

Labour Force Survey

Reference week: **November 8-14, 2020**
December 4, 2020 Update

- November employment grew by 23,900 (1.0%) and the unemployment rate fell by 0.9 pct pts to 7.1%, now 2.1 pct pts above the February rate.
- Employment gains were led by full-time work (+42,100) as part-time (-18,200) decreased, yet full-time work remains 59,800 lower than one year ago.
- Compared to one year ago, employment for women was down 21,300, while employment for men was down 25,500.
- The youth unemployment rate fell by 1.5 pct pts to 14.1%, from a peak of 29% in May and June.

BC employment gains/losses

	This month	M/M	Y/Y
Employment	2,501,700	+23,900	-46,800
Full-time employment	1,937,600	+42,100	-59,800
Part-time employment	564,100	-18,200	+13,000
Private	1,594,000	+38,000	-29,000
Public	485,300	-2,000	+21,800
Self-employed	422,400	-12,100	-39,600

BC employment gains/losses, by age/sex

	This month	M/M	Y/Y
15 to 24 years	313,000	+5,300	-28,900
25 to 54 years	1,630,700	+23,600	+4,200
55 years and over	558,000	-5,000	-22,200
Females	1,193,700	-2,600	-21,300
Males	1,308,000	+26,500	-25,500

BC unemployment rate, by age/sex

	This month	M/M	Y/Y
15 to 24 years	14.1	-1.5	+4.6
25 to 54 years	5.9	-1.0	+1.5
55 years and over	6.5	+0.1	+2.6
Females	6.3	-0.5	+1.2
Males	7.9	-1.2	+3.0

Employment gains/losses, by province (M/M)

Ontario	+36,600
British Columbia	+23,900
Quebec	+15,700
Nova Scotia	+10,000
New Brunswick	+4,200
Newfoundland and Labrador	+2,300
Prince Edward Island	+1,000
Saskatchewan	-2,800
Alberta	-10,800
Manitoba	-18,100
Canada	+62,100

Unemployment rate, by province

	This month	Last month
Nova Scotia	6.4	8.7
Saskatchewan	6.9	6.4
British Columbia	7.1	8.0
Quebec	7.2	7.7
Manitoba	7.4	7.1
Ontario	9.1	9.6
New Brunswick	9.6	10.1
Prince Edward Island	10.2	10.0
Alberta	11.1	10.7
Newfoundland and Labrador	12.2	12.8
Canada	8.5	8.9

BC unemployment rate



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BC employment gains/losses, by industry (seasonally adjusted)

	This month		M/M		Y/Y, %
Construction	205,700		+5,700		-11.6%
Other services (except public administration)	103,000		+200		-10.1%
Information, culture and recreation	111,300	-4,400			-8.1%
Transportation and warehousing	130,400		+6,300		-5.6%
Wholesale and retail trade	376,800		+6,200		-4.2%
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	163,000	-2,000			-4.0%
Accommodation and food services	187,900		+7,300		-3.2%
Business, building and other support services	103,900		+800		-2.9%
Public administration	119,100		+3,800		-2.5%
Educational services	184,100		+1,500		-0.6%
Health care and social assistance	316,600	-1,700			3.7%
Professional, scientific and technical services	233,800		+4,300		4.6%
Manufacturing	169,200	-4,700			5.2%
Agriculture	30,700	-2,300			11.6%
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	47,500		+4,500		15.0%
Utilities	18,800	-1,700			59.3%

Average hourly wage rate, by province

Alberta	\$32.93
Ontario	\$30.08
British Columbia	\$29.94
Saskatchewan	\$29.28
Quebec	\$28.77
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$27.42
Manitoba	\$27.15
Nova Scotia	\$25.43
Prince Edward Island	\$24.68
New Brunswick	\$24.57
Canada	\$29.68

Region (3mma, unadjusted for seasonality)

	Employment					Unemployment rate		
	This mon..	M/M, %	M/M	Y/Y, %	Y/Y	This m..	M/M	Y/Y
Cariboo	78,200	-1.1%	-900	-1.9%	-1,500	9.8	-0.7	+3.0
Kootenay	71,200	-1.5%	-1,100	+2.2%	+1,500	6.2	-1.6	+1.4
Lower Mainland-Southwest	1,597,400	+2.2%	+33,700	-4.1%	-68,900	7.8	-1.6	+3.0
North Coast and Nechako	39,200	-0.5%	-200	-7.3%	-3,100	6.0	-1.9	+1.9
Northeast	39,500	+1.0%	+400	+1.3%	+500	4.8	-0.8	-1.2
Thompson-Okanagan	270,000	-0.1%	-300	-2.5%	-6,900	7.4	-0.7	+2.7
Vancouver Island and Coast	383,800	-0.4%	-1,700	-0.1%	-300	7.3	-1.0	+3.0

Record high unemployment rate, by month/year and region

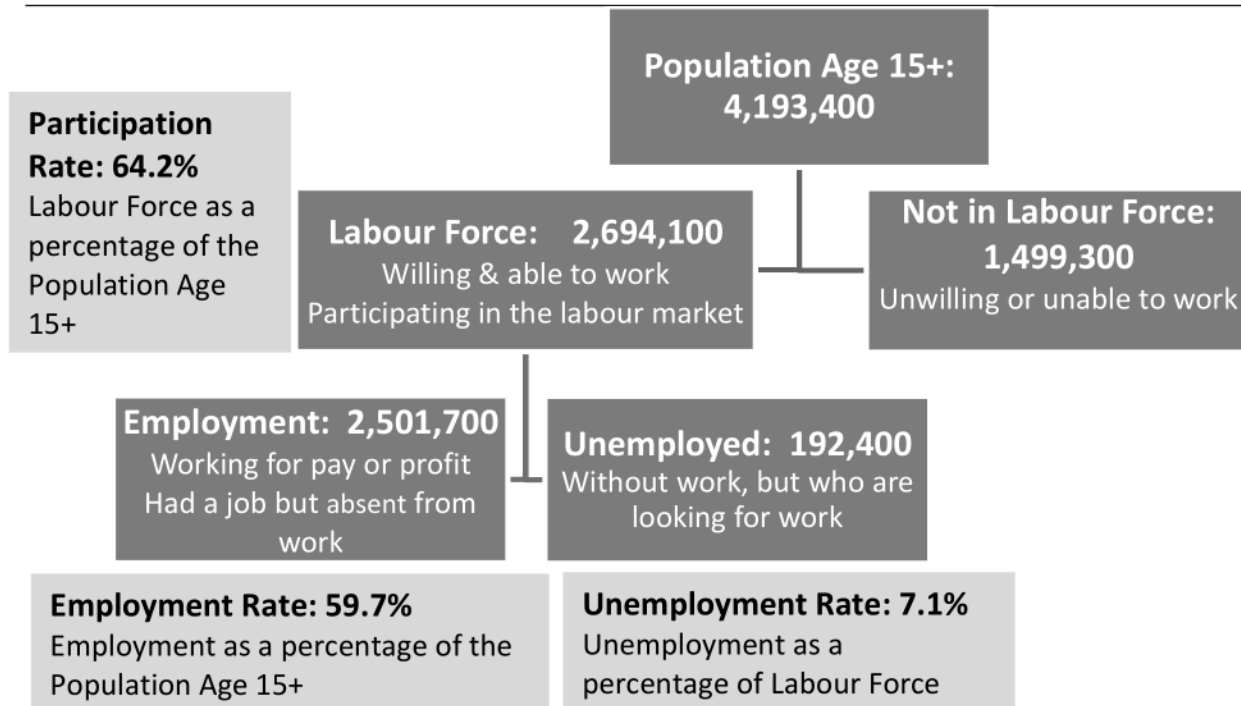
Jul 2020	Lower Mainland-Southwest	12.8
Jun 2020	Kootenay	16.1
	Vancouver Island and Coast	11.7
Jun 2002	Northeast	11.8
May 2002	Cariboo	15.0
	North Coast and Nechako	16.0
Aug 2001	Thompson-Okanagan	10.7

Record low unemployment rate, by month/year and region

Oct 2007	Thompson-Okanagan	3.8
Nov 2007	Cariboo	4.3
Dec 2007	Lower Mainland-Southwest	3.7
	Vancouver Island and Coast	3.4
Jun 2008	Kootenay	2.6
Nov 2012	Northeast	3.5
Jan 2020	North Coast and Nechako	3.5

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Provincial Ranking – Employment Growth: November 2020 relative to November 2019

	Total		Full-Time		Part-Time		Private Sector		Self-Employed		Public Sector	
	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
British Columbia	-1.8%	5	-3.0%	8	2.4%	3	-1.8%	1	-8.6%	10	4.7%	4
Alberta	-5.2%	10	-7.6%	10	5.5%	1	-7.2%	10	-2.2%	5	-0.9%	8
Saskatchewan	-3.6%	9	-2.9%	7	-6.3%	9	-3.7%	7	-7.5%	9	-0.5%	7
Manitoba	-3.1%	8	-2.5%	6	-5.2%	7	-4.1%	8	1.1%	3	-2.5%	9
Ontario	-2.9%	7	-1.9%	5	-7.5%	10	-2.8%	4	-4.0%	6	-2.5%	10
Quebec	-1.2%	4	0.0%	3	-6.2%	8	-3.0%	5	-5.4%	7	6.8%	2
New Brunswick	0.6%	1	0.8%	1	-0.4%	6	-2.4%	3	-6.2%	8	11.1%	1
Nova Scotia	0.4%	2	0.4%	2	0.0%	5	-3.2%	6	7.3%	2	6.4%	3
PEI	-2.1%	6	-3.4%	9	5.0%	2	-7.0%	9	8.7%	1	3.7%	5
NFLD & Labrador	-0.6%	3	-1.2%	4	2.2%	4	-1.9%	2	0.0%	4	1.7%	6

Provincial Ranking – Hourly Wage Growth: November 2020 relative to November 2019

	BC	ALTA	SASK	MAN	ONT	QUE	NB	NS	PEI	NFLD
Wage Growth (%)	5.0%	4.7%	5.8%	5.6%	4.8%	5.4%	3.1%	6.0%	5.5%	4.2%
Rank	6	8	2	3	7	5	10	1	4	9

Provincial Ranking – Unemployment Rate: November 2020

	BC	ALTA	SASK	MAN	ONT	QUE	NB	NS	PEI	NFLD
Unemployment Rate	7.1	11.1	6.9	7.4	9.1	7.2	9.6	6.4	10.2	12.2
Rank	3	9	2	5	6	4	7	1	8	10

Employment and Unemployment Rate

		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:		
	Nov 2020	Oct 2020	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov 2019	Change (#)	Change (%)
Employment (Total)	2,501,700	2,477,800	23,900	1.0%	2,548,500	-46,800	-1.8%
Employment: Full Time and Part Time							
Full Time	1,937,600	1,895,500	42,100	2.2%	1,997,400	-59,800	-3.0%
Part Time	564,100	582,300	-18,200	-3.1%	551,100	13,000	2.4%
Employment: Private Sector, Public Sector and Self-Employment							
Private Sector	1,594,000	1,556,000	38,000	2.4%	1,623,000	-29,000	-1.8%
Public Sector	485,300	487,300	-2,000	-0.4%	463,500	21,800	4.7%
Self-employment	422,400	434,500	-12,100	-2.8%	462,000	-39,600	-8.6%
Unemployment Rate	7.1	8.0	-0.9	n/a	5	2.1	n/a

NOTE: All data above are seasonally adjusted.

BC Regions - Employment

		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:		
	Nov 2020	Oct 2020	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov 2019	Change (#)	Change (%)
Vancouver Island/Coast	383,800	385,500	-1,700	-0.4%	384,100	-300	-0.1%
Mainland/Southwest	1,597,400	1,563,700	33,700	2.2%	1,666,300	-68,900	-4.1%
Thompson/Okanagan	270,000	270,300	-300	-0.1%	276,900	-6,900	-2.5%
Kootenay	71,200	72,300	-1,100	-1.5%	69,700	1,500	2.2%
Cariboo	78,200	79,100	-900	-1.1%	79,700	-1,500	-1.9%
North Coast & Nechako	39,200	39,400	-200	-0.5%	42,300	-3,100	-7.3%
Northeast	39,500	39,100	400	1.0%	39,000	500	1.3%

NOTE: Regional data are 3-month moving averages, not seasonally adjusted.

BC Regions – Unemployment Rate

		Compared to Last Month:		Compared to 1 Year Ago:	
	Nov 2020	Oct 2020	Change (#)	Nov 2019	Change (#)
Vancouver Island/Coast	7.3	8.3	-1.0	4.3	3.0
Mainland/Southwest	7.8	9.4	-1.6	4.8	3.0
Thompson/Okanagan	7.4	8.1	-0.7	4.7	2.7
Kootenay	6.2	7.8	-1.6	4.8	1.4
Cariboo	9.8	10.5	-0.7	6.8	3.0
North Coast & Nechako	6.0	7.9	-1.9	4.1	1.9
Northeast	4.8	5.6	-0.8	6.0	-1.2

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Provincial Average Hourly Wage Rate

	Nov 2020	Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:		
		Oct 2020	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov 2019	Change (#)	Change (%)
British Columbia	29.94	29.80	0.14	0.5%	28.52	1.42	5.0%
Alberta	32.93	32.43	0.50	1.5%	31.45	1.48	4.7%
Saskatchewan	29.28	29.34	-0.06	-0.2%	27.68	1.60	5.8%
Manitoba	27.15	26.34	0.81	3.1%	25.70	1.45	5.6%
Ontario	30.08	30.50	-0.42	-1.4%	28.69	1.39	4.8%
Quebec	28.77	28.75	0.02	0.1%	27.29	1.48	5.4%
New Brunswick	24.57	24.84	-0.27	-1.1%	23.84	0.73	3.1%
Nova Scotia	25.43	25.78	-0.35	-1.4%	23.98	1.45	6.0%
Prince Edward Island	24.68	24.37	0.31	1.3%	23.39	1.29	5.5%
NFLD & Labrador	27.42	27.70	-0.28	-1.0%	26.32	1.10	4.2%
Canada	29.68	29.75	-0.07	-0.2%	28.28	1.40	5.0%

NOTE: Wage data are not seasonally adjusted.

BC Average Hourly Wage Rate – by Industry

	Nov 2020	Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:		
		Oct 2020	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov 2019	Change (#)	Change (%)
All Industries	29.94	29.80	0.14	0.5%	28.52	1.42	5.0%
Goods Producing Industries	31.43	31.66	-0.23	-0.7%	30.96	0.47	1.5%
Agriculture	21.93	22.28	-0.35	-1.6%	21.25	0.68	3.2%
Forestry, fishing, mining ¹ , oil & gas	38.30	38.55	-0.25	-0.6%	38.18	0.12	0.3%
Utilities	37.21	38.16	-0.95	-2.5%	46.99	-9.78	-20.8%
Construction	31.56	30.57	0.99	3.2%	30.86	0.70	2.3%
Manufacturing	30.04	31.63	-1.59	-5.0%	29.27	0.77	2.6%
Services Producing Industries	29.60	29.37	0.23	0.8%	28.00	1.60	5.7%
Wholesale and retail trade	23.81	23.30	0.51	2.2%	23.40	0.41	1.8%
Transportation and warehousing	31.70	33.61	-1.91	-5.7%	28.00	3.70	13.2%
FIRE ² , rental and leasing	34.00	33.26	0.74	2.2%	32.64	1.36	4.2%
Professional, scientific, and technical	35.74	34.86	0.88	2.5%	36.28	-0.54	-1.5%
Business, building and other support	25.19	27.17	-1.98	-7.3%	21.02	4.17	19.8%
Educational services	35.50	34.32	1.18	3.4%	34.38	1.12	3.3%
Health care and social assistance	30.70	30.12	0.58	1.9%	28.73	1.97	6.9%
Information, culture, and recreation	33.23	32.36	0.87	2.7%	29.08	4.15	14.3%
Accommodation and food services	19.11	19.09	0.02	0.1%	17.27	1.84	10.7%
Other (except public administration)	23.51	23.90	-0.39	-1.6%	24.50	-0.99	-4.0%
Public administration	38.65	38.45	0.20	0.5%	37.03	1.62	4.4%

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¹ Including quarrying

² Finance, Insurance and Real Estate

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Headline Indicators and Provincial Comparisons

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B.C. Employment and Unemployment Rate – November 2020 relative to last month and February 2020

		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to February 2020:		
	Nov 2020	Oct 2020	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb 2020	Change (#)	Change (%)
Employment (Total)	2,501,700	2,477,800	23,900	1.0%	2,539,100	-37,400	-1.5%
Employment: Full Time and Part Time							
Full Time	1,937,600	1,895,500	42,100	2.2%	1,994,500	-56,900	-2.9%
Part Time	564,100	582,300	-18,200	-3.1%	544,600	19,500	3.6%
Employment: Private Sector, Public Sector and Self-Employment							
Private Sector	1,594,000	1,556,000	38,000	2.4%	1,625,000	-31,000	-1.9%
Public Sector	485,300	487,300	-2,000	-0.4%	463,400	21,900	4.7%
Self-employment	422,400	434,500	-12,100	-2.8%	450,600	-28,200	-6.3%
Unemployment Rate	7.1	8.0	-0.9	n/a	5	2.1	n/a

Provincial Ranking – Employment Growth: November 2020 relative to February 2020

	Total		Full-Time		Part-Time		Private Sector		Self-Employed		Public Sector	
	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
British Columbia	-1.5%	4	-2.9%	6	3.6%	2	-1.9%	1	-6.3%	9	4.7%	5
Alberta	-4.9%	10	-6.5%	10	2.5%	4	-6.5%	9	-4.3%	5	0.5%	7
Saskatchewan	-3.5%	7	-2.9%	8	-6.3%	9	-4.6%	4	-3.8%	4	-0.9%	8
Manitoba	-4.8%	9	-2.0%	5	-15.2%	10	-5.1%	7	-3.7%	3	-4.6%	10
Ontario	-3.3%	6	-2.9%	7	-5.1%	6	-3.3%	3	-4.6%	7	-2.3%	9
Quebec	-2.5%	5	-1.8%	3	-5.9%	7	-4.6%	5	-4.6%	6	4.9%	4
New Brunswick	-1.1%	3	-1.9%	4	3.3%	3	-5.7%	8	-6.9%	10	13.5%	1
Nova Scotia	-0.5%	2	0.8%	1	-6.0%	8	-4.8%	6	3.0%	1	9.3%	2
PEI	-4.0%	8	-5.5%	9	4.1%	1	-6.8%	10	-5.1%	8	2.3%	6
NFLD & Labrador	0.5%	1	0.4%	2	1.3%	5	-2.6%	2	-3.3%	2	8.4%	3

Provincial Ranking – Hourly Wage Growth: November 2020 relative to last month and February 2020

	BC	ALTA	SASK	MAN	ONT	QUE	NB	NS	PEI	NFLD
From Sep 2020	0.5%	1.5%	-0.2%	3.1%	-1.4%	0.1%	-1.1%	-1.4%	1.3%	-1.0%
Rank	4	2	6	1	10	5	8	9	3	7
From February 2020	2.8%	3.0%	3.4%	6.4%	3.2%	4.8%	3.2%	5.9%	2.3%	0.3%
Rank	8	7	4	1	6	3	5	2	9	10

