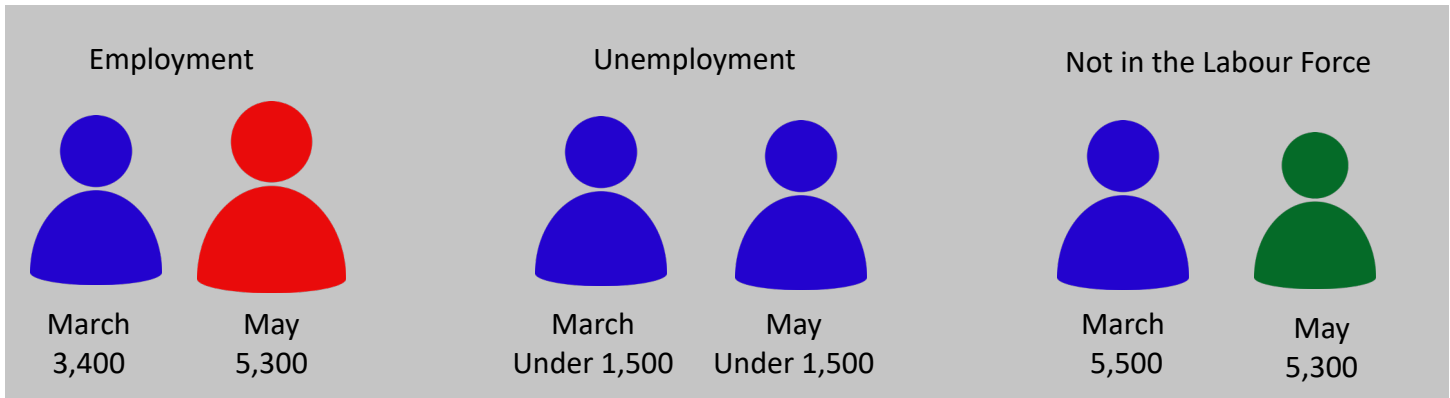


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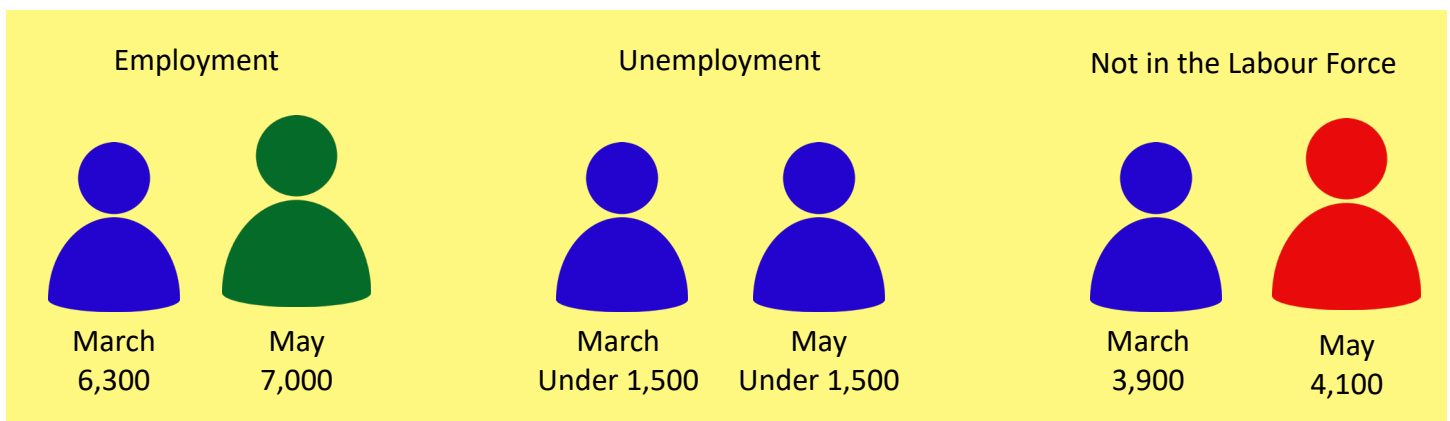
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Source for Statistics: Labour Force Survey

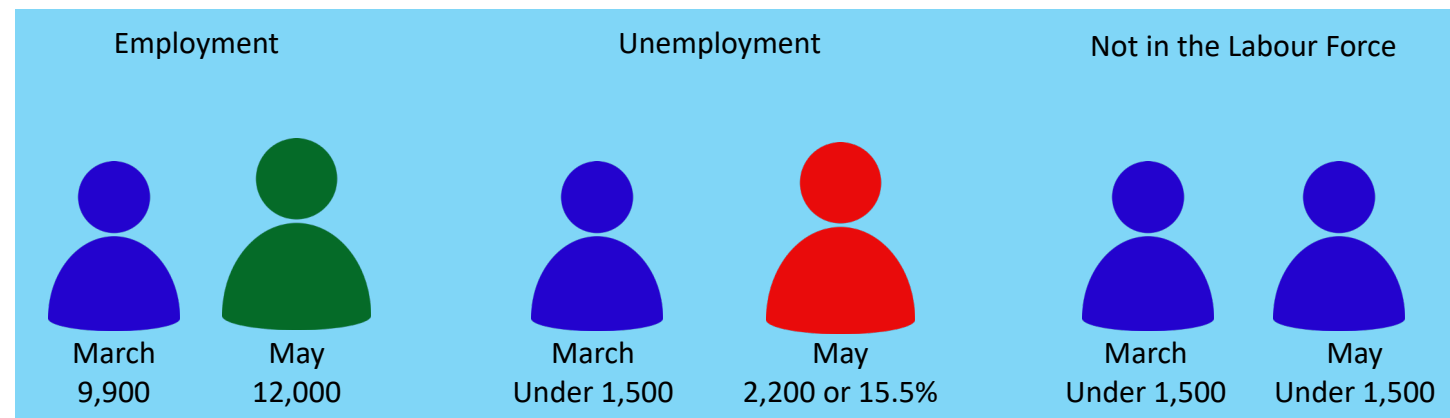
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20-24 Years-Old



25-29 Years-Old





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Investigating the numbers

- In 15 months, youth recovered their jobs and added 4,700 more.
- Youth 15 to 19 gained 1,900 jobs.
- 25 to 29 year olds are the largest group employed and have gained 2,100 jobs.
- More young women are employed than young men.
- 3,900 youth are still unemployed 15 months later.
- Youth unemployment rate was at 13.9% in May - general unemployment rate was 9.1%.
- As the Not in the Labor Force number has decreased more youth are engaged in the labor market and are either employed or actively searching for jobs.



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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