

## June 2020 Manitoba Employment Rebounds

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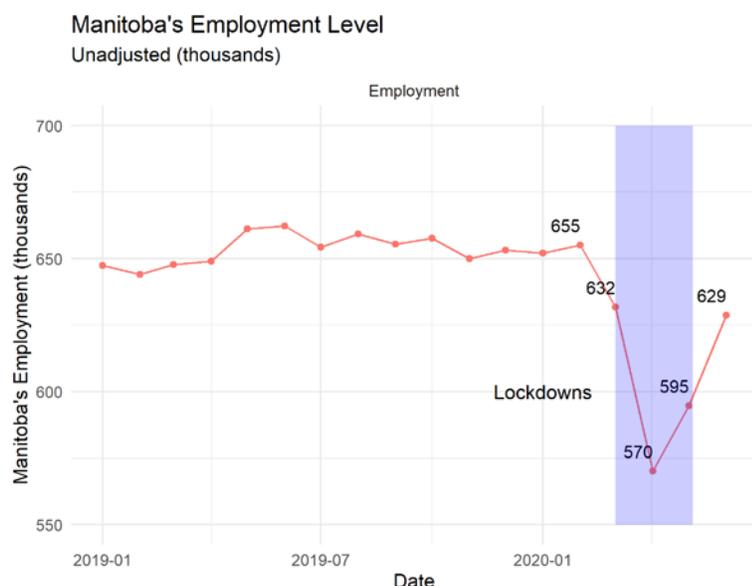
### Bottom Line

**The Manitoba post-COVID-19 labour market continues to improve.** Manitoba's June 2020 (unadjusted) employment rose by 34,000 to 629,000. **The Manitoba all industry index in June 2020 is 96** - 4 per cent points below February. **For those aged 15 to 24, the Manitoba employment index is now 99, a significant improvement over May's index of 82.** For this age group, Manitoba's June employment index is better than the national average.

Some challenges remain however. In June 2020, some the employment indices are below the Manitoba all-industry average: **94** for those aged 25 to 54, **94** for services-producing industries, and **93** for female workers. Considering employment change by industry and gender, we see that the employment index is **104** for the combination of male and goods-producing industries, and **91** for the combination of female and goods-producing industries. **To help parents rejoin the labour market and support economic growth, we will need to ensure safe childcare and school re-opening in the fall.**

### Analysis

Figure 1: Manitoba's Employment Level (thousands)

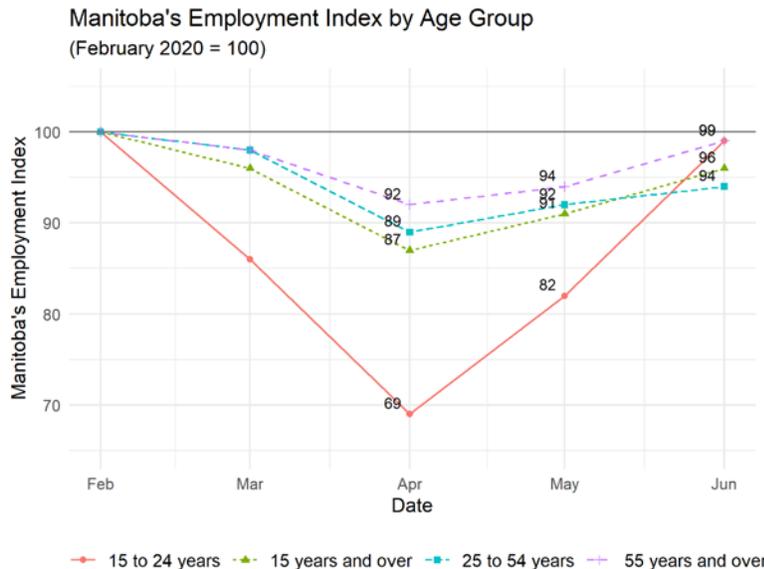


Source: Statistics Canada, LFC, Monthly, Unadjusted, Tables 14-10-0022-01

Manitoba's June 2020 employment figures rose by 34,000 in May to 629,000. The overall results are closer to the February 2020 pre-lockdown employment numbers of 655,000 (**Figure 1**).

June's employment figures are approximately 4 per cent points below February's employment level.