Provincial Ranking – Unemployment Rate: November 2020 and February 2020

	BC	ALTA	SASK	MAN	ONT	QUE	NB	NS	PEI	NFLD
November 2020	7.1	11.1	6.9	7.4	9.1	7.2	9.6	6.4	10.2	12.2
Rank	3	9	2	5	6	4	7	1	8	10
February 2020	5.0	7.2	6.2	5.0	5.5	4.5	6.9	7.8	8.0	12.0
Rank	2	7	5	2	4	1	6	8	9	10

BC Regions – Employment relative to last month and February 2020

	Nov 2020	Compared to Last Month:			Compared to February 2020:		
		Oct 2020	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb 2020	Change (#)	Change (%)
Vancouver Island/Coast	383,800	385,500	-1,700	-0.4%	374,900	8,900	2.4%
Mainland/Southwest	1,597,400	1,563,700	33,700	2.2%	1,655,100	-57,700	-3.5%
Thompson/Okanagan	270,000	270,300	-300	-0.1%	262,800	7,200	2.7%
Kootenay	71,200	72,300	-1,100	-1.5%	69,700	1,500	2.2%
Cariboo	78,200	79,100	-900	-1.1%	75,400	2,800	3.7%
North Coast & Nechako	39,200	39,400	-200	-0.5%	39,900	-700	-1.8%
Northeast	39,500	39,100	400	1.0%	39,300	200	0.5%

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BC Regions – Unemployment Rate relative to last month and February 2020

	Nov 2020	Compared to Last Month:		Compared to February 2020:	
		Oct 2020	Change (#)	Feb 2020	Change (#)
Vancouver Island/Coast	7.3	8.3	-1.0	5.3	2.0
Mainland/Southwest	7.8	9.4	-1.6	4.3	3.5
Thompson/Okanagan	7.4	8.1	-0.7	6.3	1.1
Kootenay	6.2	7.8	-1.6	4.0	2.2
Cariboo	9.8	10.5	-0.7	7.8	2.0
North Coast & Nechako	6.0	7.9	-1.9	4.5	1.5
Northeast	4.8	5.6	-0.8	n/a	n/a

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Headline Indicators by Age and Gender

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BC Employment - by Gender and Age Group										
		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:			Compared to Feb-20:		
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov-19	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb-20	Change (#)	Change (%)
Total Employment	2,501,700	2,477,800	23,900	1.0%	2,548,500	-46,800	-1.8%	2,539,100	-37,400	-1.5%
Gender										
Females	1,193,700	1,196,300	-2,600	-0.2%	1,215,000	-21,300	-1.8%	1,209,800	-16,100	-1.3%
Males	1,308,000	1,281,500	26,500	2.1%	1,333,500	-25,500	-1.9%	1,329,300	-21,300	-1.6%
Age Group										
15 to 24	313,000	307,700	5,300	1.7%	341,900	-28,900	-8.5%	341,100	-28,100	-8.2%
25 to 54	1,630,700	1,607,100	23,600	1.5%	1,626,500	4,200	0.3%	1,625,900	4,800	0.3%
55 years and over	558,000	563,000	-5,000	-0.9%	580,200	-22,200	-3.8%	572,100	-14,100	-2.5%
Age Group by Gender										
15 to 24										
Females	152,800	151,500	1,300	0.9%	170,500	-17,700	-10.4%	169,100	-16,300	-9.6%
Males	160,100	156,200	3,900	2.5%	171,400	-11,300	-6.6%	172,100	-12,000	-7.0%
25 to 54										
Females	792,500	785,400	7,100	0.9%	782,600	9,900	1.3%	787,200	5,300	0.7%
Males	838,200	821,700	16,500	2.0%	843,900	-5,700	-0.7%	838,600	-400	0.0%
55 years & over										
Females	248,300	259,400	-11,100	-4.3%	262,000	-13,700	-5.2%	253,500	-5,200	-2.1%
Males	309,700	303,600	6,100	2.0%	318,300	-8,600	-2.7%	318,600	-8,900	-2.8%

BC Unemployment - by Gender and Age Group										
		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:			Compared to Feb-20:		
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov-19	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb-20	Change (#)	Change (%)
Total Unemployment	192,400	215,000	-22,600	-10.5%	134,500	57,900	43.0%	134,700	57,700	42.8%
Gender										
Females	80,800	86,900	-6,100	-7.0%	65,200	15,600	23.9%	61,400	19,400	31.6%
Males	111,600	128,100	-16,500	-12.9%	69,400	42,200	60.8%	73,300	38,300	52.3%
Age Group										
15 to 24	51,300	57,000	-5,700	-10.0%	35,900	15,400	42.9%	34,100	17,200	50.4%
25 to 54	102,500	119,400	-16,900	-14.2%	74,900	27,600	36.8%	68,800	33,700	49.0%
55 years & over	38,600	38,600	0	0.0%	23,800	14,800	62.2%	31,900	6,700	21.0%
Age Group by Gender										
15 to 24										
Females	19,100	22,800	-3,700	-16.2%	20,200	-1,100	-5.4%	12,300	6,800	55.3%
Males	32,300	34,200	-1,900	-5.6%	15,700	16,600	105.7%	21,800	10,500	48.2%
25 to 54										
Females	46,000	51,100	-5,100	-10.0%	32,200	13,800	42.9%	33,300	12,700	38.1%
Males	56,500	68,300	-11,800	-17.3%	42,600	13,900	32.6%	35,500	21,000	59.2%
55 years & over										
Females	15,700	13,000	2,700	20.8%	12,700	3,000	23.6%	15,800	-100	-0.6%
Males	22,800	25,600	-2,800	-10.9%	11,100	11,700	105.4%	16,000	6,800	42.5%

BC Labour Force - by Gender and Age Group										
		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:			Compared to Feb-20:		
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov-19	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb-20	Change (#)	Change (%)
Total Labour Force	2,694,100	2,692,800	1,300	0.0%	2,683,100	11,000	0.4%	2,673,800	20,300	0.8%
Gender										
Females	1,274,500	1,283,200	-8,700	-0.7%	1,280,200	-5,700	-0.4%	1,271,200	3,300	0.3%
Males	1,419,600	1,409,500	10,100	0.7%	1,402,900	16,700	1.2%	1,402,600	17,000	1.2%
Age Group										
15 to 24	364,300	364,700	-400	-0.1%	377,700	-13,400	-3.5%	375,200	-10,900	-2.9%
25 to 54	1,733,200	1,726,500	6,700	0.4%	1,701,300	31,900	1.9%	1,694,600	38,600	2.3%
55 years & over	596,600	601,600	-5,000	-0.8%	604,000	-7,400	-1.2%	604,000	-7,400	-1.2%
Age Group by Gender										
15 to 24										
Females	171,900	174,300	-2,400	-1.4%	190,600	-18,700	-9.8%	181,400	-9,500	-5.2%
Males	192,400	190,400	2,000	1.1%	187,100	5,300	2.8%	193,800	-1,400	-0.7%
25 to 54										
Females	838,500	836,400	2,100	0.3%	814,900	23,600	2.9%	820,500	18,000	2.2%
Males	894,700	890,000	4,700	0.5%	886,500	8,200	0.9%	874,100	20,600	2.4%
55 years & over										
Females	264,100	272,500	-8,400	-3.1%	274,700	-10,600	-3.9%	269,300	-5,200	-1.9%
Males	332,500	329,200	3,300	1.0%	329,300	3,200	1.0%	334,700	-2,200	-0.7%

BC Unemployment Rate - by Gender and Age Group										
		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:			Compared to Feb-20:		
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov-19	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb-20	Change (#)	Change (%)
Total Unemployment Rate	7.1	8.0	-0.9	..	5.0	2.1	..	5.0	2.1	..
Gender										
Females	6.3	6.8	-0.5	..	5.1	1.2	..	4.8	1.5	..
Males	7.9	9.1	-1.2	..	4.9	3.0	..	5.2	2.7	..
Age Group										
15 to 24	14.1	15.6	-1.5	..	9.5	4.6	..	9.1	5.0	..
25 to 54	5.9	6.9	-1.0	..	4.4	1.5	..	4.1	1.8	..
55 years & over	6.5	6.4	0.1	..	3.9	2.6	..	5.3	1.2	..
Age Group by Gender										
15 to 24										
Females	11.1	13.1	-2.0	..	10.6	0.5	..	6.8	4.3	..
Males	16.8	18.0	-1.2	..	8.4	8.4	..	11.2	5.6	..
25 to 54										
Females	5.5	6.1	-0.6	..	4.0	1.5	..	4.1	1.4	..
Males	6.3	7.7	-1.4	..	4.8	1.5	..	4.1	2.2	..
55 years & over										
Females	5.9	4.8	1.1	..	4.6	1.3	..	5.9	0.0	..
Males	6.9	7.8	-0.9	..	3.4	3.5	..	4.8	2.1	..

BC Not in Labour Force - by Gender and Age Group										
		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:			Compared to February 2020		
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov-19	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb-20	Change (#)	Change (%)
Total Not in Labour Force	1,499,300	1,496,600	2,700	0.2%	1,446,200	53,100	3.7%	1,472,700	26,600	1.8%
Gender										
Females	852,300	841,600	10,700	1.3%	815,100	37,200	4.6%	832,800	19,500	2.3%
Males	647,000	655,000	-8,000	-1.2%	631,000	16,000	2.5%	639,900	7,100	1.1%
Age Group										
15 to 24	232,100	231,800	300	0.1%	216,300	15,800	7.3%	220,400	11,700	5.3%
25 to 54	235,800	240,700	-4,900	-2.0%	238,900	-3,100	-1.3%	253,200	-17,400	-6.9%
55 years & over	1,031,400	1,024,100	7,300	0.7%	991,100	40,300	4.1%	999,100	32,300	3.2%
Age Group by Gender										
15 to 24										
Females	117,900	115,600	2,300	2.0%	97,800	20,100	20.6%	107,900	10,000	9.3%
Males	114,100	116,200	-2,100	-1.8%	118,400	-4,300	-3.6%	112,500	1,600	1.4%
25 to 54										
Females	154,000	155,300	-1,300	-0.8%	165,400	-11,400	-6.9%	163,300	-9,300	-5.7%
Males	81,800	85,500	-3,700	-4.3%	73,400	8,400	11.4%	89,900	-8,100	-9.0%
55 years & over										
Females	580,400	570,700	9,700	1.7%	551,900	28,500	5.2%	561,700	18,700	3.3%
Males	451,100	453,300	-2,200	-0.5%	439,200	11,900	2.7%	437,500	13,600	3.1%

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Employment by Industry and Occupation

November 2020

BC Employment – by Industry										
		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:			Compared to Feb-20:		
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov-19	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb-20	Change (#)	Change (%)
All Industries	2,501,700	2,477,800	23,900	1.0%	2,548,500	-46,800	-1.8%	2,539,100	-37,400	-1.5%
Goods Industries	471,900	470,300	1,600	0.3%	474,300	-2,400	-0.5%	479,600	-7,700	-1.6%
Agriculture	30,700	33,000	-2,300	-7.0%	27,500	3,200	11.6%	26,900	3,800	14.1%
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	47,500	43,000	4,500	10.5%	41,300	6,200	15.0%	38,200	9,300	24.3%
Utilities	18,800	20,500	-1,700	-8.3%	11,800	7,000	59.3%	14,800	4,000	27.0%
Construction	205,700	200,000	5,700	2.9%	232,800	-27,100	-11.6%	240,100	-34,400	-14.3%
Manufacturing	169,200	173,900	-4,700	-2.7%	160,900	8,300	5.2%	159,700	9,500	5.9%
Services-producing sector	2,029,800	2,007,500	22,300	1.1%	2,074,300	-44,500	-2.1%	2,059,500	-29,700	-1.4%
Wholesale and retail trade	376,800	370,600	6,200	1.7%	393,300	-16,500	-4.2%	403,300	-26,500	-6.6%
Transportation and warehousing	130,400	124,100	6,300	5.1%	138,100	-7,700	-5.6%	138,000	-7,600	-5.5%
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	163,000	165,000	-2,000	-1.2%	169,800	-6,800	-4.0%	162,700	300	0.2%
Professional, scientific and technical services	233,800	229,500	4,300	1.9%	223,500	10,300	4.6%	216,700	17,100	7.9%
Business, building and other support services	103,900	103,100	800	0.8%	107,000	-3,100	-2.9%	109,900	-6,000	-5.5%
Educational services	184,100	182,600	1,500	0.8%	185,300	-1,200	-0.6%	176,100	8,000	4.5%
Health care and social assistance	316,600	318,300	-1,700	-0.5%	305,300	11,300	3.7%	311,700	4,900	1.6%
Information, culture and recreation	111,300	115,700	-4,400	-3.8%	121,100	-9,800	-8.1%	118,200	-6,900	-5.8%
Accommodation and food services	187,900	180,600	7,300	4.0%	194,200	-6,300	-3.2%	195,100	-7,200	-3.7%
Other services (except public administration)	103,000	102,800	200	0.2%	114,600	-11,600	-10.1%	114,900	-11,900	-10.4%
Public administration	119,100	115,300	3,800	3.3%	122,100	-3,000	-2.5%	112,800	6,300	5.6%

BC Employment - by Occupation

	Nov-20	Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:			Compared to February 2020:		
		Oct-20	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov-19	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb-20	Change (#)	Change (%)
Total, all occupations 7	2,479,300	2,449,400	29,900	1.2%	2,558,200	-78,900	-3.2%	2,517,100	-37,800	-1.5%
Management occupations	237,600	236,600	1,000	0.4%	245,500	-7,900	-3.3%	241,500	-3,800	-1.6%
Business, finance and administration occupations	398,600	399,600	-1,000	-0.3%	395,000	3,600	0.9%	386,300	12,300	3.2%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	238,300	228,300	10,000	4.4%	195,500	42,800	18.0%	199,000	39,300	19.7%
Health occupations	185,300	192,400	-7,100	-3.7%	188,700	-3,400	-1.8%	186,300	-900	-0.5%
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	265,600	246,800	18,900	7.6%	273,000	-7,300	-2.8%	273,300	-7,600	-2.8%
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	81,400	84,600	-3,200	-3.8%	96,300	-14,900	-18.3%	94,700	-13,300	-14.1%
Sales and service occupations	596,300	583,900	12,400	2.1%	648,800	-52,500	-8.8%	646,600	-50,300	-7.8%
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	334,500	334,300	200	0.1%	373,100	-38,600	-11.5%	372,300	-37,800	-10.2%
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	58,600	59,800	-1,200	-2.0%	55,300	3,200	5.5%	45,800	12,700	27.8%
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	83,000	83,200	-100	-0.2%	87,000	-3,900	-4.7%	71,200	11,800	16.6%

NOTE: Occupation data are 3-month moving averages, not seasonally adjusted.

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BC EMPLOYMENT GAINS/LOSSES

	This month	M/M	Y/Y
Employment	2,501,700	+23,900	-46,800
Full-time employment	1,937,600	+42,100	-59,800
Part-time employment	564,100	-18,200	+13,000
Private sector employees	1,594,000	+38,000	-29,000
Public sector employees	485,300	-2,000	+21,800
Self-employed	422,400	-12,100	-39,600

EMPLOYMENT GAINS/LOSSES BY PROVINCE

Manitoba	-18,100	
Alberta	-10,800	
Saskatchewan	-2,800	Canada: +62,100
Prince Edward Island	1,000	
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,300	
New Brunswick	4,200	
Nova Scotia	10,000	
Quebec	15,700	
British Columbia	23,900	
Ontario	36,600	

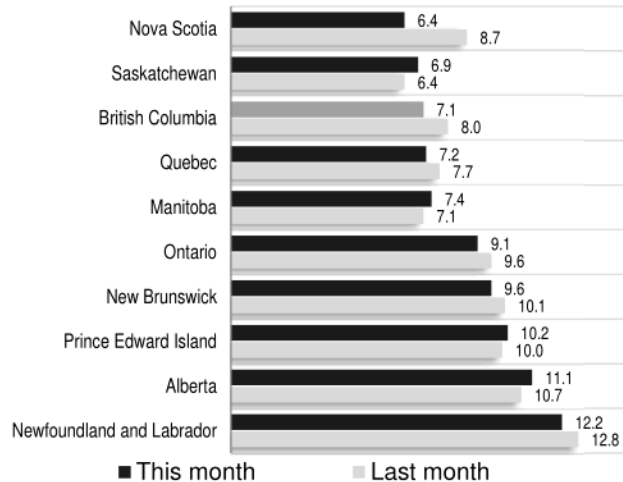
BC EMPLOYMENT GAINS/LOSSES BY AGE/SEX

	This month	M/M	Y/Y
15 to 24 years	313,000	+5,300	-28,900
25 to 54 years	1,630,700	+23,600	+4,200
55 years and over	558,000	-5,000	-22,200
Females	1,193,700	-2,600	-21,300
Males	1,308,000	+26,500	-25,500

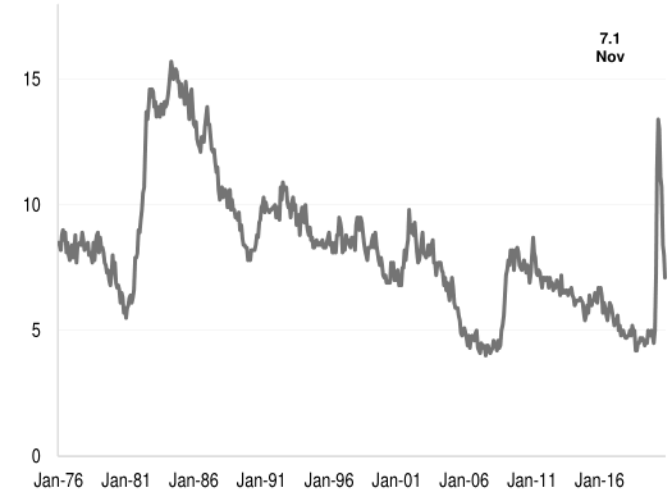
BC UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY AGE/SEX

	This month	M/M	Y/Y
15 to 24 years	14.1	-1.5	+4.6
25 to 54 years	5.9	-1.0	+1.5
55 years and over	6.5	+0.1	+2.6
Females	6.3	-0.5	+1.2
Males	7.9	-1.2	+3.0

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY PROVINCE



BC UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



As of December 4, 2020

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BC EMPLOYMENT GAINS/LOSSES BY INDUSTRY

EMPLOYMENT

Construction	205,700
Other services (except public...)	103,000
Information, culture and recreation	111,300
Transportation and warehousing	130,400
Wholesale and retail trade	376,800
Finance, insurance, real estate & leasing	163,000
Accommodation and food services	187,900
Business, building and other supports	103,900
Public administration	119,100
Educational services	184,100
Health care and social assistance	316,600
Professional, scientific and technical...	233,800
Manufacturing	169,200
Agriculture	30,700
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil...	47,500
Utilities	18,800

M/M

	+5,700
	+200
	-4,400
	+6,300
	+6,200
	-2,000
	+7,300
	+800
	+3,800
	+1,500
	-1,700
	+4,300
	-4,700
	-2,300
	+4,500
	-1,700

Y/Y %

	-11.6%
	-10.1%
	-8.1%
	-5.6%
	-4.2%
	-4.0%
	-3.2%
	-2.9%
	-2.5%
	-0.6%
	+3.7%
	+4.6%
	+5.2%
	+11.6%
	+15.0%
	+59.3%

AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE BY PROVINCE

Alberta	\$32.93
Ontario	\$30.08
British Columbia	\$29.94
Saskatchewan	\$29.28
Quebec	\$28.77
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$27.42
Manitoba	\$27.15
Nova Scotia	\$25.43
Prince Edward Island	\$24.68
New Brunswick	\$24.57
National Average \$29.68	

REGION Unemployment rates (3mma , seasonally unadjusted)

	This month	M/M	Y/Y
Cariboo	9.8	-0.7 ppts	+3.0 ppts
Kootenay	6.2	-1.6 ppts	+1.4 ppts
Lower Mainland/Southwest	7.8	-1.6 ppts	+3.0 ppts
North Coast/Nechako	6.0	-1.9 ppts	+1.9 ppts
Northeast	4.8	-0.8 ppts	-1.2 ppts
Thompson-Okanagan	7.4	-0.7 ppts	+2.7 ppts
Vancouver Island/Coast	7.3	-1.0 ppts	+3.0 ppts

Employment (3mma , seasonally unadjusted)

	This month	M/M	Y/Y	Y/Y%
	78,200	-900	-1,500	-1.9%
	71,200	-1,100	+1,500	+2.2%
	1,597,400	+33,700	-68,900	-4.1%
	39,200	-200	-3,100	-7.3%
	39,500	+400	+500	+1.3%
	270,000	-300	-6,900	-2.5%
	383,800	-1,700	-300	-0.1%

Record High UR (3mma)

May-2002	15.0
June-2020	16.1
July-2020	12.8
May-2002	16.0
June-2002	11.8
May-2002	10.7
June-2020	11.7

Record Low UR (3mma)

November-2007	4.3
June-2008	2.6
February-2008	3.7
January-2020	3.5
November-2012	3.5
October-2007	3.8
December-2007	3.4

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Good morning,

Statistics Canada released November 2020 Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates this morning for the reference week of November 8th to November 14th.

