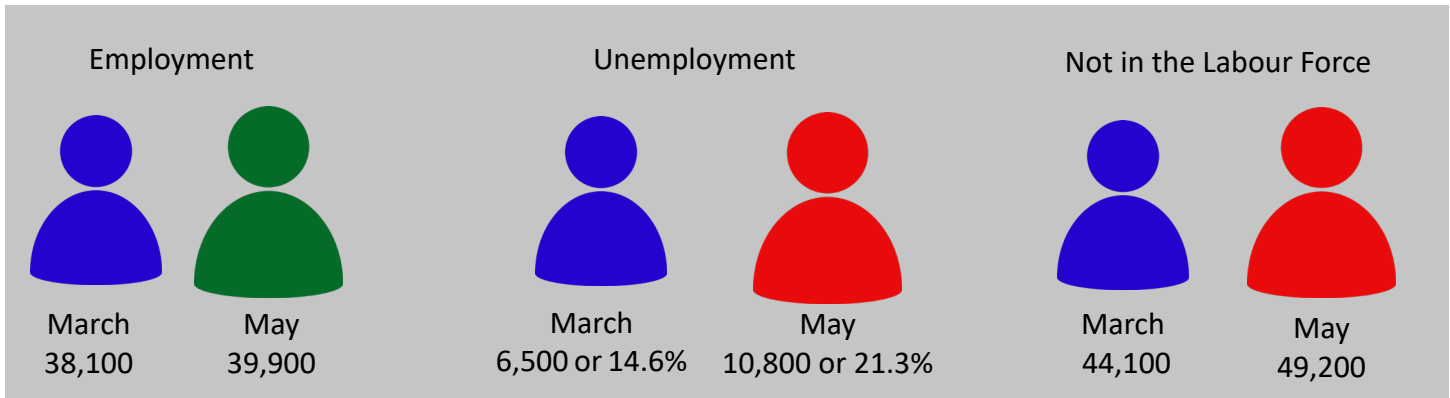


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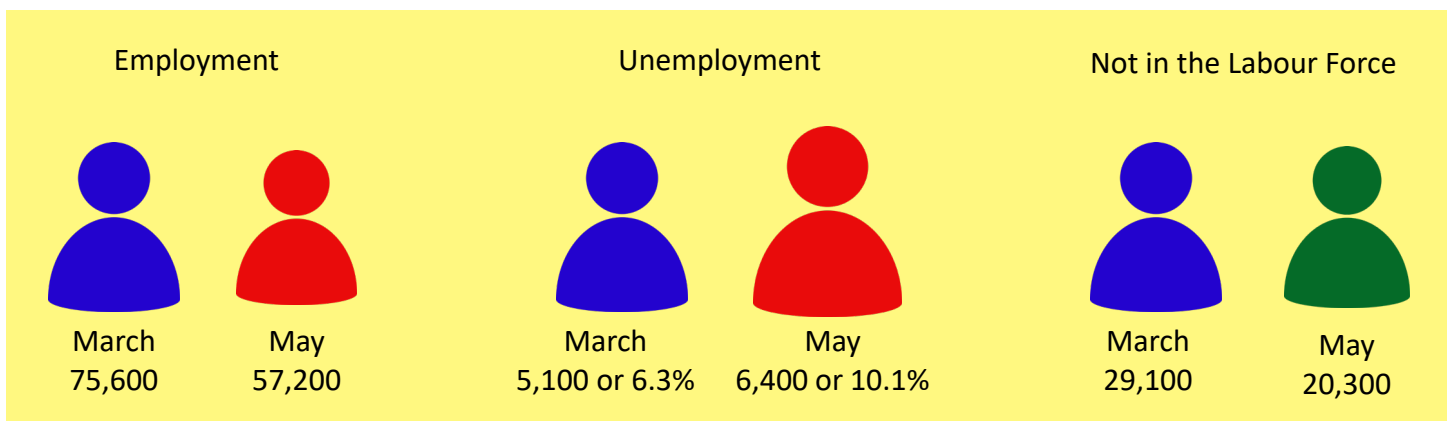
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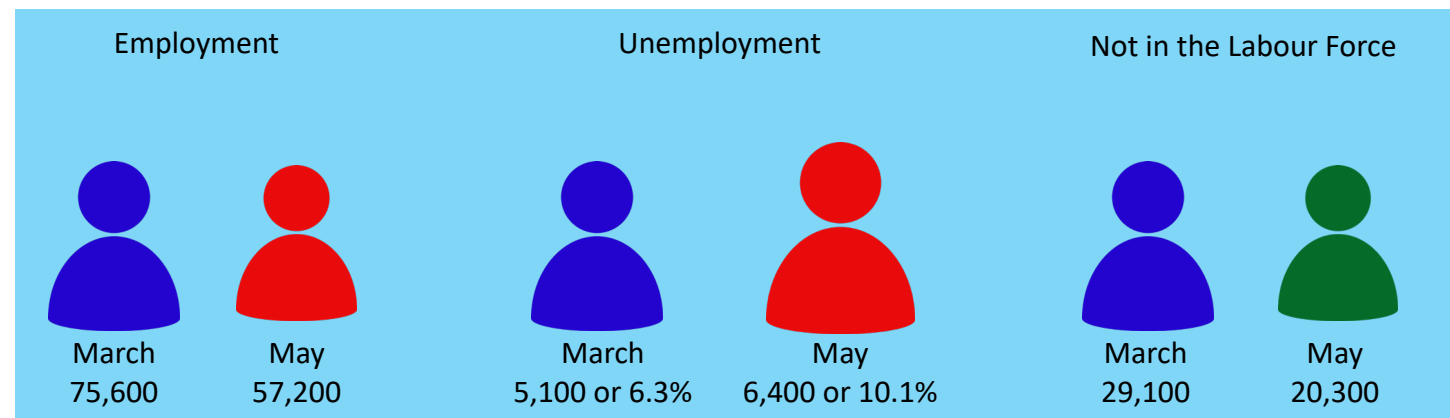
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20-24 Years-Old



25-29 Years-Old





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Investigating the numbers

- Young women have lost 17,800 jobs over these 15 months.
- 15 to 19 year olds have seen employment grow by 1,800 jobs.
- 20 to 24 year olds have lost 18,400 jobs.
- 25 to 29 year olds had a rough year but, by May, have been able to recover with 1,000 less people employed.
- While unemployment has recovered a bit, there are still 11,400 more youth unemployed.
- 15 to 19 year olds have the highest unemployment rate at 21.3% while 25 to 29 year olds have seen unemployment numbers more than double.
- All groups have seen an increase in disengagement from the labor workforce, but 20 to 24 year olds have been the fastest to return.
- More young women than young men left the labour market.



Video and Web site Resources to Support Youth in their Job Search:

1. Youth talking about their career paths and choices they made to start their career
https://www.workforceplanningboard.com/projects/entry_jobs
2. Local youth giving the quick facts on their careers
<https://www.findyourjob.ca/occupations/?wdt-page=blogs-videos>
3. Employer insights into their industries and recruitment
https://www.workforceplanningboard.com/projects/entry_jobs
4. Local job board, job maps and information on industries and careers
findyourjob.ca



How else can we help youth?

1. Investigate how to better get information around employment and educational services out to youth: platforms, posting frequency, how those who support youth get information.
2. Get easy-to-access information to employers around local youth attraction and retention services.
3. Identify how to connect youth 25 to 29 years old to services that would support their job search and help them map their futures.
4. Develop supports and skills training targeted to youth 20 to 24 who are still deciding their career paths so they can better gain employment.

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