



COVID 19 IMPACT ON RURAL EMPLOYMENT

December 2020

The number of people employed in rural and small town Ontario (RST), 15 + years of age, is estimated to be 11,000 lower in December 2020 (compared to December 2017-2019 averages) due to COVID-19.

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-1.7%





In December, 2020 the COVID-19 employment gap continued to narrow in rural and small town Ontario compared to larger urban centres where the COVID-19 gap grew from -3.8% to -4.3% between November and December.

-5.1%

DECEMBER RST
FEMALE
EMPLOYMENT
GAP (15+ YEARS)

The female employment gap in rural and small town Ontario continued to be higher than males every month since April 2020.



1.3% 
-5.1% 
December
Employment Gap



-5.1%
RURAL (DEC.)

-5.3%
URBAN (DEC.)

In December the **female** employment gap was similar in **rural** and **urban** Ontario.

-23.0 %

Estimated impact of Covid-19 on rural Ontario employment in Information, Culture & Recreation Sectors in December 2020.



-6,000

Health Care and Social Assistance Sectors in rural Ontario experienced the largest gap in number of workers employed in December 2020.

Within rural and small town Ontario, the construction sector has consistently experienced positive employment throughout 2020 and never experienced a COVID-19 employment gap. The change in number employed in construction in December was 6,000 in rural Ontario, compared to -14,000 in larger urban centres.