Along with the standard LFS summary, attached is a COVID supplement which includes comparisons to February 2020 for the province with provincial rankings.

COVID impacts

- **TOTAL EMPLOYMENT** in BC was 2,444,300 in November up 1.0% (+23,900) from October and combined with gains of 35,200 from May to October, BC employment now **totals 98.5% of it's pre-COVID February level**;
- Since February, **FULL-TIME employment** in BC decreased by 2.9% (-56,900) while **PART-TIME employment** in BC increased by 3.6% (+19,500).
- The number of British Columbians who were employed but worked less than half their usual hours for reasons likely related to COVID-19 dropped by 20,500 (-12.0%) in November;
- Combined with declines recorded from May to October, this left COVID-related absences from work at 29,900 (+24.9%) above February levels;

Presented below are a few provincial comparisons for the year-over-year change from **November 2019 to November 2020**:

- TOTAL employment in BC decreased by 1.8% (-46,800) from 12 months ago. All but two provinces posted decreases in employment with Ontario posting a decline of 2.9% and Alberta a decrease of 5.2%.
- FULL-TIME employment in BC decreased by 3.0% (-59,800). Full-time employment dropped in all except two provinces with Ontario down 1.9% and Alberta down 7.6%.

- PART-TIME employment in BC increased by 2.4% (+13,000). Nearly half of the provinces posted declines in part-time employment, including Ontario (-7.5%). Part-time employment grew in Alberta (+5.5%).
- PRIVATE SECTOR employment in BC decreased by 1.8% (-29,000). All provinces saw private sector employment decline with Ontario dropping by 2.8% and Alberta down 7.2%.
- SELF-EMPLOYMENT in BC decreased by 8.6% (-39,600). Self-employment in Alberta was down by 2.2%, and Ontario was down 4.0%.
- PUBLIC SECTOR employment in BC increased by 4.7% (+21,800). Alberta decreased by 0.9% and Ontario decreased by 2.5%.
- The UNEMPLOYMENT RATE in BC now stands at 7.1%. Nova Scotia (6.4%) had the lowest unemployment rate, while it was 9.1% in Ontario, and 11.1% in Alberta.
 - Since November 2019, BC's unemployment rate has increased by 2.1 percentage points (from 5.0%). Over the period November 2019 to November 2020, Alberta's unemployment rate increased by 3.9 percentage points (from 7.2%), and Ontario's increased by 3.6 percentage points (from 5.5%).
- The AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE in BC was \$29.94 in November, while in Alberta it was \$32.93 and in Ontario it was \$30.08.
 - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGES in BC increased by 5.0% (+\$1.42) since November 2019. Similarly, wages were up 4.8% in Ontario and 4.7% in Alberta.

Presented below are a few provincial comparisons for the change from **January 2020 to November 2020**:

- TOTAL employment in BC decreased by 1.7% (-43,900) from January 2020. All but two provinces posted declines with Ontario down by 3.4% and Alberta down 4.4%.
- FULL-TIME employment in BC decreased by 2.7% (-53,500) since January 2020. Full-time employment was lower in all except one province, with Ontario falling 2.6% and Alberta decreasing by 6.4%.
- PRIVATE SECTOR employment in BC decreased by 1.9% (-31,500) compared to January 2020. Private sector employment dropped in all provinces with Ontario down by 3.7% and Alberta declining by 5.4%.
- AVERAGE HOURLY WAGES in BC increased 3.9% (+\$1.11) since January 2020. Similarly, wages grew in Alberta (+3.6%) and Ontario (+3.3%).
- Compared to January 2020, BC's unemployment rate increased by 2.6 percentage points (from 4.5%). Over the period January 2020 to November 2020, all but one province reported increases in their unemployment rates with an increase of 3.8 points (from 7.3%) for Alberta and 3.9 points (from 5.2%) for Ontario.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Jackie

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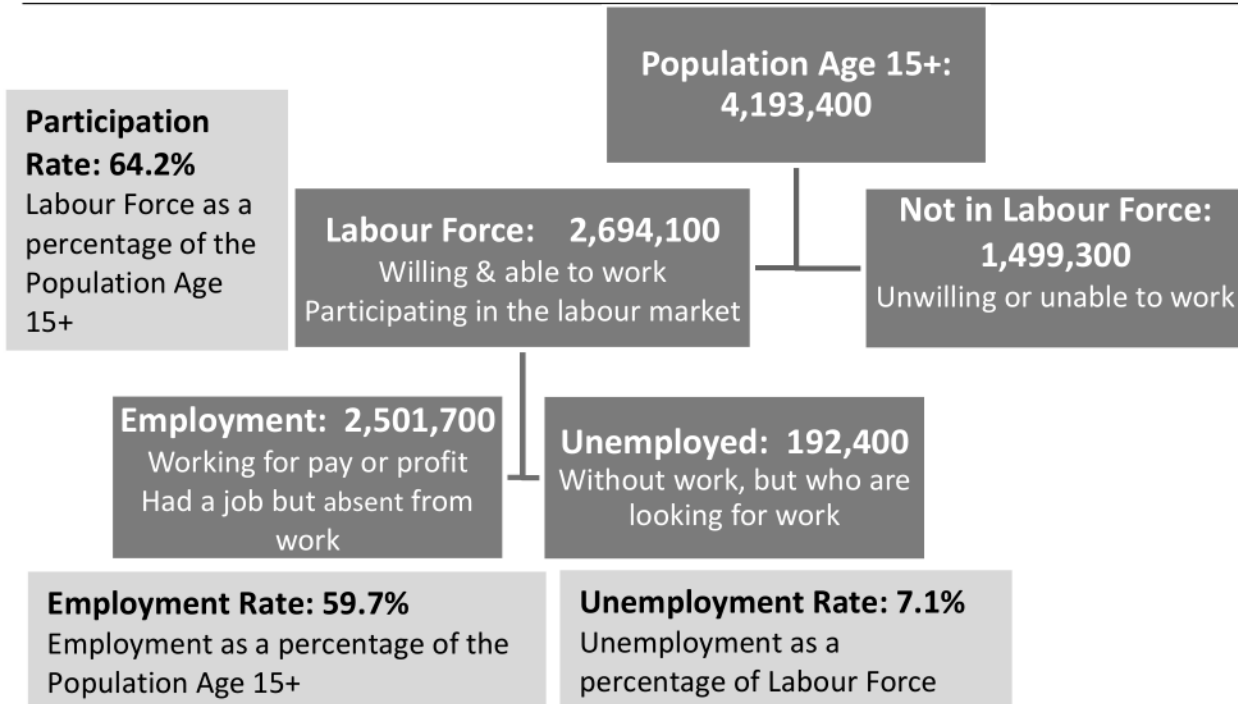
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November 2020



Provincial Ranking – Employment Growth: November 2020 relative to November 2019

	Total		Full-Time		Part-Time		Private Sector		Self-Employed		Public Sector	
	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
British Columbia	-1.8%	5	-3.0%	8	2.4%	3	-1.8%	1	-8.6%	10	4.7%	4
Alberta	-5.2%	10	-7.6%	10	5.5%	1	-7.2%	10	-2.2%	5	-0.9%	8
Saskatchewan	-3.6%	9	-2.9%	7	-6.3%	9	-3.7%	7	-7.5%	9	-0.5%	7
Manitoba	-3.1%	8	-2.5%	6	-5.2%	7	-4.1%	8	1.1%	3	-2.5%	9
Ontario	-2.9%	7	-1.9%	5	-7.5%	10	-2.8%	4	-4.0%	6	-2.5%	10
Quebec	-1.2%	4	0.0%	3	-6.2%	8	-3.0%	5	-5.4%	7	6.8%	2
New Brunswick	0.6%	1	0.8%	1	-0.4%	6	-2.4%	3	-6.2%	8	11.1%	1
Nova Scotia	0.4%	2	0.4%	2	0.0%	5	-3.2%	6	7.3%	2	6.4%	3
PEI	-2.1%	6	-3.4%	9	5.0%	2	-7.0%	9	8.7%	1	3.7%	5
NFLD & Labrador	-0.6%	3	-1.2%	4	2.2%	4	-1.9%	2	0.0%	4	1.7%	6

Provincial Ranking – Hourly Wage Growth: November 2020 relative to November 2019

	BC	ALTA	SASK	MAN	ONT	QUE	NB	NS	PEI	NFLD
Wage Growth (%)	5.0%	4.7%	5.8%	5.6%	4.8%	5.4%	3.1%	6.0%	5.5%	4.2%
Rank	6	8	2	3	7	5	10	1	4	9

Provincial Ranking – Unemployment Rate: November 2020

	BC	ALTA	SASK	MAN	ONT	QUE	NB	NS	PEI	NFLD
Unemployment Rate	7.1	11.1	6.9	7.4	9.1	7.2	9.6	6.4	10.2	12.2
Rank	3	9	2	5	6	4	7	1	8	10

Employment and Unemployment Rate

		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:		
	Nov 2020	Oct 2020	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov 2019	Change (#)	Change (%)
Employment (Total)	2,501,700	2,477,800	23,900	1.0%	2,548,500	-46,800	-1.8%
Employment: Full Time and Part Time							
Full Time	1,937,600	1,895,500	42,100	2.2%	1,997,400	-59,800	-3.0%
Part Time	564,100	582,300	-18,200	-3.1%	551,100	13,000	2.4%
Employment: Private Sector, Public Sector and Self-Employment							
Private Sector	1,594,000	1,556,000	38,000	2.4%	1,623,000	-29,000	-1.8%
Public Sector	485,300	487,300	-2,000	-0.4%	463,500	21,800	4.7%
Self-employment	422,400	434,500	-12,100	-2.8%	462,000	-39,600	-8.6%
Unemployment Rate	7.1	8.0	-0.9	n/a	5	2.1	n/a

NOTE: All data above are seasonally adjusted.

BC Regions - Employment

		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:		
	Nov 2020	Oct 2020	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov 2019	Change (#)	Change (%)
Vancouver Island/Coast	383,800	385,500	-1,700	-0.4%	384,100	-300	-0.1%
Mainland/Southwest	1,597,400	1,563,700	33,700	2.2%	1,666,300	-68,900	-4.1%
Thompson/Okanagan	270,000	270,300	-300	-0.1%	276,900	-6,900	-2.5%
Kootenay	71,200	72,300	-1,100	-1.5%	69,700	1,500	2.2%
Cariboo	78,200	79,100	-900	-1.1%	79,700	-1,500	-1.9%
North Coast & Nechako	39,200	39,400	-200	-0.5%	42,300	-3,100	-7.3%
Northeast	39,500	39,100	400	1.0%	39,000	500	1.3%

NOTE: Regional data are 3-month moving averages, not seasonally adjusted.

BC Regions – Unemployment Rate

		Compared to Last Month:		Compared to 1 Year Ago:	
	Nov 2020	Oct 2020	Change (#)	Nov 2019	Change (#)
Vancouver Island/Coast	7.3	8.3	-1.0	4.3	3.0
Mainland/Southwest	7.8	9.4	-1.6	4.8	3.0
Thompson/Okanagan	7.4	8.1	-0.7	4.7	2.7
Kootenay	6.2	7.8	-1.6	4.8	1.4
Cariboo	9.8	10.5	-0.7	6.8	3.0
North Coast & Nechako	6.0	7.9	-1.9	4.1	1.9
Northeast	4.8	5.6	-0.8	6.0	-1.2

NOTE: Regional data are 3-month moving averages, not seasonally adjusted.

Provincial Average Hourly Wage Rate

	Nov 2020	Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:		
		Oct 2020	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov 2019	Change (#)	Change (%)
British Columbia	29.94	29.80	0.14	0.5%	28.52	1.42	5.0%
Alberta	32.93	32.43	0.50	1.5%	31.45	1.48	4.7%
Saskatchewan	29.28	29.34	-0.06	-0.2%	27.68	1.60	5.8%
Manitoba	27.15	26.34	0.81	3.1%	25.70	1.45	5.6%
Ontario	30.08	30.50	-0.42	-1.4%	28.69	1.39	4.8%
Quebec	28.77	28.75	0.02	0.1%	27.29	1.48	5.4%
New Brunswick	24.57	24.84	-0.27	-1.1%	23.84	0.73	3.1%
Nova Scotia	25.43	25.78	-0.35	-1.4%	23.98	1.45	6.0%
Prince Edward Island	24.68	24.37	0.31	1.3%	23.39	1.29	5.5%
NFLD & Labrador	27.42	27.70	-0.28	-1.0%	26.32	1.10	4.2%
Canada	29.68	29.75	-0.07	-0.2%	28.28	1.40	5.0%

NOTE: Wage data are not seasonally adjusted.

BC Average Hourly Wage Rate – by Industry

	Nov 2020	Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:		
		Oct 2020	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov 2019	Change (#)	Change (%)
All Industries	29.94	29.80	0.14	0.5%	28.52	1.42	5.0%
Goods Producing Industries	31.43	31.66	-0.23	-0.7%	30.96	0.47	1.5%
Agriculture	21.93	22.28	-0.35	-1.6%	21.25	0.68	3.2%
Forestry, fishing, mining ¹ , oil & gas	38.30	38.55	-0.25	-0.6%	38.18	0.12	0.3%
Utilities	37.21	38.16	-0.95	-2.5%	46.99	-9.78	-20.8%
Construction	31.56	30.57	0.99	3.2%	30.86	0.70	2.3%
Manufacturing	30.04	31.63	-1.59	-5.0%	29.27	0.77	2.6%
Services Producing Industries	29.60	29.37	0.23	0.8%	28.00	1.60	5.7%
Wholesale and retail trade	23.81	23.30	0.51	2.2%	23.40	0.41	1.8%
Transportation and warehousing	31.70	33.61	-1.91	-5.7%	28.00	3.70	13.2%
FIRE ² , rental and leasing	34.00	33.26	0.74	2.2%	32.64	1.36	4.2%
Professional, scientific, and technical	35.74	34.86	0.88	2.5%	36.28	-0.54	-1.5%
Business, building and other support	25.19	27.17	-1.98	-7.3%	21.02	4.17	19.8%
Educational services	35.50	34.32	1.18	3.4%	34.38	1.12	3.3%
Health care and social assistance	30.70	30.12	0.58	1.9%	28.73	1.97	6.9%
Information, culture, and recreation	33.23	32.36	0.87	2.7%	29.08	4.15	14.3%
Accommodation and food services	19.11	19.09	0.02	0.1%	17.27	1.84	10.7%
Other (except public administration)	23.51	23.90	-0.39	-1.6%	24.50	-0.99	-4.0%
Public administration	38.65	38.45	0.20	0.5%	37.03	1.62	4.4%

NOTE: Wage data are not seasonally adjusted.

¹ Including quarrying

² Finance, Insurance and Real Estate

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B.C. Employment and Unemployment Rate – November 2020 relative to last month and February 2020

		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to February 2020:		
	Nov 2020	Oct 2020	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb 2020	Change (#)	Change (%)
Employment (Total)	2,501,700	2,477,800	23,900	1.0%	2,539,100	-37,400	-1.5%
Employment: Full Time and Part Time							
Full Time	1,937,600	1,895,500	42,100	2.2%	1,994,500	-56,900	-2.9%
Part Time	564,100	582,300	-18,200	-3.1%	544,600	19,500	3.6%
Employment: Private Sector, Public Sector and Self-Employment							
Private Sector	1,594,000	1,556,000	38,000	2.4%	1,625,000	-31,000	-1.9%
Public Sector	485,300	487,300	-2,000	-0.4%	463,400	21,900	4.7%
Self-employment	422,400	434,500	-12,100	-2.8%	450,600	-28,200	-6.3%
Unemployment Rate	7.1	8.0	-0.9	n/a	5	2.1	n/a

Provincial Ranking – Employment Growth: November 2020 relative to February 2020

	Total		Full-Time		Part-Time		Private Sector		Self-Employed		Public Sector	
	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
British Columbia	-1.5%	4	-2.9%	6	3.6%	2	-1.9%	1	-6.3%	9	4.7%	5
Alberta	-4.9%	10	-6.5%	10	2.5%	4	-6.5%	9	-4.3%	5	0.5%	7
Saskatchewan	-3.5%	7	-2.9%	8	-6.3%	9	-4.6%	4	-3.8%	4	-0.9%	8
Manitoba	-4.8%	9	-2.0%	5	-15.2%	10	-5.1%	7	-3.7%	3	-4.6%	10
Ontario	-3.3%	6	-2.9%	7	-5.1%	6	-3.3%	3	-4.6%	7	-2.3%	9
Quebec	-2.5%	5	-1.8%	3	-5.9%	7	-4.6%	5	-4.6%	6	4.9%	4
New Brunswick	-1.1%	3	-1.9%	4	3.3%	3	-5.7%	8	-6.9%	10	13.5%	1
Nova Scotia	-0.5%	2	0.8%	1	-6.0%	8	-4.8%	6	3.0%	1	9.3%	2
PEI	-4.0%	8	-5.5%	9	4.1%	1	-6.8%	10	-5.1%	8	2.3%	6
NFLD & Labrador	0.5%	1	0.4%	2	1.3%	5	-2.6%	2	-3.3%	2	8.4%	3

Provincial Ranking – Hourly Wage Growth: November 2020 relative to last month and February 2020

	BC	ALTA	SASK	MAN	ONT	QUE	NB	NS	PEI	NFLD
From Sep 2020	0.5%	1.5%	-0.2%	3.1%	-1.4%	0.1%	-1.1%	-1.4%	1.3%	-1.0%
Rank	4	2	6	1	10	5	8	9	3	7
From February 2020	2.8%	3.0%	3.4%	6.4%	3.2%	4.8%	3.2%	5.9%	2.3%	0.3%
Rank	8	7	4	1	6	3	5	2	9	10

Provincial Ranking – Unemployment Rate: November 2020 and February 2020

	BC	ALTA	SASK	MAN	ONT	QUE	NB	NS	PEI	NFLD
November 2020	7.1	11.1	6.9	7.4	9.1	7.2	9.6	6.4	10.2	12.2
Rank	3	9	2	5	6	4	7	1	8	10
February 2020	5.0	7.2	6.2	5.0	5.5	4.5	6.9	7.8	8.0	12.0
Rank	2	7	5	2	4	1	6	8	9	10

BC Regions – Employment relative to last month and February 2020

	Nov 2020	Compared to Last Month:			Compared to February 2020:		
		Oct 2020	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb 2020	Change (#)	Change (%)
Vancouver Island/Coast	383,800	385,500	-1,700	-0.4%	374,900	8,900	2.4%
Mainland/Southwest	1,597,400	1,563,700	33,700	2.2%	1,655,100	-57,700	-3.5%
Thompson/Okanagan	270,000	270,300	-300	-0.1%	262,800	7,200	2.7%
Kootenay	71,200	72,300	-1,100	-1.5%	69,700	1,500	2.2%
Cariboo	78,200	79,100	-900	-1.1%	75,400	2,800	3.7%
North Coast & Nechako	39,200	39,400	-200	-0.5%	39,900	-700	-1.8%
Northeast	39,500	39,100	400	1.0%	39,300	200	0.5%

NOTE: Regional data are 3-month moving averages, not seasonally adjusted.

