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Job market starts to recover as COVID restrictions ease

- Employment rose 290,000 (+1.8%) and COVID-related absences dropped 292,000 (-8.6%) – a 10.6% recovery of COVID-19 related employment losses and absences.
- Temporary layoffs stabilized but the unemployment rate rose 0.7 percentage points to 13.7%, a record high.
- The labour force expanded by 491,000 as more people looked for work – employment started to bounce back (+290,000) and unemployment increased (+201,000).
- May's report shows the impacts of the pandemic on the Canadian labour market the week of May 10 to 16, as restrictions eased in some provinces but still largely in place in Alberta, Ontario and Nova Scotia.

NOTABLE INDUSTRIES

	Hours
Construction	+19.0%
Other services	+13.2%
Wholesale and retail trade	+11.0%
Manufacturing	+10.9%
Educational services	+9.4%
Natural resources	+9.2%



Canada Job Gains and Unemployment Rate

