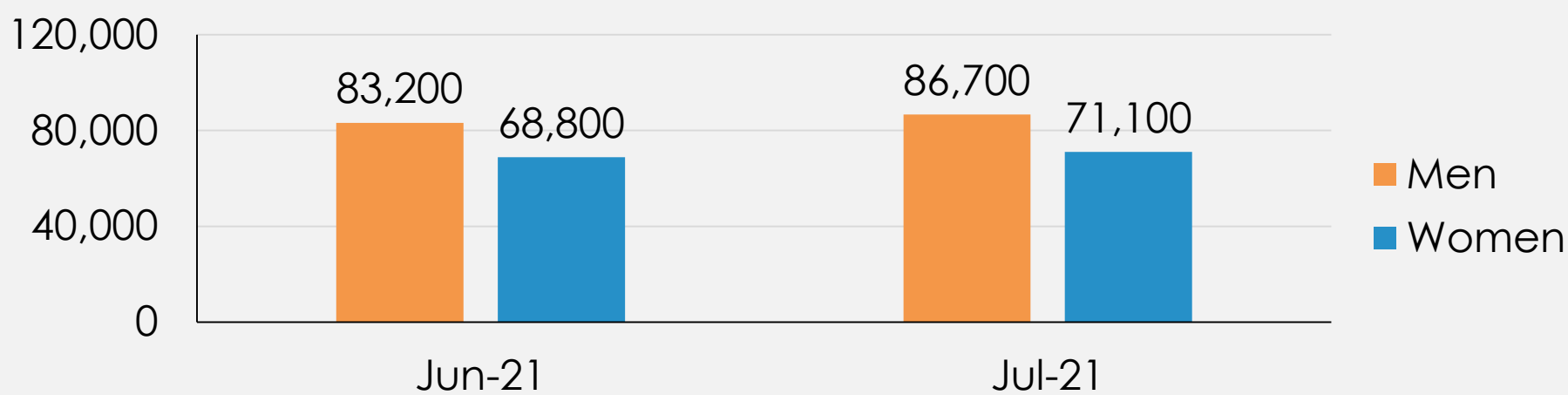
The Breakdown

- ✓ July 2021 saw 4,000 more youth employed in Niagara. This change reflects 2,600 more youth working in a full-time capacity and 1,400 more youth working in a part-time role.
- ✓ Like the general labour force, youth saw a decline in their unemployment rate from 21.3% in June 2021 to 17.5% in July 2021.
- ✓ The overall youth employment rate remains low at 54.2%, which is a marked increase from July 2020's rate of 44.3%. The average youth employment rate in July before the pandemic (2015-2019) was 69.7%

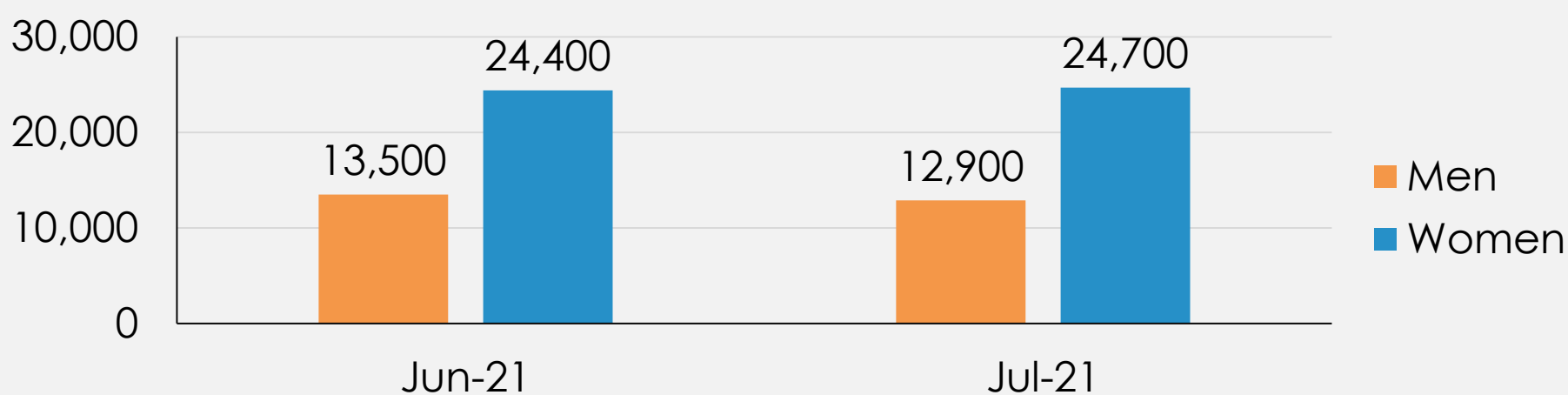
A few words on definitions: Monthly labour force survey data defines a youth as an individual age 15 to 24. An individual who is "not in the labour force" is an individual who is neither working nor looking for work. Full-time students are generally considered to be not in the labour force, even if they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

Employment and Gender

Full-time Employment



Part-time Employment



The Breakdown

- ✓ Month-over-month, July 2021 saw 2,500 more women in employment and 2,900 more men in employment compared to June 2021.
- ✓ Year-over-year, July 2021 saw 13,800 more employed women and 200 more employed men compared to July 2020.
- ✓ Women represented 45.1% of full-time employment and 65.5% of part-time employment in July 2021.

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