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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

	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022
Labour force	222,300	220,500	217,700	210,900	226,300	227,300
Employment	211,600	208,300	198,600	186,500	210,200	209,900
<i>FT employment</i>	162,700	160,100	146,200	140,900	162,400	162,500
<i>PT employment</i>	49,000	48,200	52,400	45,600	47,800	47,400
Unemployment	10,700	12,200	19,100	24,400	16,100	17,400
Unemployment rate	4.8%	5.5%	8.8%	11.6%	7.1%	7.7%
Participation rate	60.2%	59.6%	58.5%	56.6%	60.5%	60.7%
Employment rate	57.3%	56.3%	53.3%	50.1%	56.2%	56.0%

The Industry Update: Employment

Goods Producing Sector

44,800

December
2021



43,700

January
2022

Services Producing Sector

166,200

January
2022



165,400

December
2021

The Breakdown

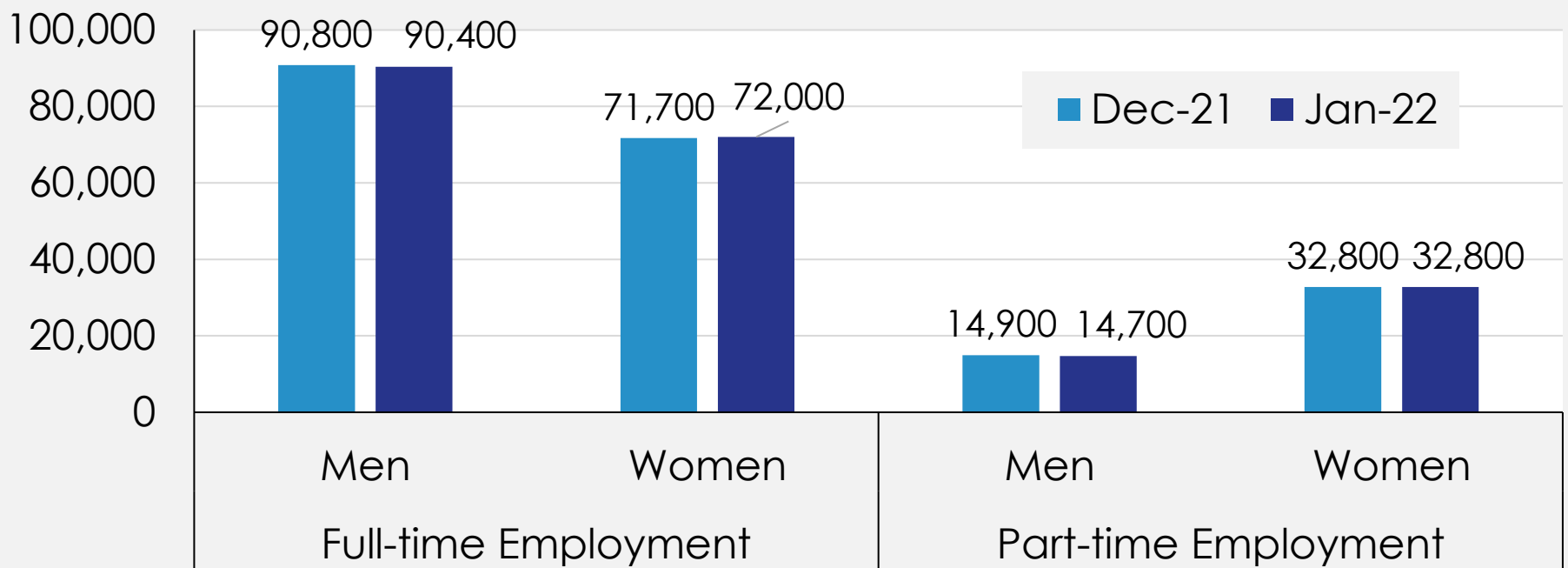
- ✓ January 2022 saw 300 fewer people in employment compared to December 2021. This net-loss was primarily due to 400 fewer people in part-time employment and 100 more people in full-time employment.
- ✓ Niagara's unemployment rate increased from 7.1% in December to 7.7% in January alongside a small increase in the participation rate and a slight decrease in the employment rate.
- ✓ January 2022 saw employment increase by 800 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

	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022
Labour force	33,100	32,900	27,700	25,600	31,700	30,000
Employment	27,800	27,400	23,000	19,800	28,700	25,800
<i>FT employment</i>	12,900	12,600	8,500	6,400	13,400	12,900
<i>PT employment</i>	15,000	14,900	14,400	13,400	15,300	12,900
Unemployment	5,200	5,500	4,700	5,800	3,000	4,200
Unemployment rate	15.7%	16.7%	17.0%	22.7%	9.5%	14.0%
Participation rate	66.7%	67.0%	63.2%	56.8%	66.7%	64.4%
Employment rate	56.0%	55.8%	52.5%	43.9%	60.4%	55.4%

