

Canada's uneven labour market recovery exposes worrying shortfalls

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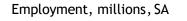
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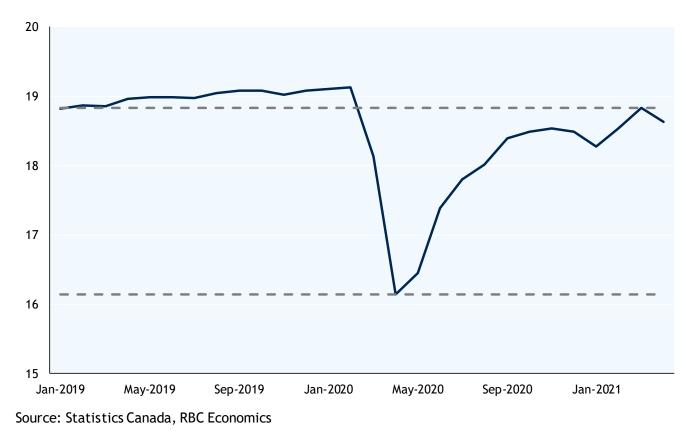
A sharp shock and uneven recovery

3 million jobs lost, 2.5 million jobs recovered



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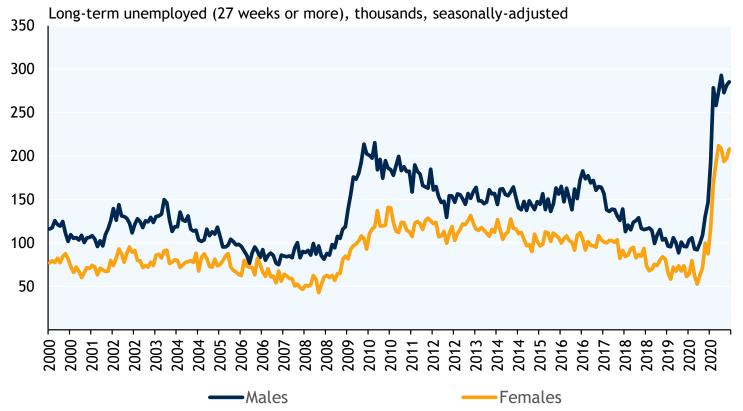




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Long-Term Unemployment

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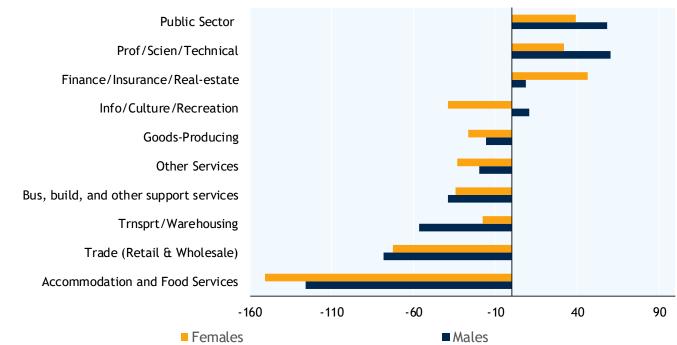


Source: Statistics Canada, RBC Economics



High-contact industries under pressure

Women in hardest-hit sectors experienced more job losses



Thousands of job losses among males and females aged 20+, Feb '20 - Apr'21, SA

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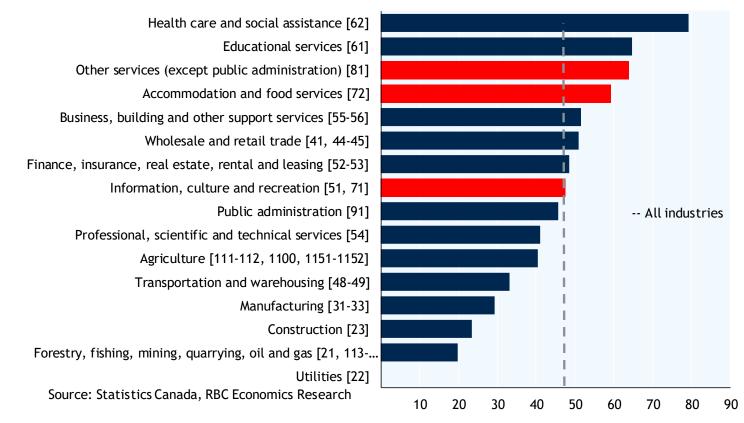
Women more likely to have more than one job

Females more likely to be working multiple service sector jobs

Prime age females % share of multiple jobholders pre covid

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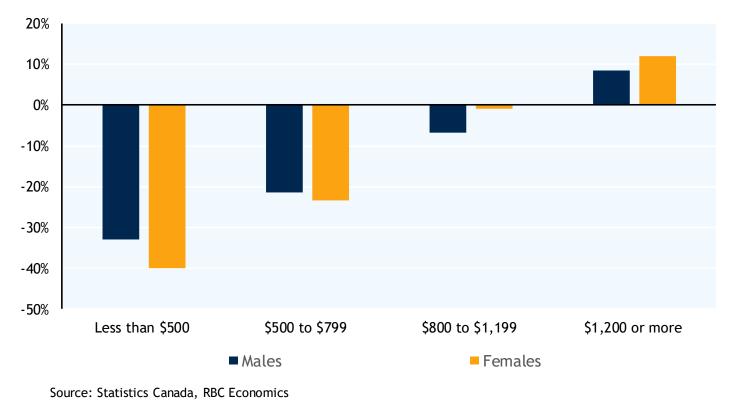


Economics More low-wage workers out of work

Pandemic hit lower-earning women harder

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% change in employment (Feb '20-Apr '21), employees aged 25-54 who work full time (>= 30 hours/week), SA