Figure 2: Manitoba's Employment Index by Age Group (Feb 2020 = 100)

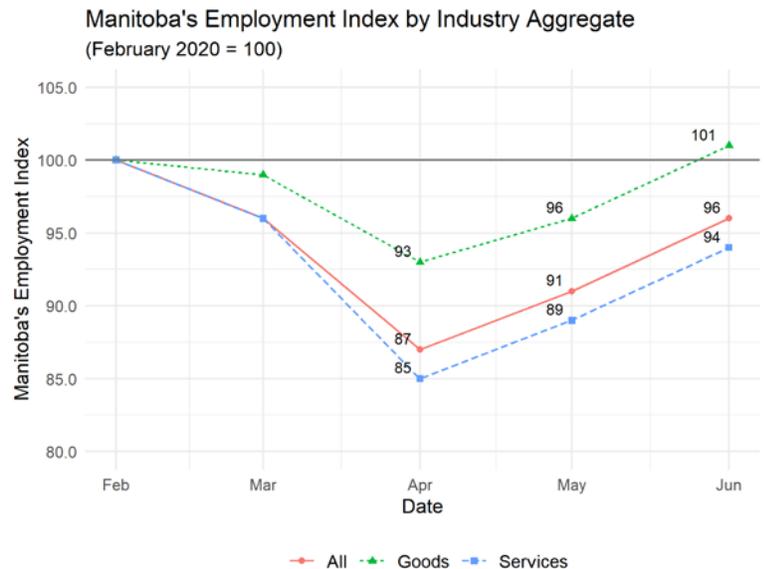


The employment index for June 2020 for ages 15 to 24 is only 1 per cent point below that of February 2020 level (**Figure 2**). This is a huge improvement over the April index value of 69.

The June 2020 index value of 94 for those aged 25 to 54 is still 6 per cent points below the February 2020 level.

Source: Statistics Canada, LFC, Monthly, Unadjusted, Tables 14-10-0022-01

Figure 3: Manitoba's Employment Index by Industry Aggregate (Feb 2020 = 100)

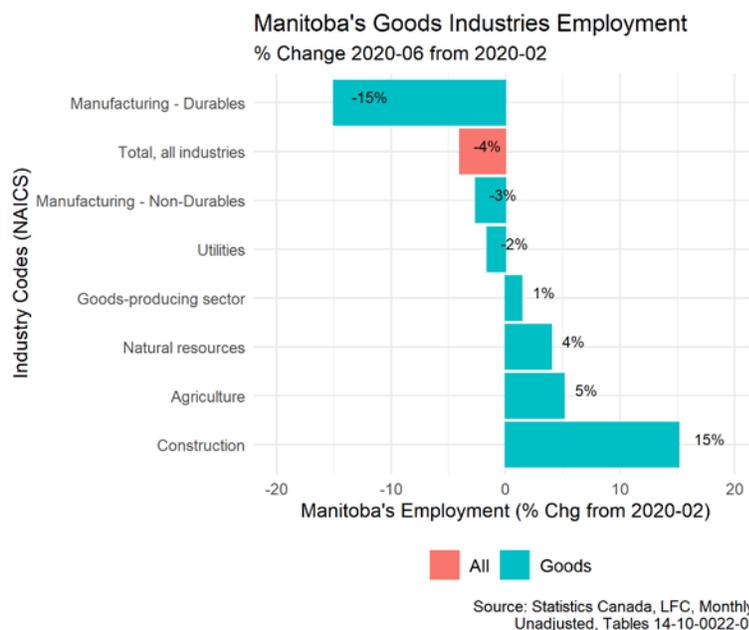


The employment index for the goods sector of 101 is now 1 per cent point above the Feb 2020 level (**Figure 3**).

The employment index for the services sector of 94 is still 6 per cent points below the Feb 2020 level. This is below the all industries average.