BC Regions – Unemployment Rate relative to last month and February 2020

	Nov 2020	Compared to Last Month:		Compared to February 2020:	
		Oct 2020	Change (#)	Feb 2020	Change (#)
Vancouver Island/Coast	7.3	8.3	-1.0	5.3	2.0
Mainland/Southwest	7.8	9.4	-1.6	4.3	3.5
Thompson/Okanagan	7.4	8.1	-0.7	6.3	1.1
Kootenay	6.2	7.8	-1.6	4.0	2.2
Cariboo	9.8	10.5	-0.7	7.8	2.0
North Coast & Nechako	6.0	7.9	-1.9	4.5	1.5
Northeast	4.8	5.6	-0.8	n/a	n/a

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Headline Indicators by Age and Gender

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BC Employment - by Gender and Age Group										
		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:			Compared to Feb-20:		
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov-19	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb-20	Change (#)	Change (%)
Total Employment	2,501,700	2,477,800	23,900	1.0%	2,548,500	-46,800	-1.8%	2,539,100	-37,400	-1.5%
Gender										
Females	1,193,700	1,196,300	-2,600	-0.2%	1,215,000	-21,300	-1.8%	1,209,800	-16,100	-1.3%
Males	1,308,000	1,281,500	26,500	2.1%	1,333,500	-25,500	-1.9%	1,329,300	-21,300	-1.6%
Age Group										
15 to 24	313,000	307,700	5,300	1.7%	341,900	-28,900	-8.5%	341,100	-28,100	-8.2%
25 to 54	1,630,700	1,607,100	23,600	1.5%	1,626,500	4,200	0.3%	1,625,900	4,800	0.3%
55 years and over	558,000	563,000	-5,000	-0.9%	580,200	-22,200	-3.8%	572,100	-14,100	-2.5%
Age Group by Gender										
15 to 24										
Females	152,800	151,500	1,300	0.9%	170,500	-17,700	-10.4%	169,100	-16,300	-9.6%
Males	160,100	156,200	3,900	2.5%	171,400	-11,300	-6.6%	172,100	-12,000	-7.0%
25 to 54										
Females	792,500	785,400	7,100	0.9%	782,600	9,900	1.3%	787,200	5,300	0.7%
Males	838,200	821,700	16,500	2.0%	843,900	-5,700	-0.7%	838,600	-400	0.0%
55 years & over										
Females	248,300	259,400	-11,100	-4.3%	262,000	-13,700	-5.2%	253,500	-5,200	-2.1%
Males	309,700	303,600	6,100	2.0%	318,300	-8,600	-2.7%	318,600	-8,900	-2.8%

BC Unemployment - by Gender and Age Group										
		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:			Compared to Feb-20:		
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov-19	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb-20	Change (#)	Change (%)
Total Unemployment	192,400	215,000	-22,600	-10.5%	134,500	57,900	43.0%	134,700	57,700	42.8%
Gender										
Females	80,800	86,900	-6,100	-7.0%	65,200	15,600	23.9%	61,400	19,400	31.6%
Males	111,600	128,100	-16,500	-12.9%	69,400	42,200	60.8%	73,300	38,300	52.3%
Age Group										
15 to 24	51,300	57,000	-5,700	-10.0%	35,900	15,400	42.9%	34,100	17,200	50.4%
25 to 54	102,500	119,400	-16,900	-14.2%	74,900	27,600	36.8%	68,800	33,700	49.0%
55 years & over	38,600	38,600	0	0.0%	23,800	14,800	62.2%	31,900	6,700	21.0%
Age Group by Gender										
15 to 24										
Females	19,100	22,800	-3,700	-16.2%	20,200	-1,100	-5.4%	12,300	6,800	55.3%
Males	32,300	34,200	-1,900	-5.6%	15,700	16,600	105.7%	21,800	10,500	48.2%
25 to 54										
Females	46,000	51,100	-5,100	-10.0%	32,200	13,800	42.9%	33,300	12,700	38.1%
Males	56,500	68,300	-11,800	-17.3%	42,600	13,900	32.6%	35,500	21,000	59.2%
55 years & over										
Females	15,700	13,000	2,700	20.8%	12,700	3,000	23.6%	15,800	-100	-0.6%
Males	22,800	25,600	-2,800	-10.9%	11,100	11,700	105.4%	16,000	6,800	42.5%

BC Labour Force - by Gender and Age Group										
		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:			Compared to Feb-20:		
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov-19	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb-20	Change (#)	Change (%)
Total Labour Force	2,694,100	2,692,800	1,300	0.0%	2,683,100	11,000	0.4%	2,673,800	20,300	0.8%
Gender										
Females	1,274,500	1,283,200	-8,700	-0.7%	1,280,200	-5,700	-0.4%	1,271,200	3,300	0.3%
Males	1,419,600	1,409,500	10,100	0.7%	1,402,900	16,700	1.2%	1,402,600	17,000	1.2%
Age Group										
15 to 24	364,300	364,700	-400	-0.1%	377,700	-13,400	-3.5%	375,200	-10,900	-2.9%
25 to 54	1,733,200	1,726,500	6,700	0.4%	1,701,300	31,900	1.9%	1,694,600	38,600	2.3%
55 years & over	596,600	601,600	-5,000	-0.8%	604,000	-7,400	-1.2%	604,000	-7,400	-1.2%
Age Group by Gender										
15 to 24										
Females	171,900	174,300	-2,400	-1.4%	190,600	-18,700	-9.8%	181,400	-9,500	-5.2%
Males	192,400	190,400	2,000	1.1%	187,100	5,300	2.8%	193,800	-1,400	-0.7%
25 to 54										
Females	838,500	836,400	2,100	0.3%	814,900	23,600	2.9%	820,500	18,000	2.2%
Males	894,700	890,000	4,700	0.5%	886,500	8,200	0.9%	874,100	20,600	2.4%
55 years & over										
Females	264,100	272,500	-8,400	-3.1%	274,700	-10,600	-3.9%	269,300	-5,200	-1.9%
Males	332,500	329,200	3,300	1.0%	329,300	3,200	1.0%	334,700	-2,200	-0.7%

BC Unemployment Rate - by Gender and Age Group										
		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:			Compared to Feb-20:		
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov-19	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb-20	Change (#)	Change (%)
Total Unemployment Rate	7.1	8.0	-0.9	..	5.0	2.1	..	5.0	2.1	..
Gender										
Females	6.3	6.8	-0.5	..	5.1	1.2	..	4.8	1.5	..
Males	7.9	9.1	-1.2	..	4.9	3.0	..	5.2	2.7	..
Age Group										
15 to 24	14.1	15.6	-1.5	..	9.5	4.6	..	9.1	5.0	..
25 to 54	5.9	6.9	-1.0	..	4.4	1.5	..	4.1	1.8	..
55 years & over	6.5	6.4	0.1	..	3.9	2.6	..	5.3	1.2	..
Age Group by Gender										
15 to 24										
Females	11.1	13.1	-2.0	..	10.6	0.5	..	6.8	4.3	..
Males	16.8	18.0	-1.2	..	8.4	8.4	..	11.2	5.6	..
25 to 54										
Females	5.5	6.1	-0.6	..	4.0	1.5	..	4.1	1.4	..
Males	6.3	7.7	-1.4	..	4.8	1.5	..	4.1	2.2	..
55 years & over										
Females	5.9	4.8	1.1	..	4.6	1.3	..	5.9	0.0	..
Males	6.9	7.8	-0.9	..	3.4	3.5	..	4.8	2.1	..

BC Not in Labour Force - by Gender and Age Group										
		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:			Compared to February 2020		
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov-19	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb-20	Change (#)	Change (%)
Total Not In Labour Force	1,499,300	1,496,600	2,700	0.2%	1,446,200	53,100	3.7%	1,472,700	26,600	1.8%
Gender										
Females	852,300	841,600	10,700	1.3%	815,100	37,200	4.6%	832,800	19,500	2.3%
Males	647,000	655,000	-8,000	-1.2%	631,000	16,000	2.5%	639,900	7,100	1.1%
Age Group										
15 to 24	232,100	231,800	300	0.1%	216,300	15,800	7.3%	220,400	11,700	5.3%
25 to 54	235,800	240,700	-4,900	-2.0%	238,900	-3,100	-1.3%	253,200	-17,400	-6.9%
55 years & over	1,031,400	1,024,100	7,300	0.7%	991,100	40,300	4.1%	999,100	32,300	3.2%
Age Group by Gender										
15 to 24										
Females	117,900	115,600	2,300	2.0%	97,800	20,100	20.6%	107,900	10,000	9.3%
Males	114,100	116,200	-2,100	-1.8%	118,400	-4,300	-3.6%	112,500	1,600	1.4%
25 to 54										
Females	154,000	155,300	-1,300	-0.8%	165,400	-11,400	-6.9%	163,300	-9,300	-5.7%
Males	81,800	85,500	-3,700	-4.3%	73,400	8,400	11.4%	89,900	-8,100	-9.0%
55 years & over										
Females	580,400	570,700	9,700	1.7%	551,900	28,500	5.2%	561,700	18,700	3.3%
Males	451,100	453,300	-2,200	-0.5%	439,200	11,900	2.7%	437,500	13,600	3.1%

Labour Force Survey – COVID Supplement

Employment by Industry and Occupation

November 2020

BC Employment – by Industry										
		Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:			Compared to Feb-20:		
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov-19	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb-20	Change (#)	Change (%)
All Industries	2,501,700	2,477,800	23,900	1.0%	2,548,500	-46,800	-1.8%	2,539,100	-37,400	-1.5%
Goods Industries	471,900	470,300	1,600	0.3%	474,300	-2,400	-0.5%	479,600	-7,700	-1.6%
Agriculture	30,700	33,000	-2,300	-7.0%	27,500	3,200	11.6%	26,900	3,800	14.1%
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	47,500	43,000	4,500	10.5%	41,300	6,200	15.0%	38,200	9,300	24.3%
Utilities	18,800	20,500	-1,700	-8.3%	11,800	7,000	59.3%	14,800	4,000	27.0%
Construction	205,700	200,000	5,700	2.9%	232,800	-27,100	-11.6%	240,100	-34,400	-14.3%
Manufacturing	169,200	173,900	-4,700	-2.7%	160,900	8,300	5.2%	159,700	9,500	5.9%
Services-producing sector	2,029,800	2,007,500	22,300	1.1%	2,074,300	-44,500	-2.1%	2,059,500	-29,700	-1.4%
Wholesale and retail trade	376,800	370,600	6,200	1.7%	393,300	-16,500	-4.2%	403,300	-26,500	-6.6%
Transportation and warehousing	130,400	124,100	6,300	5.1%	138,100	-7,700	-5.6%	138,000	-7,600	-5.5%
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	163,000	165,000	-2,000	-1.2%	169,800	-6,800	-4.0%	162,700	300	0.2%
Professional, scientific and technical services	233,800	229,500	4,300	1.9%	223,500	10,300	4.6%	216,700	17,100	7.9%
Business, building and other support services	103,900	103,100	800	0.8%	107,000	-3,100	-2.9%	109,900	-6,000	-5.5%
Educational services	184,100	182,600	1,500	0.8%	185,300	-1,200	-0.6%	176,100	8,000	4.5%
Health care and social assistance	316,600	318,300	-1,700	-0.5%	305,300	11,300	3.7%	311,700	4,900	1.6%
Information, culture and recreation	111,300	115,700	-4,400	-3.8%	121,100	-9,800	-8.1%	118,200	-6,900	-5.8%
Accommodation and food services	187,900	180,600	7,300	4.0%	194,200	-6,300	-3.2%	195,100	-7,200	-3.7%
Other services (except public administration)	103,000	102,800	200	0.2%	114,600	-11,600	-10.1%	114,900	-11,900	-10.4%
Public administration	119,100	115,300	3,800	3.3%	122,100	-3,000	-2.5%	112,800	6,300	5.6%

BC Employment - by Occupation

	Nov-20	Compared to Last Month:			Compared to 1 Year Ago:			Compared to February 2020:		
		Oct-20	Change (#)	Change (%)	Nov-19	Change (#)	Change (%)	Feb-20	Change (#)	Change (%)
Total, all occupations 7	2,479,300	2,449,400	29,900	1.2%	2,558,200	-78,900	-3.2%	2,517,100	-37,800	-1.5%
Management occupations	237,600	236,600	1,000	0.4%	245,500	-7,900	-3.3%	241,500	-3,800	-1.6%
Business, finance and administration occupations	398,600	399,600	-1,000	-0.3%	395,000	3,600	0.9%	386,300	12,300	3.2%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	238,300	228,300	10,000	4.4%	195,500	42,800	18.0%	199,000	39,300	19.7%
Health occupations	185,300	192,400	-7,100	-3.7%	188,700	-3,400	-1.8%	186,300	-900	-0.5%
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	265,600	246,800	18,900	7.6%	273,000	-7,300	-2.8%	273,300	-7,600	-2.8%
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	81,400	84,600	-3,200	-3.8%	96,300	-14,900	-18.3%	94,700	-13,300	-14.1%
Sales and service occupations	596,300	583,900	12,400	2.1%	648,800	-52,500	-8.8%	646,600	-50,300	-7.8%
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	334,500	334,300	200	0.1%	373,100	-38,600	-11.5%	372,300	-37,800	-10.2%
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	58,600	59,800	-1,200	-2.0%	55,300	3,200	5.5%	45,800	12,700	27.8%
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	83,000	83,200	-100	-0.2%	87,000	-3,900	-4.7%	71,200	11,800	16.6%

NOTE: Occupation data are 3-month moving averages, not seasonally adjusted.

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Good morning,

The LFS Estimates for November 2020 were released this morning, a summary is attached, more details will be sent later this morning.

NOTE: The reference week is November 8th to November 14th

HIGHLIGHTS:

- BC had 23,900 more jobs in November when compared to October, this was an increase of 1.0% on a month over month basis;
- Total employment (2,501,700) in October now stands at 98.5% of it's pre-pandemic level in February;
- The unemployment rate is now 7.1%, down 0.9 percentage points from October (8.0%);

Thank-you,

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COVID-19 Impacts on B.C. Labour Force

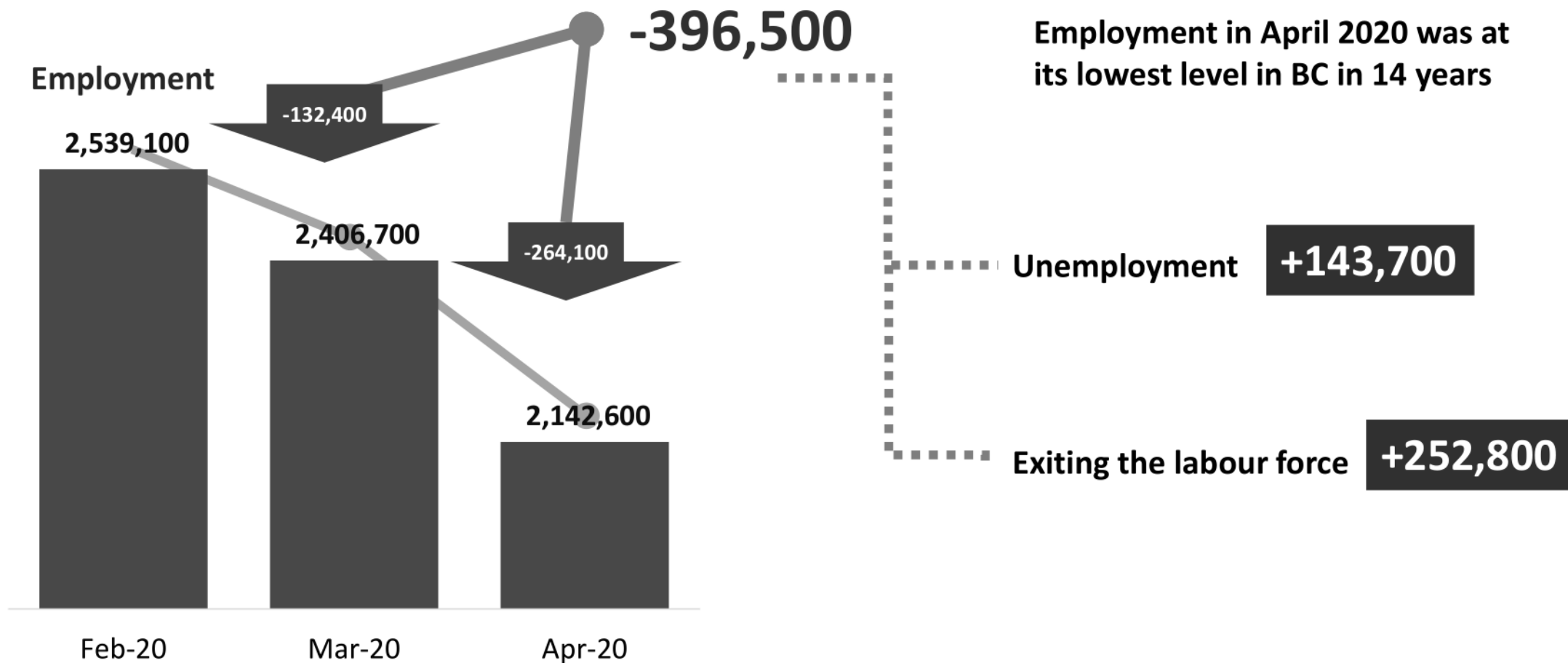


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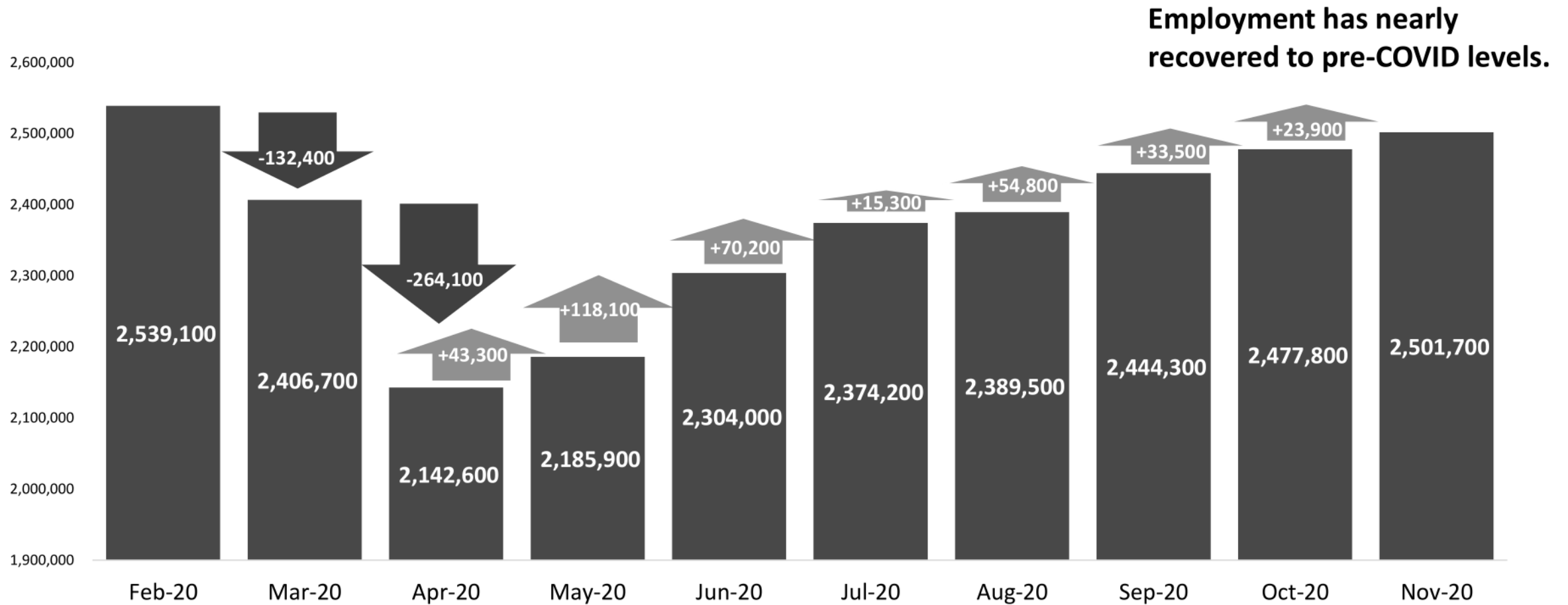
COVID-19 Overall Impacts to Date

- From February to April, Labour Force Survey data shows unprecedented employment losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Following early signs of recovery in May, employment continued to rebound for seven consecutive months.
- These results reflect conditions during the survey reference week of November 8-14th.