Employment and Gender

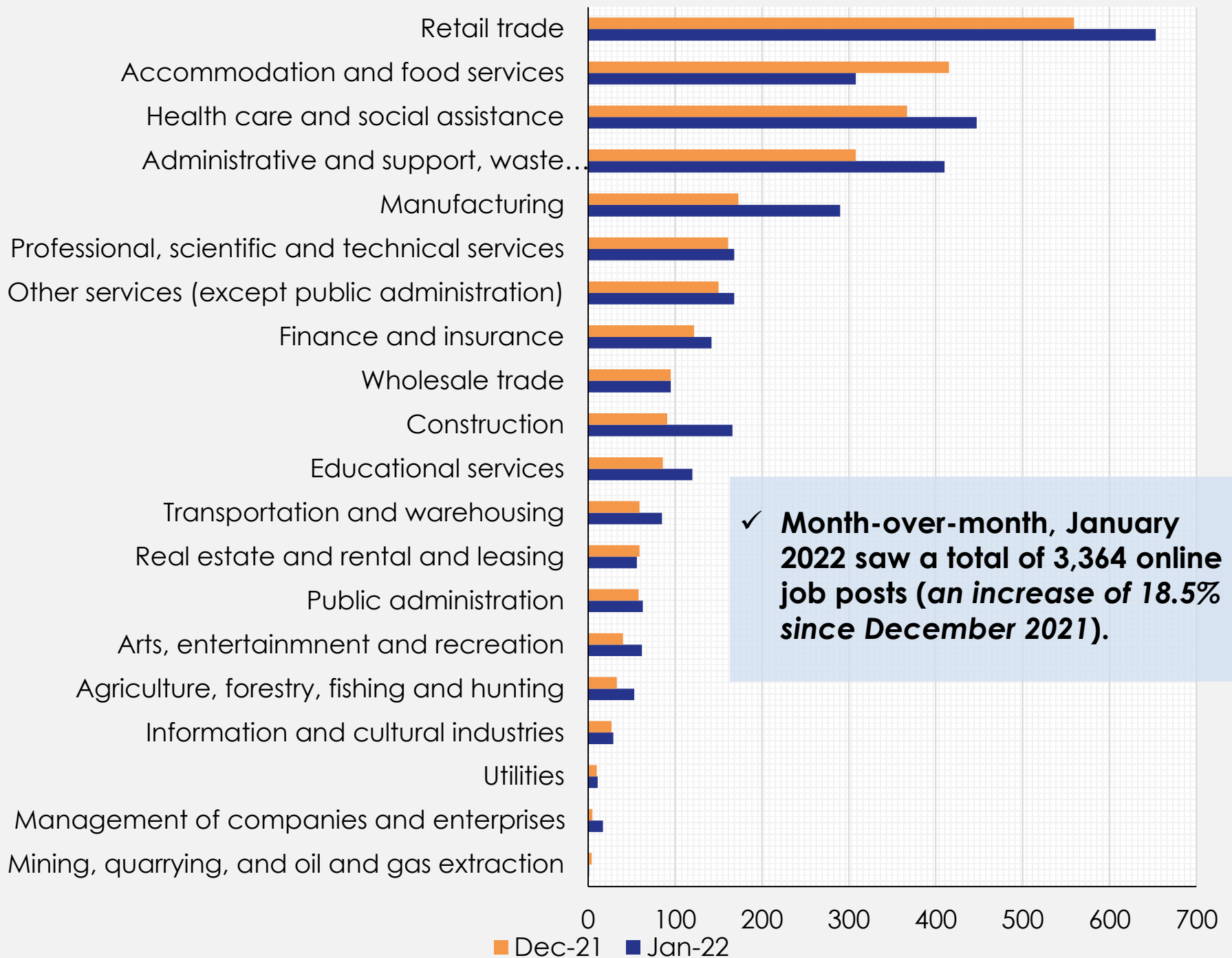


The Breakdown

- ✓ January 2022 saw 2,900 fewer youth employed in Niagara. This change reflects 500 fewer youth working full time and 2,400 fewer youth working part time.
- ✓ Like the general labour force, youth saw an increase in their unemployment rate from 9.5% in December to 14.0% in January.
- ✓ Month-over-month, January 2022 saw 300 more women in employment and 600 fewer men in employment compared to December 2021.
- ✓ Women represented 44.3% of full-time employment and 69.2% of part-time employment in January 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.

January 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
- Between December and January we saw a slight decrease in the number of individuals reporting employment
- Job demand data show that opportunities for work are available, with the number of new job postings increasing between December and January.

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