# COVID-19 and the labour market in April 2020



#### **5.5 million Canadians**

have been impacted by COVID-19 by either **job loss** or **reduced hours** 



Between February and April 2020 there were...

## 2.5 million more people who worked less than half their usual hours

Almost **4 of 10** solo self-employed<sup>1</sup> people did not work any hours\*

**40%**\* of people who worked less than half their regular hours feared they might lose their job

### 1.3 million more people unemployed

Among students aged 15 to 24 the unemployment rate increased to **32%**\*

Almost all (97%\*) of the newly-unemployed were on temporary layoff – meaning they expected to return to their former employer when the shutdown is relaxed

### Well over 1.7 million fewer people in the labour force

**1.1 million** had recently worked – in March or April – and wanted to work

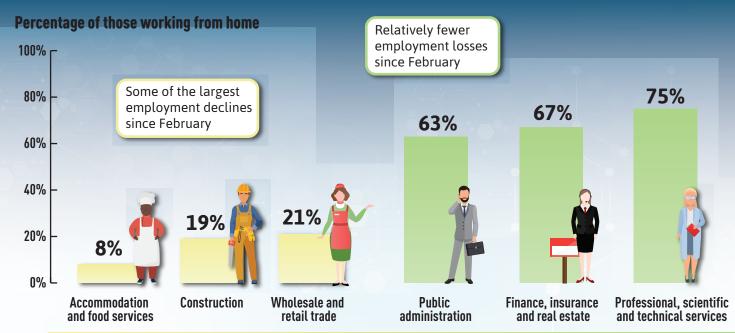
If these people were counted as unemployed instead of being counted as out of the labour force, the unemployment rate would be almost 18% instead of 13%

#### 12.0 million Canadians worked at least half their usual hours in April 2020

**5.0 million people** worked most of their hours from home

3.3 million of them said they usually worked elsewhere





More physical contact required

Less physical contact required

1. Solo self-employed refers to self-employed people who do not have any employees.

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<sup>\*</sup> Not seasonally adjusted