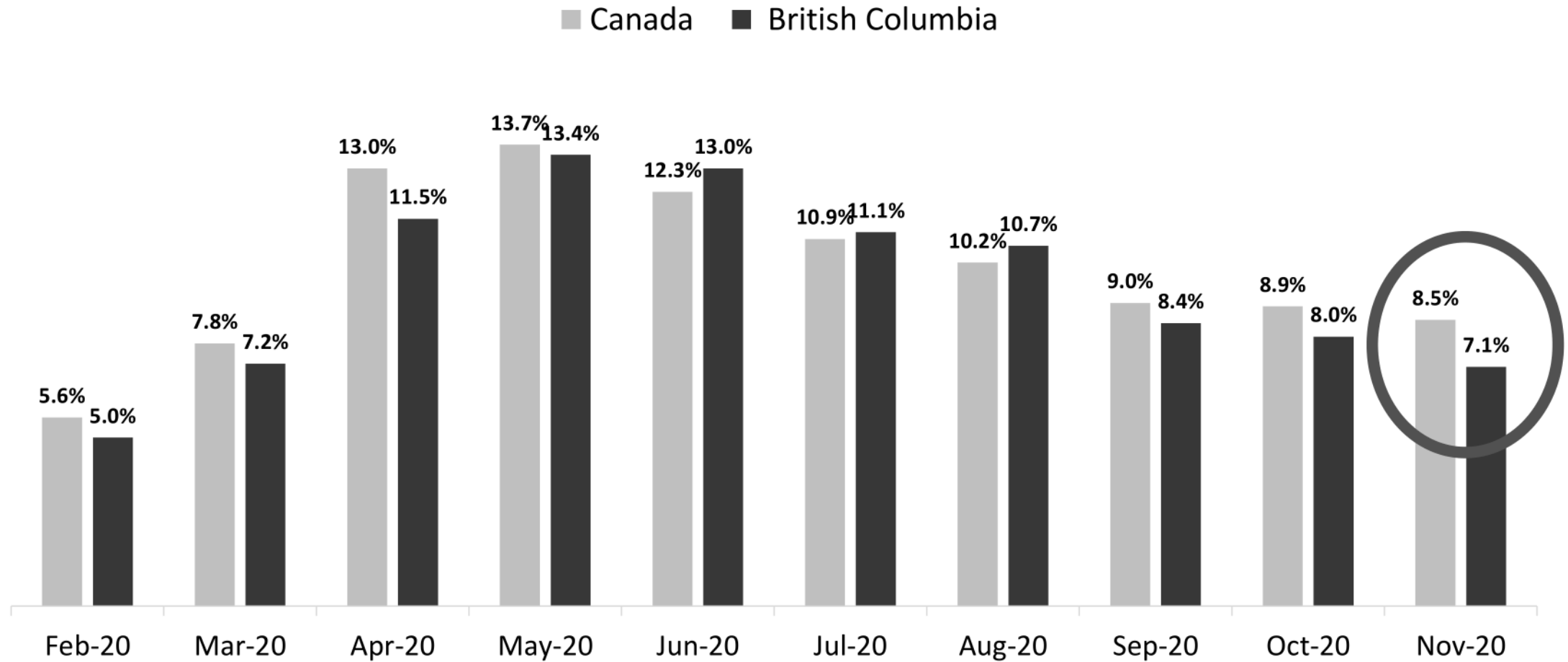
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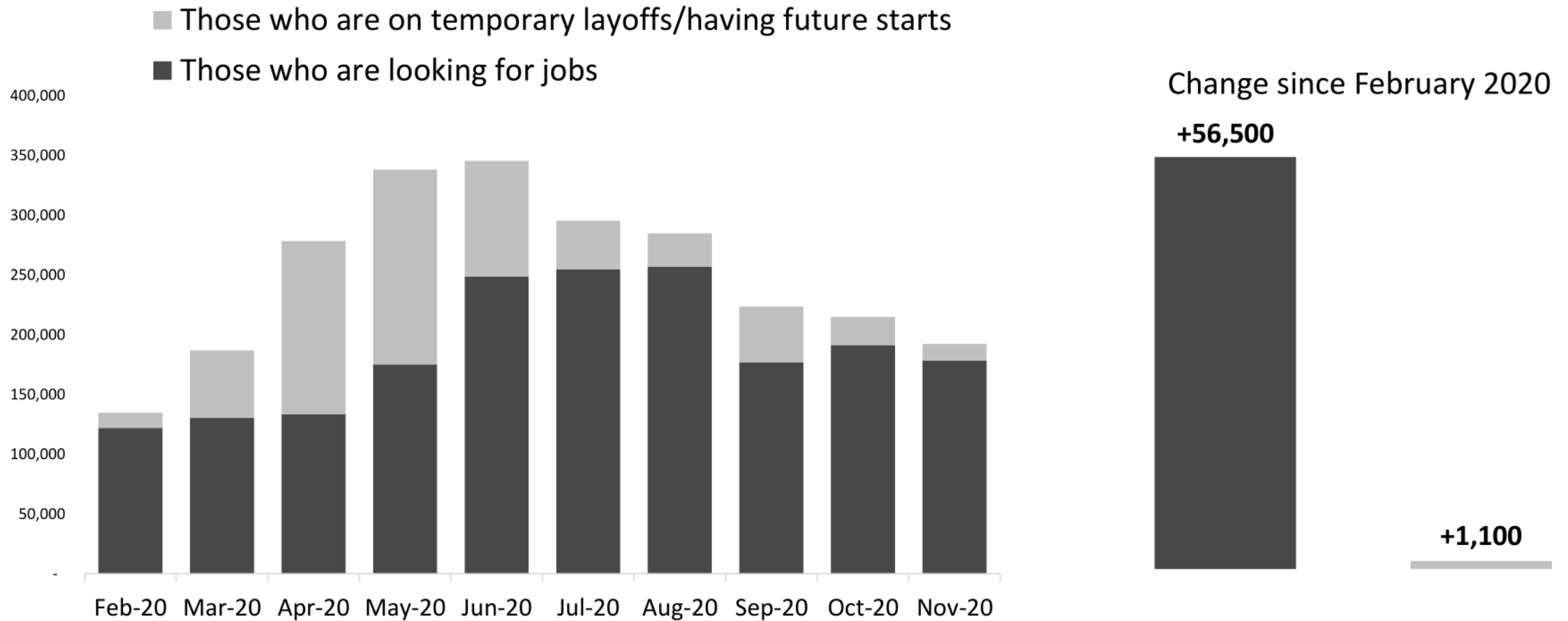
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Unemployment Rate

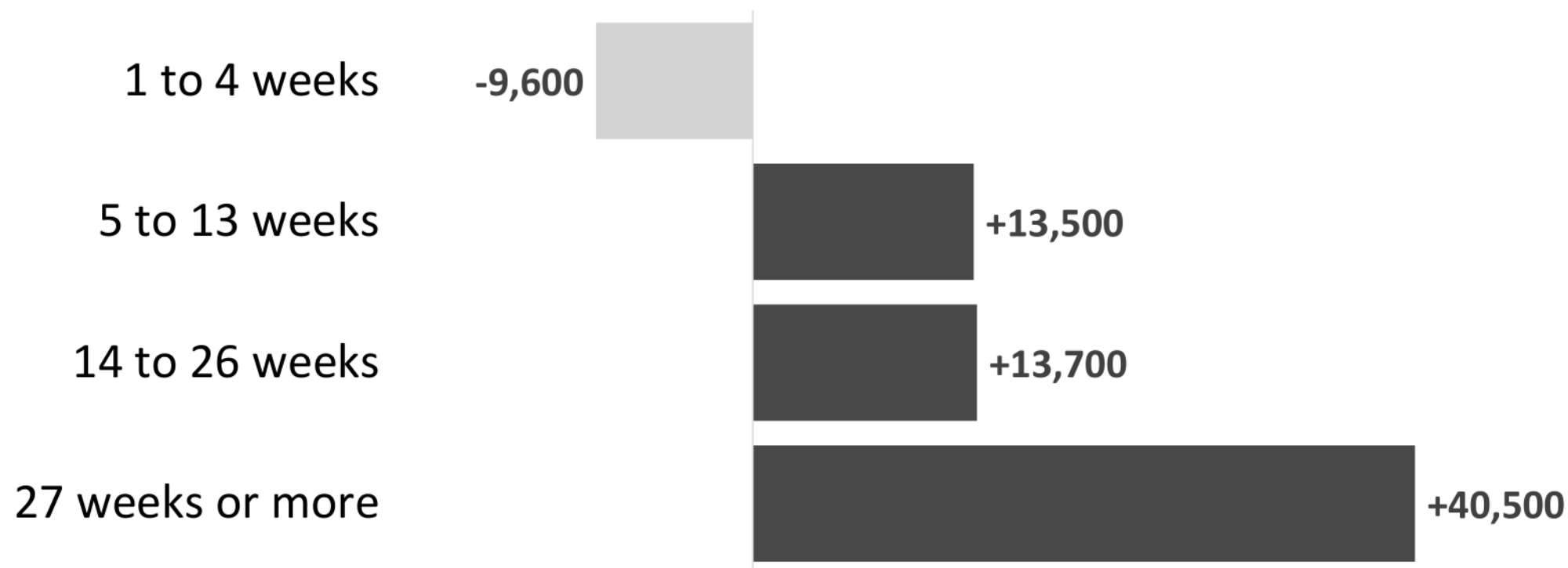


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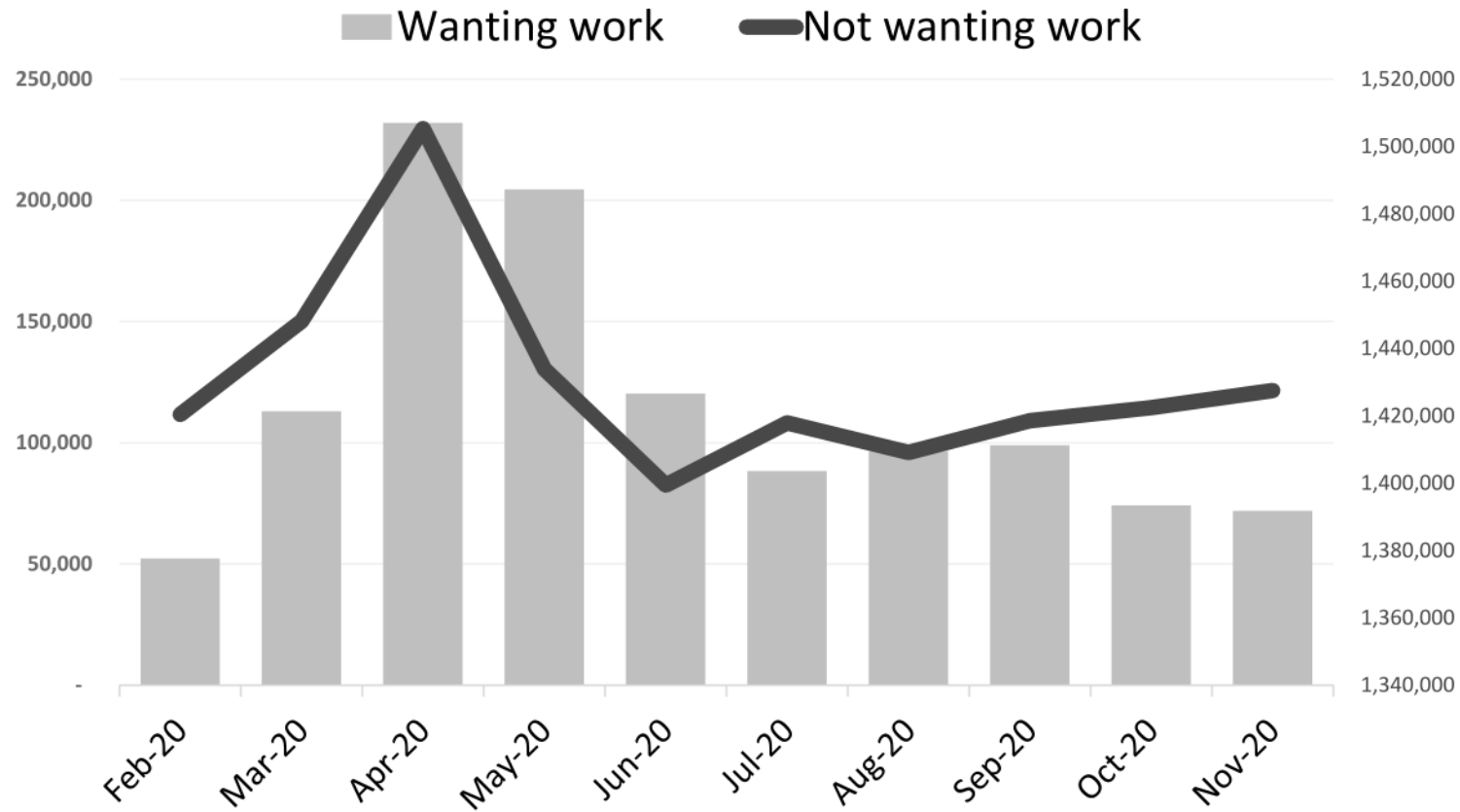


Duration of Unemployment

(for those who became unemployed since the pandemic)