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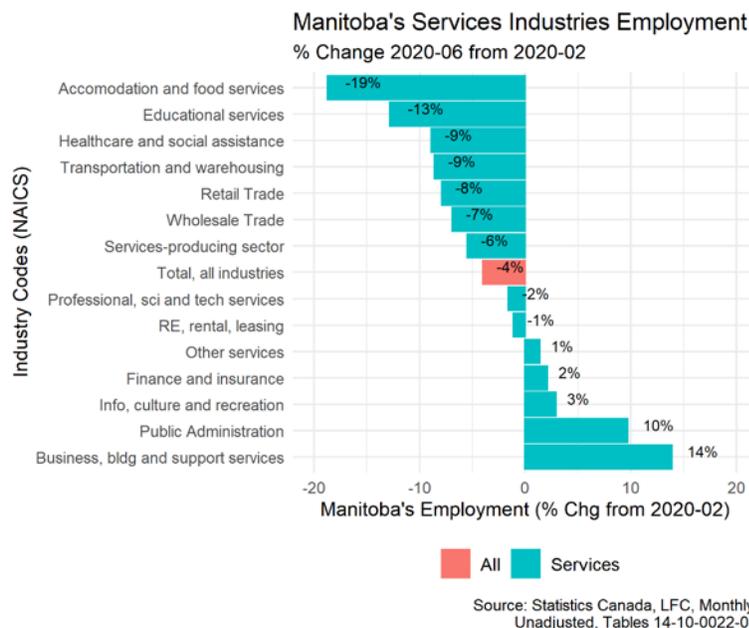
Figure 4: Manitoba's Employment by **Goods-producing Industries** (Percentage Change June/Feb 2020)



Comparison of Jun to Feb 2020 employment in goods-producing industries, **durable goods manufacturing experienced a 15 per cent decline from the February level (Figure 4).**

Natural resources, agriculture and construction are well above February levels (part of this would be due to seasonality).

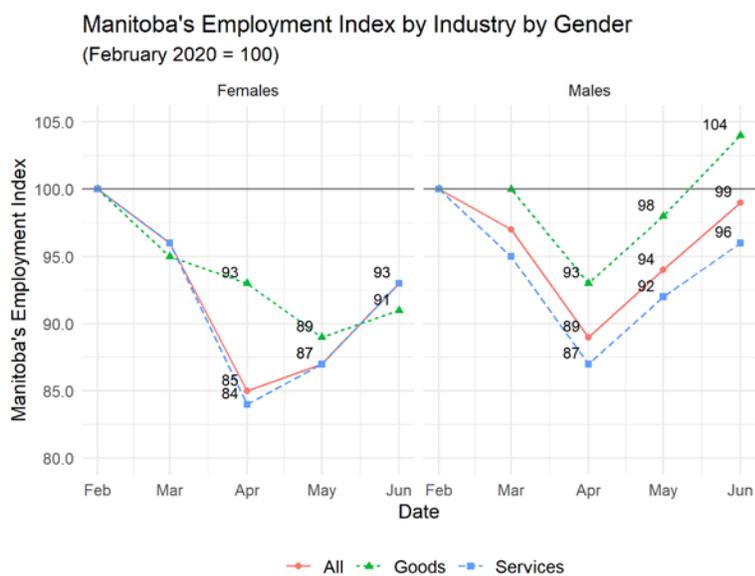
Figure 5: MB's Employment by **Services-producing Industries** (Percentage Change June/Feb 2020)



When comparing Jun/Feb 2020 employment in the services-producing sectors, **accommodation and food services was 19 per cent below the February level (Figure 5).**

**Public administration (+10%), and business, building and support services (14%)** are well above their level in February 2020.

Figure 6: Manitoba's Employment Index by Industry and Gender (Feb 2020 = 100)



Source: Statistics Canada, LFC, Monthly, Unadjusted, Tables 14-10-0022-01

Women's employment in June 2020 has an index of 93, compared to men's employment index of 99 (**Figure 6**).

When we consider employment changes by the combination of industry and gender, we see that the employment index is:

- **104** for the combination of male and goods-producing industries, and
- **91** for the combination of female and goods-producing industries.

Women in services-producing industries have an index value of 93, which is slightly higher than the change for goods producing industries.

The labour market has improved over May, but there remains a number of issues constraining labour market participation. As Dr. Tammy Schirle and Dr. Mikal Skuterud note in their July 15, 2020 C.D. Howe Institute Intelligence Memo "[The Moms are not all right](#)," women's employment and hours of work continue to lag behind their pre-COVID-19 levels. It is clear that getting childcare and schools safely ready by fall will be critical to enable parents (and particularly women) to rejoin the labour market and support our economic recovery.

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