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## Employment growth accelerates in September

- Canada gained 378K jobs in September – 334K in full-time work – bringing employment to within 720K of its pre-COVID February level.
- Employment increased in the services-producing (+303K) and goods-producing (+75K) sectors but remain below their pre-COVID February levels of -3.6% and -4.3% respectively. Compared with February, three-quarters of the decline came from four industries: accommodation and food services, retail trade, construction, and transportation and warehousing. While some industries face a long recovery to pre-COVID employment levels, some sectors, including manufacturing, have almost fully recovered.
- Every province except New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island saw increases in employment – with the largest gains in Ontario and Quebec.
- The unemployment rate dropped to 9.0% with 1.8M Canadians unemployed, down 214K from August, and continuing the four-month decline from the record-high 2.6M in May.

### NOTABLE INDUSTRIES

Accommodation and Food Services	<b>+71.9K</b>
Educational Services	<b>+68.3K</b>
Manufacturing	<b>+68.0K</b>
Information, Culture and Recreation	<b>+56.1K</b>

EMPLOYMENT ROSE BY  
**378,000**  
IN SEPTEMBER

AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE  
**\$29.72**  
5.7% ABOVE SEPTEMBER 2019

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FELL TO  
**9.0%**  
5.5% LAST SEPTEMBER

### Canada Job Gains and Unemployment Rate