Those Not in Labour Force

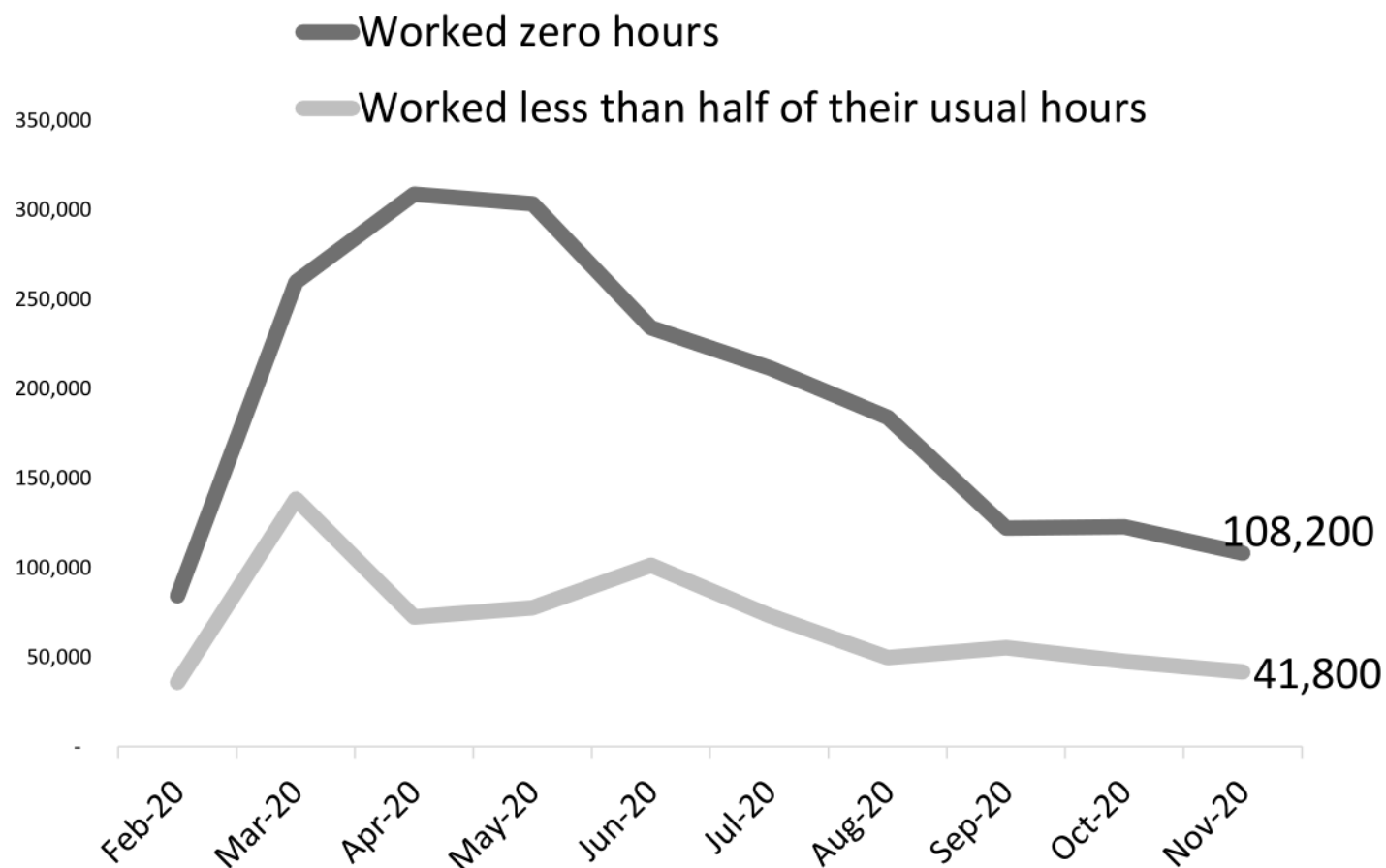


Change since February 2020

+7,100

+19,600

Those Employed but Lost Hours



Change since February 2020

+23,900

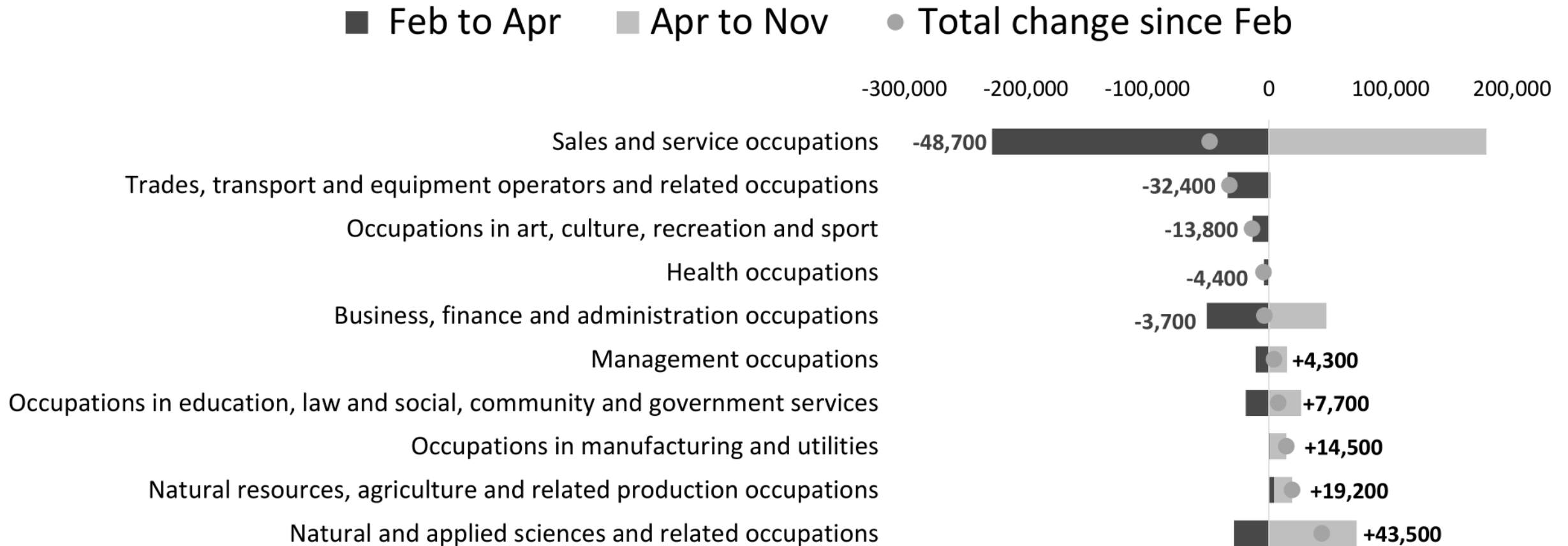
+6,000

Gains/Losses by Occupation

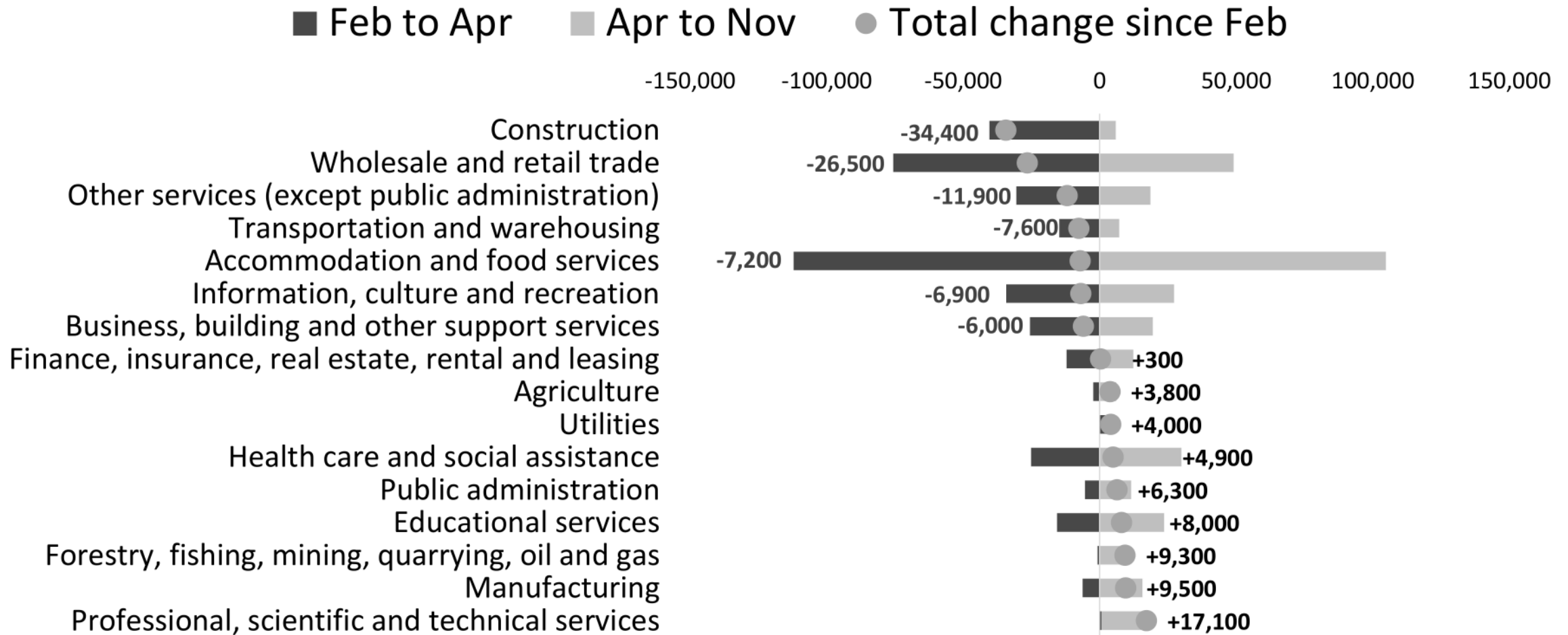
	Nov 2019 to Nov 2020
All Occupations	-1.8%
High Opportunity Occupations* (HOO)	+3.2%
Non-HOO Occupations	-5.4%
STEM Occupations	+15.9%
Construction Trades	-14.5%
Non-Construction Trades	+6.5%

*High Opportunity Occupations as identified in the 2019 Edition of the *Labour Market Outlook*. Compared to other occupations, high opportunity occupations are expected to experience higher demand and typically offer higher pay.

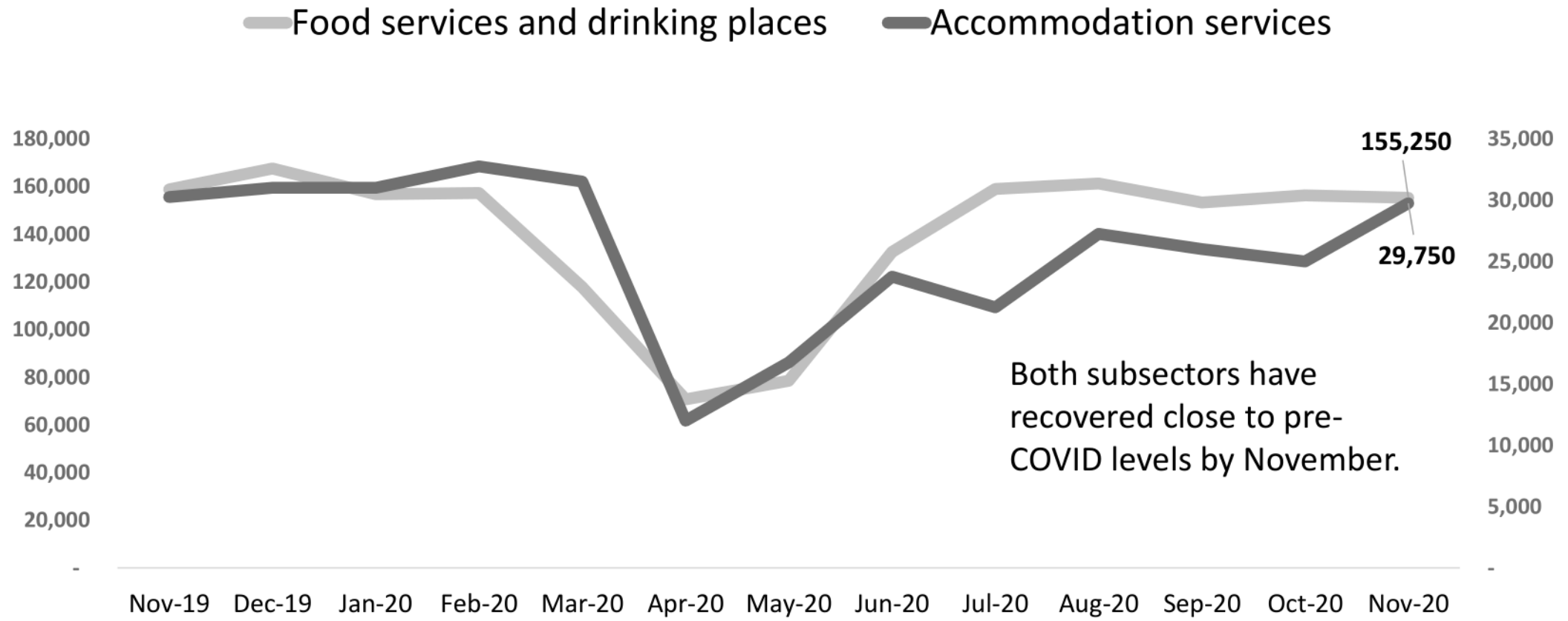
Employment by Occupations



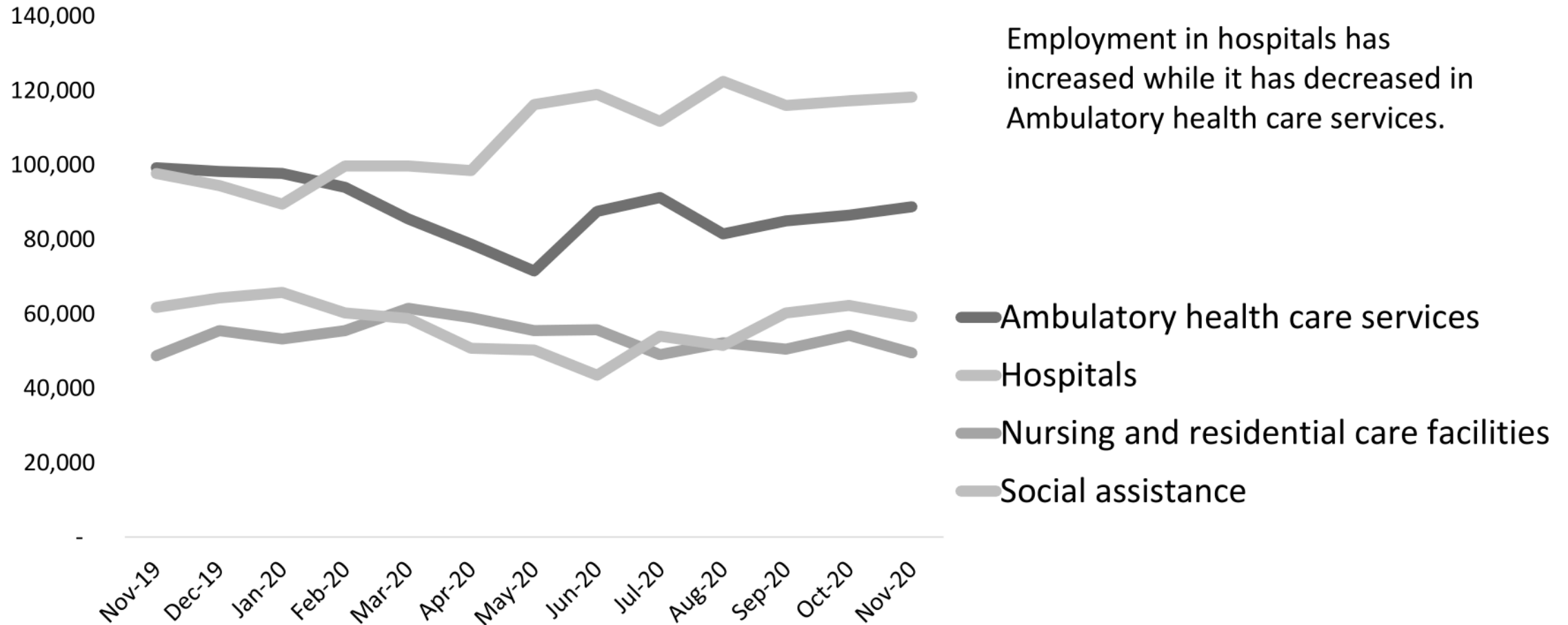
Employment by Industry



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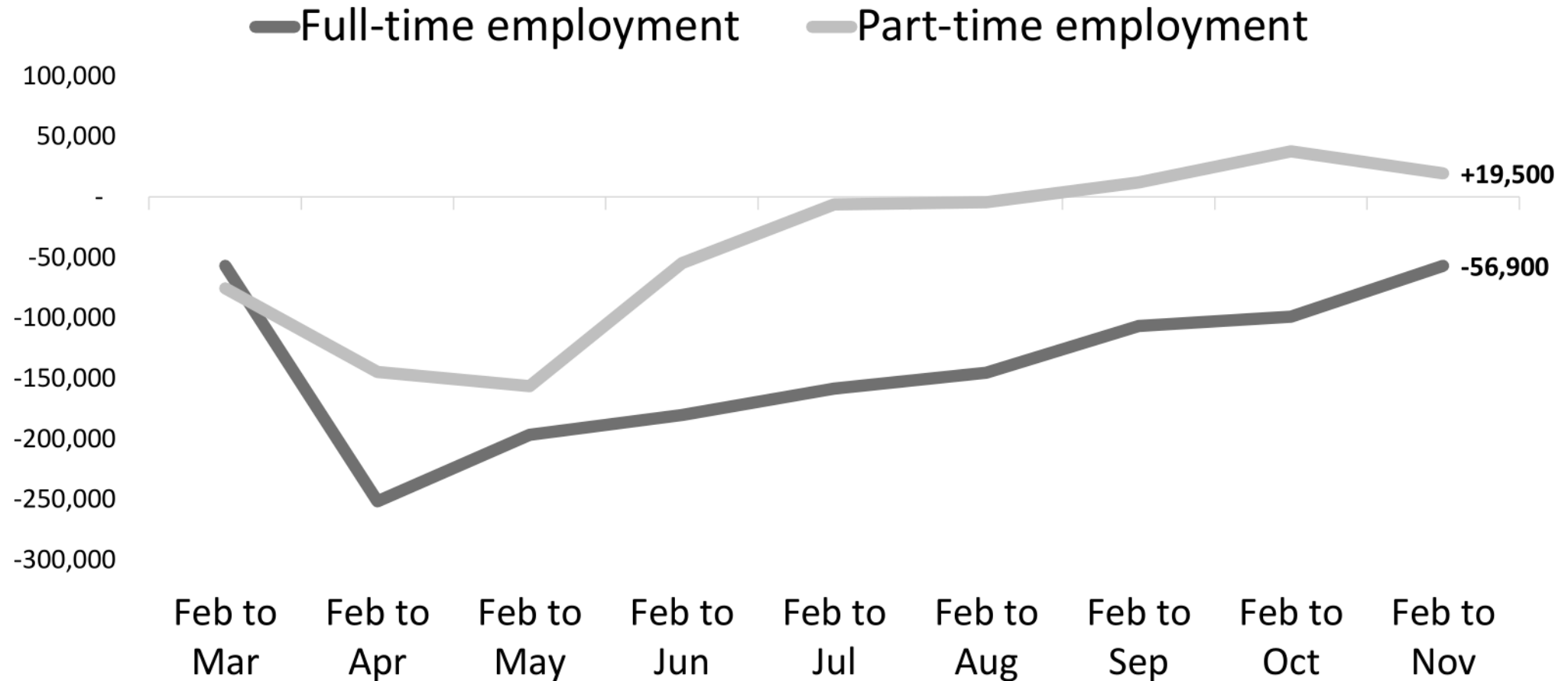


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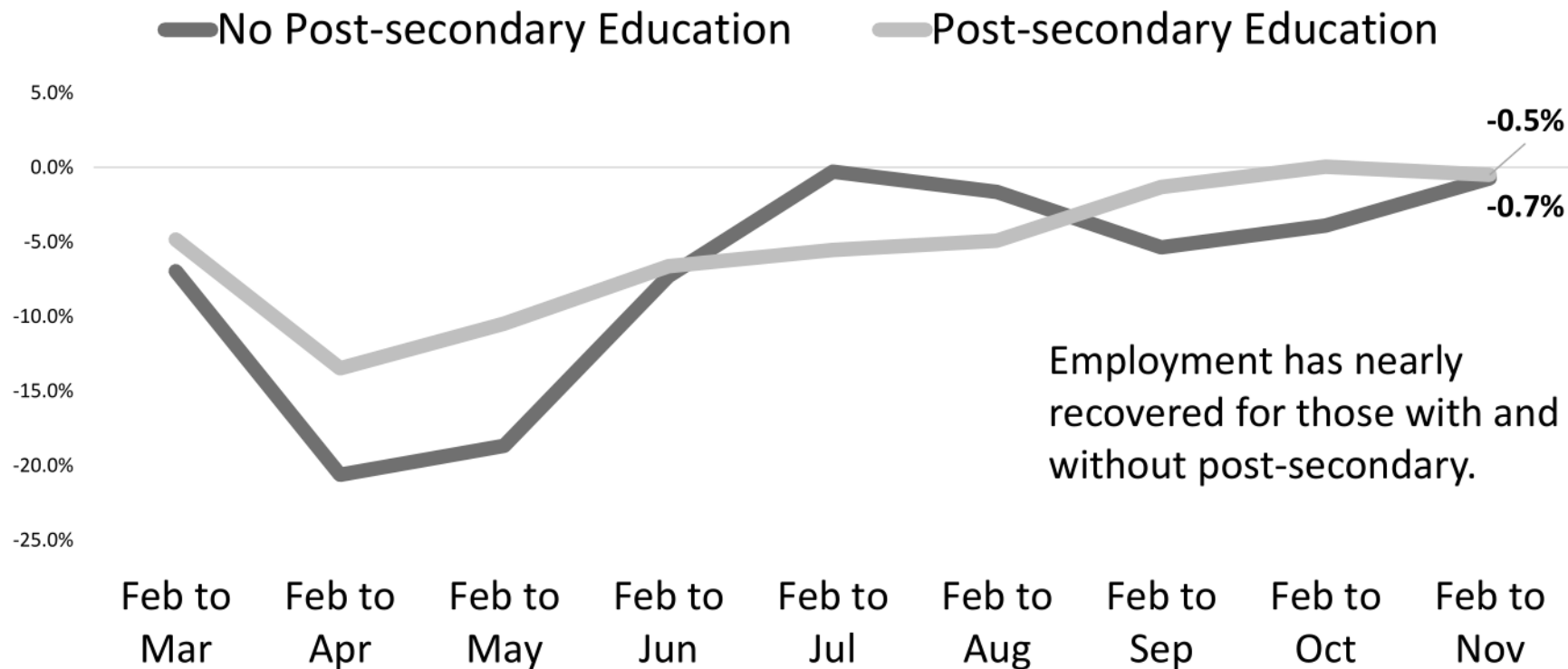
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(Change since February)



