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Unprecedented job losses due to COVID-19

- Employment plunged by nearly two million last month—a reflection of labour market conditions the week of April 12 to 18, by then the widespread shutdown had been put in place nationwide.
- Over three million jobs have been lost over the past two months—1,946,000 in full-time work and 1,059,000 in part-time employment.
- Over one-third of the potential labour force were out of work or worked less than half of their usual hours.
- The unemployment rate jumped 5.2 percentage points to 13.0%—second only to December 1982 at 13.1%.

NOTABLE INDUSTRIES

Wholesale and retail trade	-375K
Accommodation and food services	-321K
Construction	-314K
Manufacturing	-267K
Health care and social assistance	-129K
Information, culture and recreation	-82K
Educational services	-34K



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