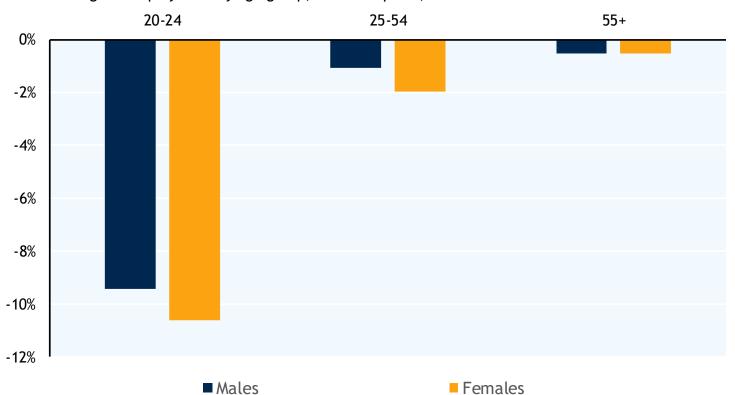




Economics Youth face challenges

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Youngest women were most affected by job losses



% change in employment by age group, Feb '20- Apr '21, SA

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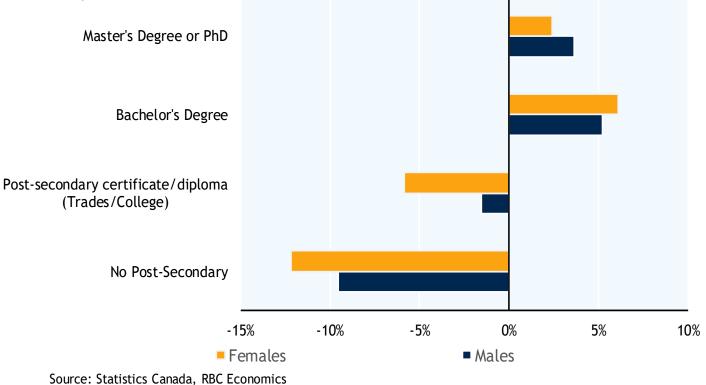


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Those with less education under pressure

Women without university degrees fared worse

% change in employment (Feb '20- Apr '21), prime aged females and males by highest level of educational attainment, SA



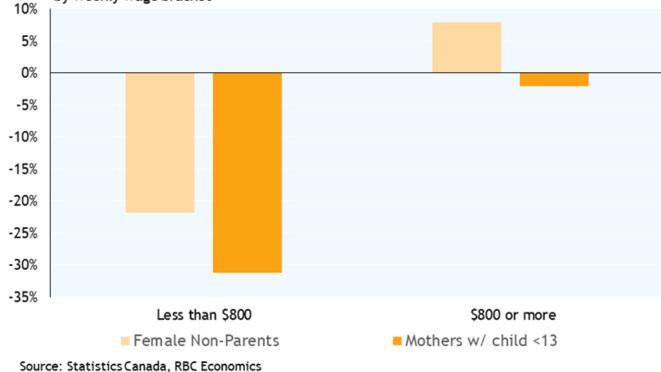


Economics More mothers have lost jobs

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Mothers face higher job losses than women without children

% change in employment (Feb '20-Apr'21) among mothers aged 25-54 with children <13, & females without children, full-time employees only (weekly hours worked >=30), by weekly wage bracket

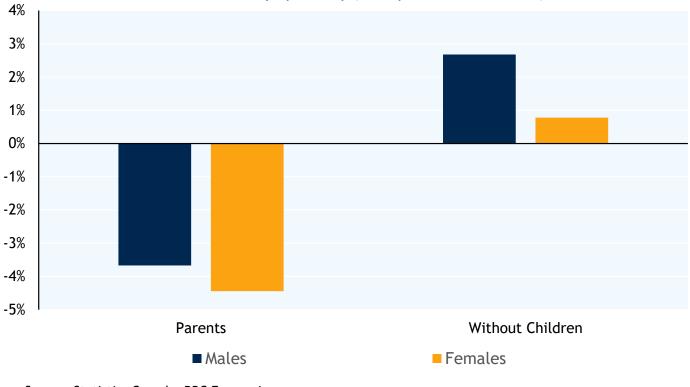




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Mothers left the labour force, women without children joined

% change in labour force size (Feb '20- Apr '21) among parents aged 25-54 with children <13 & those without children, full-time employees only (weekly hours worked >= 30)





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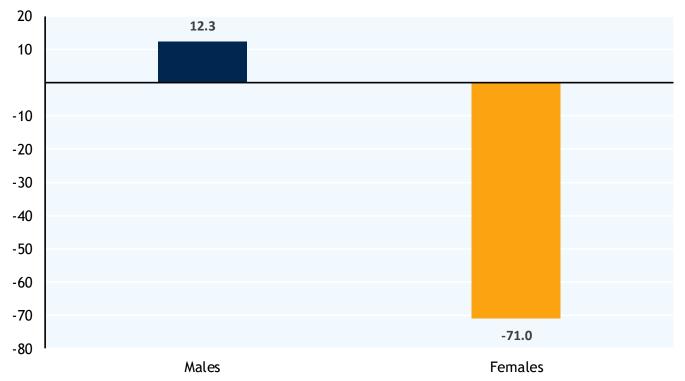
Women exiting labour market

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71,000 women leave the labour force while men join

Change in labour force size from Feb '20 to Apr '21, males and females aged 20+, thousands of persons



Source: Statistics Canada, RBC Economics



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Pandemic threatens decades of women's labour force gains, July 2020

Canadian women continue to exit the labour force December 2020

Double Jeopardy March 2021

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