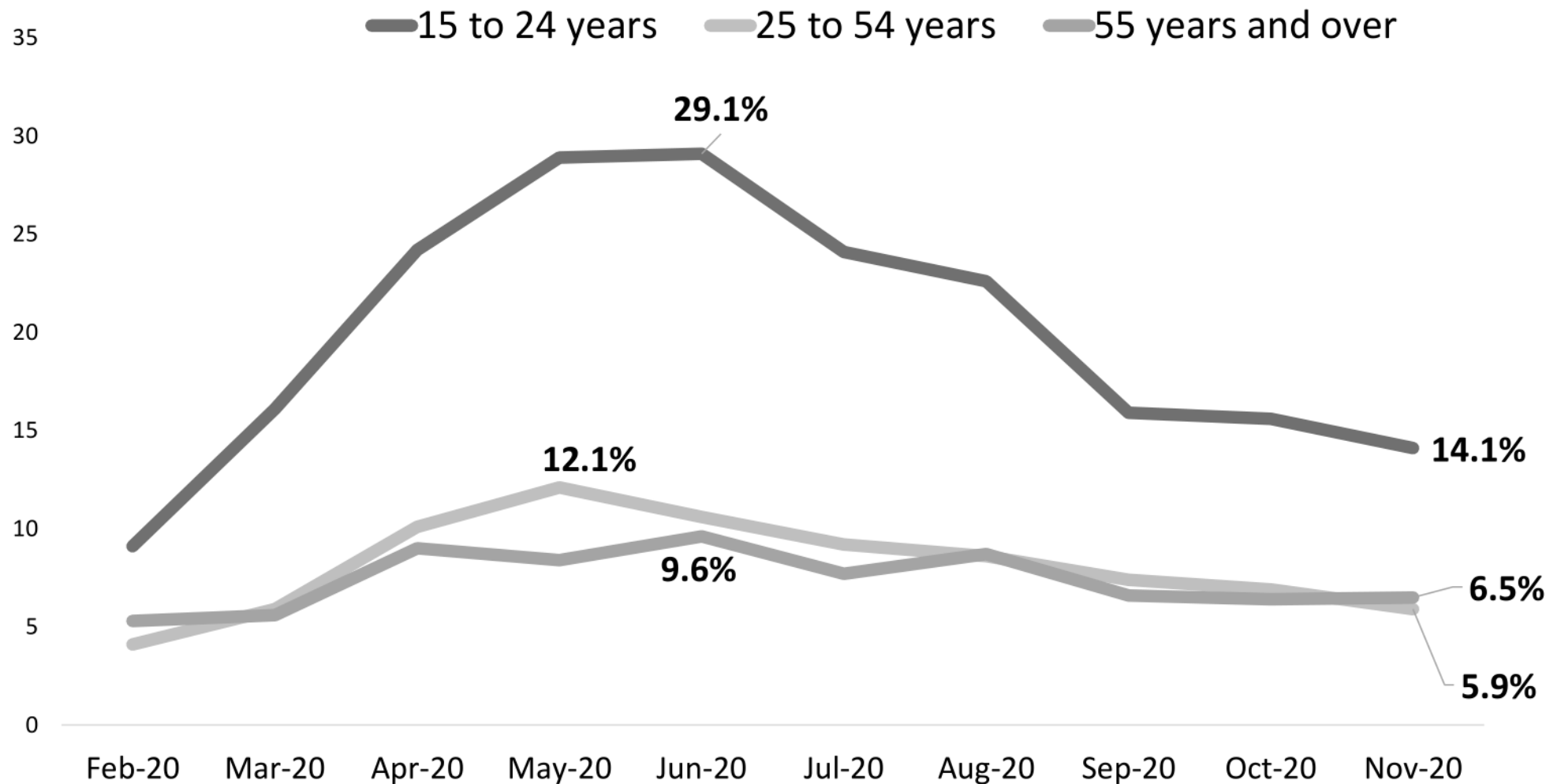
Employment by Education Level

(Percentage change since February)



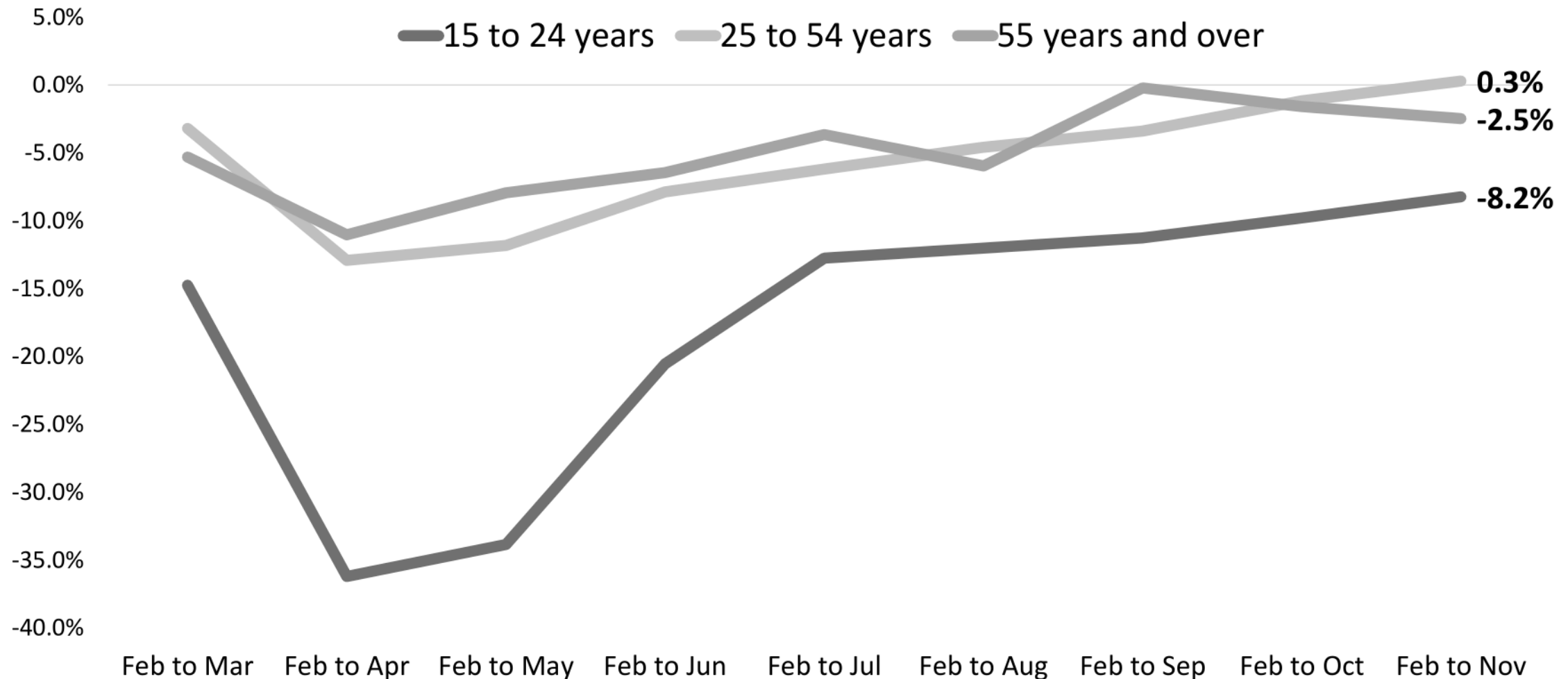
*PSE includes those with some post-secondary education or completed certificate / diploma / university degree. No PSE includes those without any high school, some high school and high school graduates.

Unemployment Rate by Age



Employment by Age

(Percentage change since February)

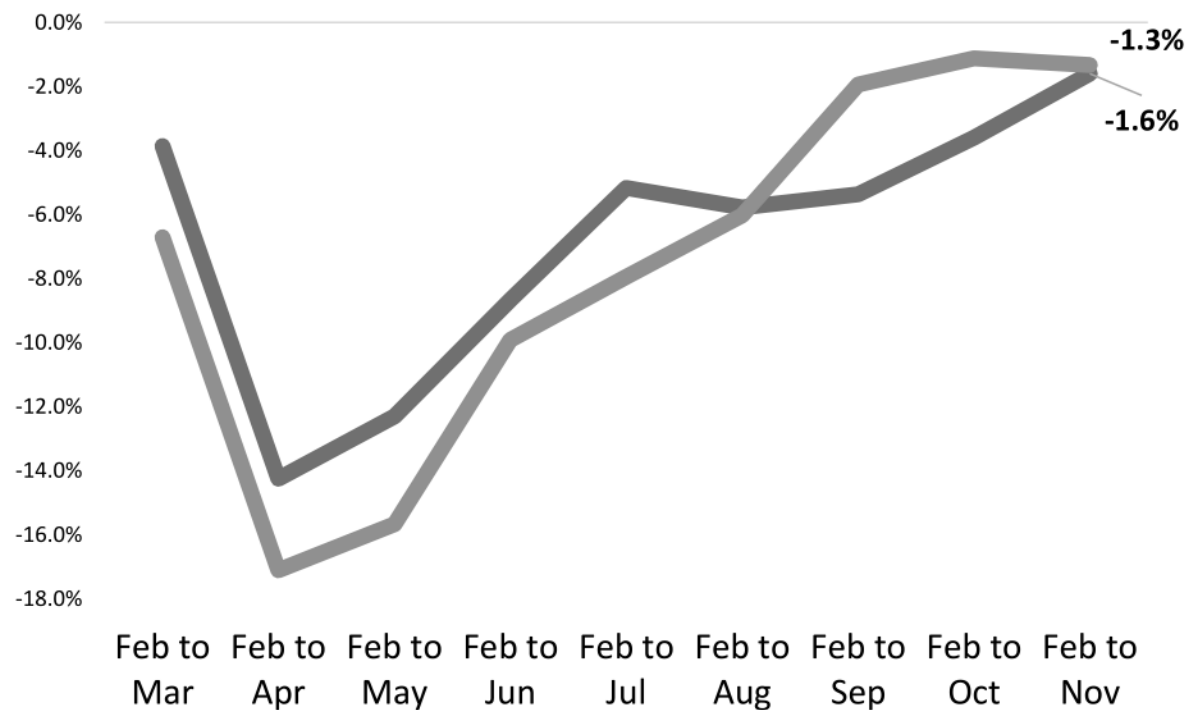


Labour Force Characteristics by Sex

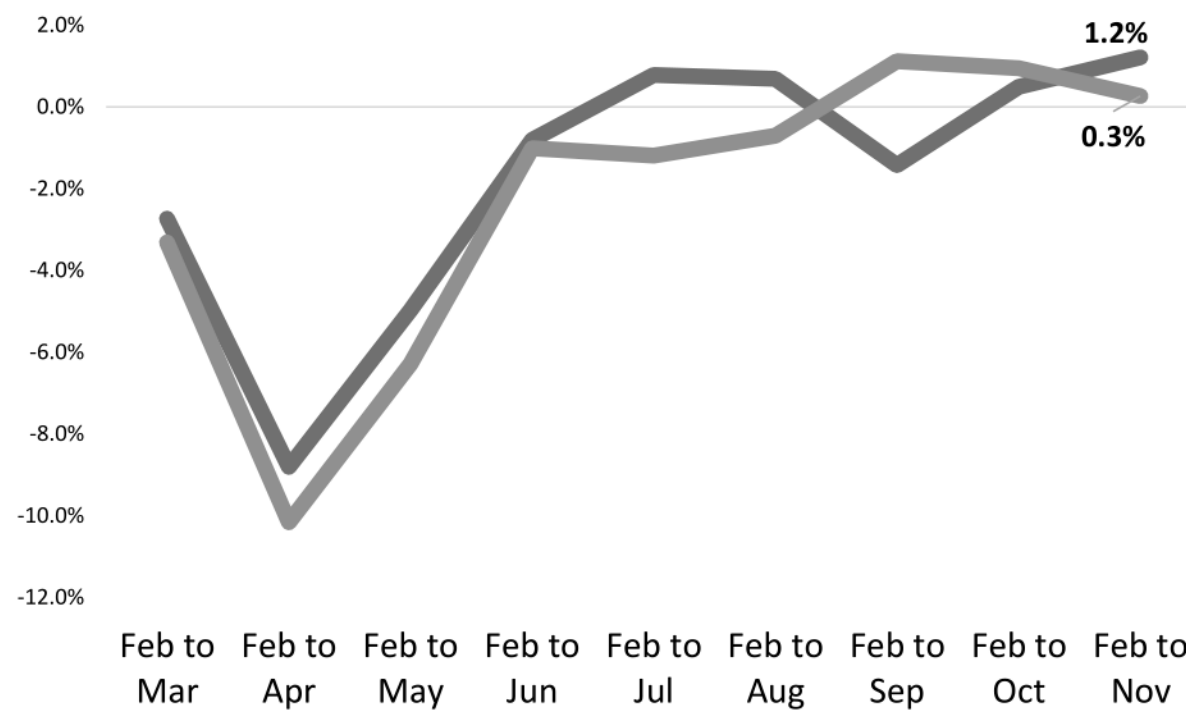
(Percentage change since February)

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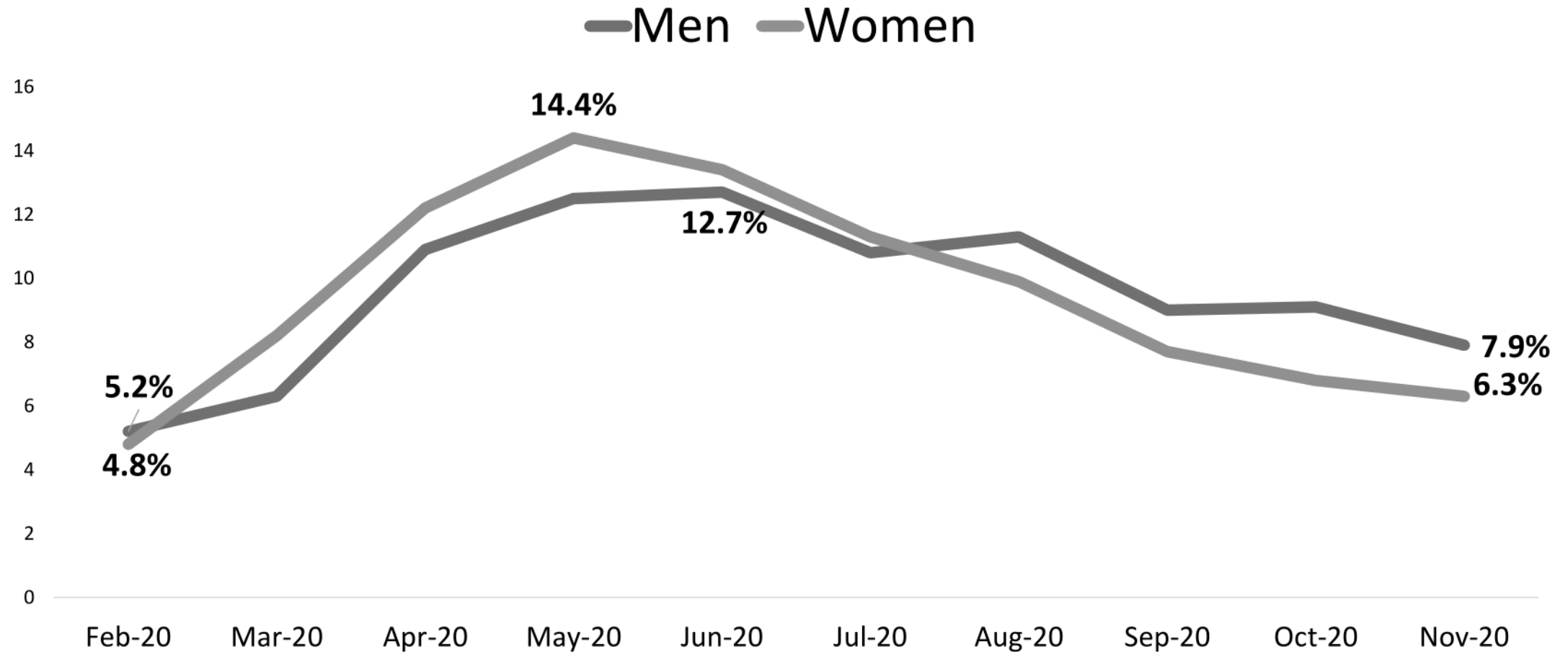
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Labour Force



Unemployment Rate by Sex



Unemployment Rate by Immigrant Status

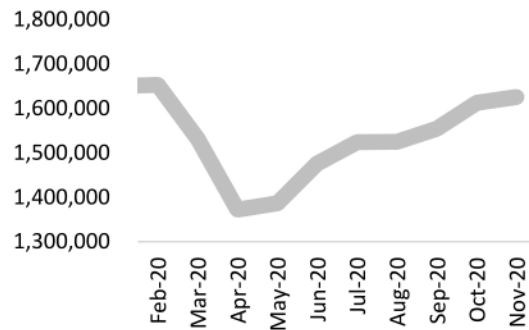
(Percentage points change since February)

Status	Unemployment Rate (Nov 2020)	Percentage points change since February
Landed immigrants (>10 years)	7.9%	+4.0
Born in Canada	7.1%	+2.5
Landed immigrants (5-10 years)	6.4%	+1.4
Newcomers (<5 years)	10.2%	+1.2

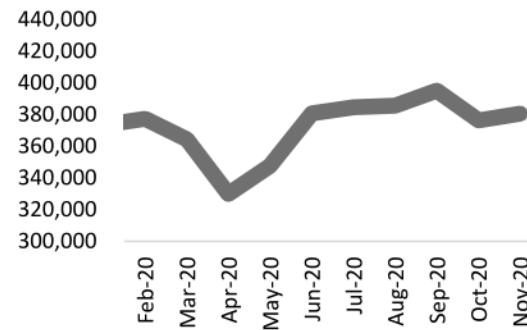
B.C. Regional Employment Since Feb

Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island and Coast	Thompson-Okanagan	Kootenay	Cariboo	North Coast & Nechako	Northeast
-1.7%	+0.9%	+3.0%	+1.1%	+4.1%	0.0%	-1.3%

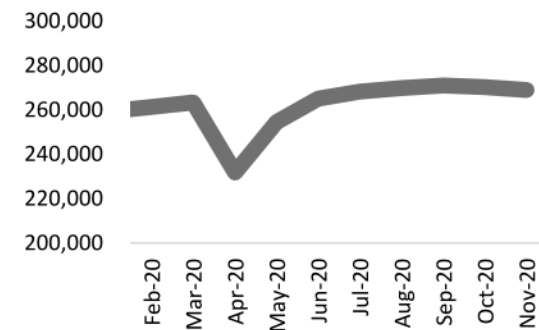
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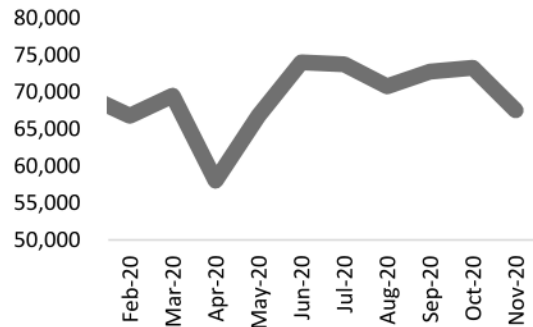
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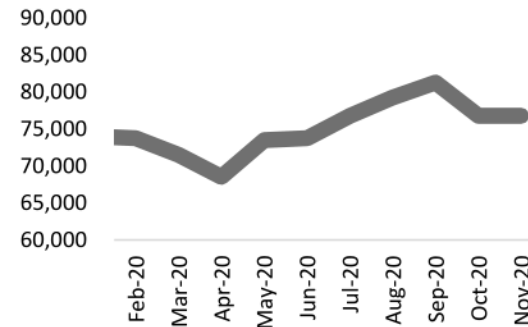
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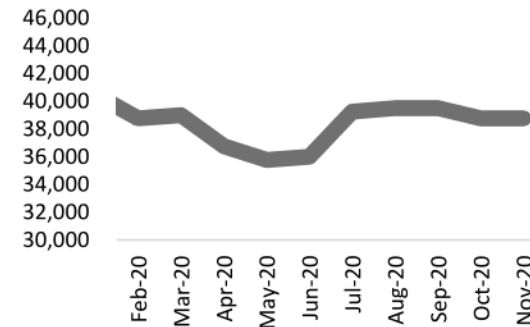
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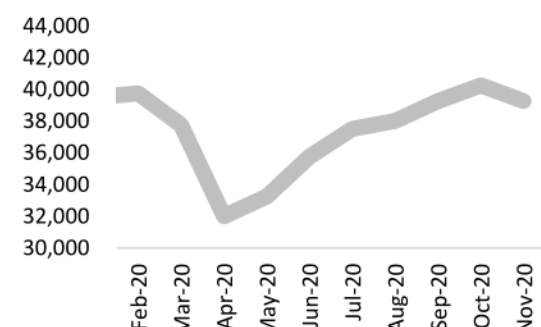
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Good Morning,

Here are the Labour Force Survey Highlights for November 2020, and the briefing is attached:

- The November results released today reflect conditions during the survey reference week of November 8-14th.
 - On Nov 7th there were restrictions applied to the Fraser and the Vancouver Coastal Health Regions, limiting socialization between households, restricting gatherings and advising against non-essential travel. These restrictions were extended across the Province on Nov 19th.
 - Additional measures were implemented on November 23rd for high-intensity fitness activities, along with the mandatory mask requirement for indoor spaces. Any impacts from these would not appear in the November 2020 Labour Force Survey as they were implemented after the survey reference week.
- The recovery in BC continued at a slower pace in November with employment increasing by 23,900 (1.0%), building on strong gains in September (54,800) and October (33,500). Employment in November was 37,400 (-1.5%) below pre-COVID (February 2020) levels.
- Employment levels were still lower than the same time last year: there were 46,800 fewer people employed in British Columbia in November 2020 than in November 2019.
- There were strong gains in full-time (+42,100) coupled with losses part-time (-18,200) employment in November. Full-time employment remains lower than one year ago, down 59,800, whereas part-time work (+13,000) has increased from one year ago.
- Employment for men increased by 26,500 and employment for women decreased by 2,600. Although men experienced employment gains in November, they still have a higher unemployment rate (7.9%) than women (6.3%).

- Compared to one year ago, employment for women in November 2020 was down 21,300, while employment for men was down 25,500.
- The number of unemployed declined by -10.5% (-22,600) in November, remaining up 57,900 from one year ago. **The unemployment rate fell for the sixth consecutive month, down 0.9 percentage points in November to 7.1%,** but is still 2.1 percentage points above the February unemployment rate.
 - BC's unemployment rate (7.1%) is below Canada's (8.5%).
- Youth (age 15-24) employment increased by 5,300 in November, building on the moderate gains in October (5,000). The youth unemployment rate decreased by 1.5 percentage points, to 14.1% in November from a peak of 29% in May and June, yet it is still up 5 percentage points since February.
- Sectors that had been hard hit by the Pandemic were leading the gains in November: Accommodation and food services (+7,300), Transportation and warehousing (+6,300), Wholesale and retail trade (+6,200) and Construction (+5,700). Sectors leading the losses were Manufacturing (-4,700), Information, culture and recreation (-4,400), and Agriculture (-2,300).
 - Cumulative employment losses since February 2020 in the sectors are led by Construction (-34,400), Wholesale and Retail Trade (-26,600), Other services (except public administration) (-11,900) and Transportation and warehousing (-7,600).

Canada:

- In November, employment rose by 62,000 (0.3%), following an increase of 2.31 million between May and September after the drop of over three million in March and April.
- The unemployment rate was 8.5% in November, a drop of 0.4 percentage points from the previous month (8.9%). In February, prior to the COVID-19 economic shutdown, the unemployment rate was 5.6%.

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Good morning,

Statistics Canada released November 2020 Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates this morning for the reference week of November 8th to November 14th.

Along with the standard LFS summary, attached is a COVID supplement which includes comparisons to February 2020 for the province with provincial rankings.

COVID impacts

- **TOTAL EMPLOYMENT** in BC was 2,444,300 in November up 1.0% (+23,900) from October and combined with gains of 35,200 from May to October, BC employment now **totals 98.5% of it's pre-COVID February level**;
- Since February, **FULL-TIME employment** in BC decreased by 2.9% (-56,900) while **PART-TIME employment** in BC increased by 3.6% (+19,500).
- The number of British Columbians who were employed but worked less than half their usual hours for reasons likely related to COVID-19 dropped by 20,500 (-12.0%) in November;
- Combined with declines recorded from May to October, this left COVID-related absences from work at 29,900 (+24.9%) above February levels;

Presented below are a few provincial comparisons for the year-over-year change from **November 2019 to November 2020**:

- TOTAL employment in BC decreased by 1.8% (-46,800) from 12 months ago. All but two provinces posted decreases in employment with Ontario posting a decline of 2.9% and Alberta a decrease of 5.2%.
- FULL-TIME employment in BC decreased by 3.0% (-59,800). Full-time employment dropped in all except two provinces with Ontario down 1.9% and Alberta down 7.6%.

- PART-TIME employment in BC increased by 2.4% (+13,000). Nearly half of the provinces posted declines in part-time employment, including Ontario (-7.5%). Part-time employment grew in Alberta (+5.5%).
- PRIVATE SECTOR employment in BC decreased by 1.8% (-29,000). All provinces saw private sector employment decline with Ontario dropping by 2.8% and Alberta down 7.2%.
- SELF-EMPLOYMENT in BC decreased by 8.6% (-39,600). Self-employment in Alberta was down by 2.2%, and Ontario was down 4.0%.
- PUBLIC SECTOR employment in BC increased by 4.7% (+21,800). Alberta decreased by 0.9% and Ontario decreased by 2.5%.
- The UNEMPLOYMENT RATE in BC now stands at 7.1%. Nova Scotia (6.4%) had the lowest unemployment rate, while it was 9.1% in Ontario, and 11.1% in Alberta.
 - Since November 2019, BC's unemployment rate has increased by 2.1 percentage points (from 5.0%). Over the period November 2019 to November 2020, Alberta's unemployment rate increased by 3.9 percentage points (from 7.2%), and Ontario's increased by 3.6 percentage points (from 5.5%).
- The AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE in BC was \$29.94 in November, while in Alberta it was \$32.93 and in Ontario it was \$30.08.
 - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGES in BC increased by 5.0% (+\$1.42) since November 2019. Similarly, wages were up 4.8% in Ontario and 4.7% in Alberta.

Presented below are a few provincial comparisons for the change from **January 2020 to November 2020**:

- TOTAL employment in BC decreased by 1.7% (-43,900) from January 2020. All but two provinces posted declines with Ontario down by 3.4% and Alberta down 4.4%.
- FULL-TIME employment in BC decreased by 2.7% (-53,500) since January 2020. Full-time employment was lower in all except one province, with Ontario falling 2.6% and Alberta decreasing by 6.4%.
- PRIVATE SECTOR employment in BC decreased by 1.9% (-31,500) compared to January 2020. Private sector employment dropped in all provinces with Ontario down by 3.7% and Alberta declining by 5.4%.
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- Compared to January 2020, BC's unemployment rate increased by 2.6 percentage points (from 4.5%). Over the period January 2020 to November 2020, all but one province reported increases in their unemployment rates with an increase of 3.8 points (from 7.3%) for Alberta and 3.9 points (from 5.2%) for Ontario.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Jackie

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Hi all – please find attached the expanded COVID-19 labour market information deck as a follow up to the LFS call with Ministers last Friday.

Shannon

Overview of Statistics Canada article: Impact of COVID-19 on businesses majority-owned by visible minorities, third quarter of 2020

November 25, 2020

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/45-28-0001/2020001/article/00090-eng.htm>

Summary:

In August 2020, compared to August 2019, businesses majority-owned by visible minorities were:

- more likely to see lower revenues (reported decreases, no change and increases)
- less likely to have the ability to take on more debt
- less likely to have the sufficient liquid assets to operate
- more likely to apply for and be approved for certain types of funding or credit due to COVID-19
- more likely to report that they expected difficulty in procuring personal protective equipment or supplies in the future, and more likely to report that cost was a reason they expected difficulty in procuring personal protective equipment or supplies

About the report:

- Using data from August 2020, this paper makes a comparison with August 2019, to assess the impact of COVID-19 on businesses majority-owned by visible minorities.
- The source is the Canadian Survey on Business Conditions from Statistics Canada which has an occasional frequency.
- This is part of the series StatsCan COVID-19: Data to Insights for a Better Canada. A similar article is: *Impact of COVID-19 on businesses majority-owned by women, third quarter of 2020*

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Here is the early version of the highlights report.

A final PDF version will come a bit later – that will be the one to share with the minister for the briefing call

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Good morning,

The LFS Estimates for November 2020 were released this morning, a summary is attached, more details will be sent later this morning.

NOTE: The reference week is November 8th to November 14th

HIGHLIGHTS:

- BC had 23,900 more jobs in November when compared to October, this was an increase of 1.0% on a month over month basis;
- Total employment (2,501,700) in October now stands at 98.5% of it’s pre-pandemic level in February;
- The unemployment rate is now 7.1%, down 0.9 percentage points from October (8.0%);

Thank-you,

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Labour Force Survey

BC EMPLOYMENT GAINS/LOSSES

	This month	M/M	Y/Y
Employment	2,501,700	+23,900	-46,800
Full-time employment	1,937,600	+42,100	-59,800
Part-time employment	564,100	-18,200	+13,000
Private sector employees	1,594,000	+38,000	-29,000
Public sector employees	485,300	-2,000	+21,800
Self-employed	422,400	-12,100	-39,600

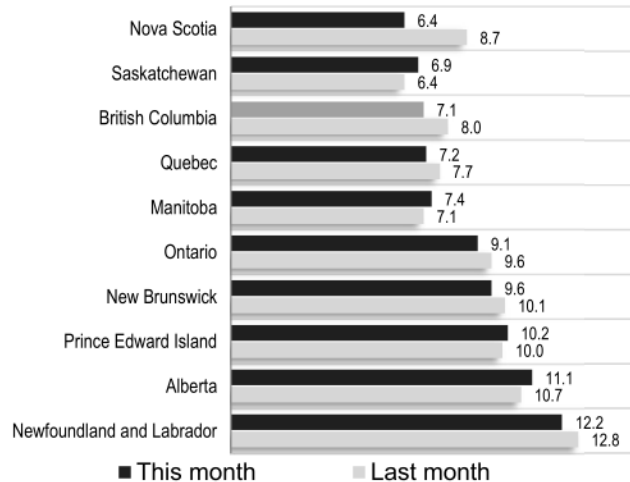
EMPLOYMENT GAINS/LOSSES BY PROVINCE

Manitoba	-18,100		
Alberta	-10,800		
Saskatchewan	-2,800		Canada: +62,100
Prince Edward Island		1,000	
Newfoundland and Labrador		2,300	
New Brunswick		4,200	
Nova Scotia		10,000	
Quebec		15,700	
British Columbia		23,900	
Ontario		36,600	

BC EMPLOYMENT GAINS/LOSSES BY AGE/SEX

	This month	M/M	Y/Y
15 to 24 years	313,000	+5,300	-28,900
25 to 54 years	1,630,700	+23,600	+4,200
55 years and over	558,000	-5,000	-22,200
Females	1,193,700	-2,600	-21,300
Males	1,308,000	+26,500	-25,500

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY PROVINCE



BC UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY AGE/SEX

	This month	M/M	Y/Y
15 to 24 years	14.1	-1.5	+4.6
25 to 54 years	5.9	-1.0	+1.5
55 years and over	6.5	+0.1	+2.6
Females	6.3	-0.5	+1.2
Males	7.9	-1.2	+3.0

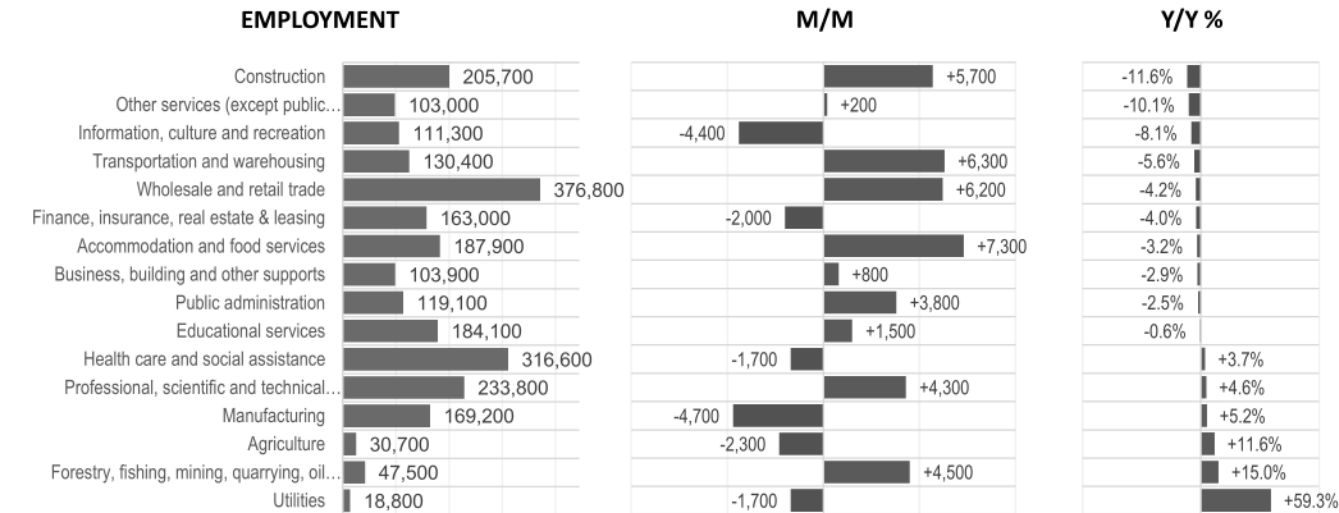
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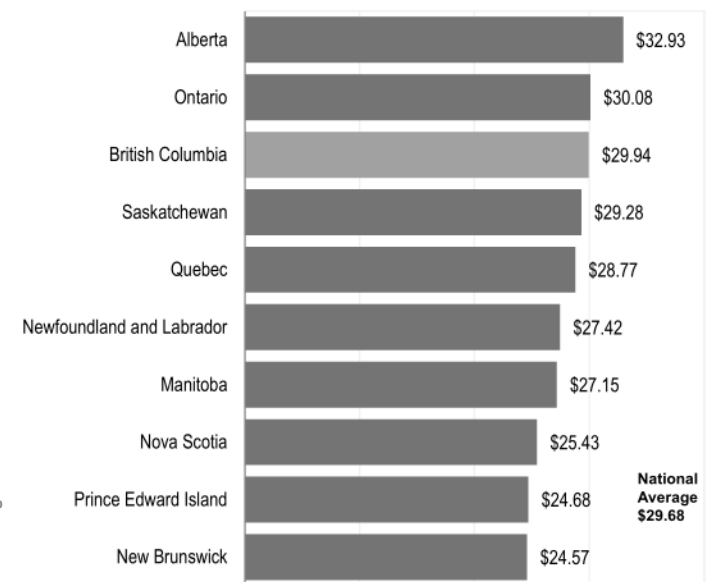
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BC EMPLOYMENT GAINS/LOSSES BY INDUSTRY



AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE BY PROVINCE



REGION Unemployment rates (3mma , seasonally unadjusted)

REGION	This month	M/M	Y/Y
Cariboo	9.8	-0.7 pts	+3.0 pts
Kootenay	6.2	-1.6 pts	+1.4 pts
Lower Mainland/Southwest	7.8	-1.6 pts	+3.0 pts
North Coast/Nechako	6.0	-1.9 pts	+1.9 pts
Northeast	4.8	-0.8 pts	-1.2 pts
Thompson-Okanagan	7.4	-0.7 pts	+2.7 pts
Vancouver Island/Coast	7.3	-1.0 pts	+3.0 pts

Employment (3mma , seasonally unadjusted)

REGION	This month	M/M	Y/Y	Y/Y%
Cariboo	78,200	-900	-1,500	-1.9%
Kootenay	71,200	-1,100	+1,500	+2.2%
Lower Mainland/Southwest	1,597,400	+33,700	-68,900	-4.1%
North Coast/Nechako	39,200	-200	-3,100	-7.3%
Northeast	39,500	+400	+500	+1.3%
Thompson-Okanagan	270,000	-300	-6,900	-2.5%
Vancouver Island/Coast	383,800	-1,700	-300	-0.1%

Record High UR (3mma)	Record Low UR (3mma)
May-2002 15.0	November-2007 4.3
June-2020 16.1	June-2008 2.6
July-2020 12.8	February-2008 3.7
May-2002 16.0	January-2020 3.5
June-2002 11.8	November-2012 3.5
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June-2020 11.7	December-2007 3.4

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- Employment levels were still lower than the same time last year: there were 46,800 fewer people employed in British Columbia in November 2020 than in November 2019.
- There were strong gains in full-time (+42,100) coupled with losses part-time (-18,200) employment in November. Full-time employment remains lower than one year ago, down 59,800, whereas part-time work (+13,000) has increased from one year ago.
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- The number of unemployed declined by -10.5% (-22,600) in November, remaining up 57,900 from one year ago. The **unemployment rate fell for the sixth consecutive month, down 0.9 percentage points in November to 7.1%**, but is still 2.1 percentage points above the February unemployment rate.
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Here’s my first take on the LFS numbers for BC:

+23,900 jobs

Despite additional restrictions put in place in the lower mainland in November

FT 42,100
PT -18,200

Unemployment fell by almost a whole percent to from 8.0% in October to 7.1% in November - well below the national average of 8.5%

In Vancouver the unemployment rate fell to 7.4%

Job gains in November is the 7th consecutive months of job creation. This brought BC’s employment to 98.5% of pre-pandemic levels.
(Quebec 97.5, Ontario 96.7, Alberta 95.1)

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