

## How has COVID-19 impacted rural employment in Canada?

## Based on Statistics Canada data compiled by Ray Bollman

When compared to a typical May, employment in May 2020 was lower by -15.9% in rural and small town areas and by -12.2% in large urban centres. With this measure, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a larger impact on rural and small town employment

Which industries had the greatest rural employment decline since

February?



Accomodation and food services

\$\square\$ 46,000 jobs

↓53.8%



Health care and social assistance

↓ 41,000 jobs ↓ 8.3%



Retail and wholesale trade

↓ 29,000 jobs ↓19.4%



**Educational services** 

↓ 28,000 jobs ↓17.3%

Which provinces experienced the greatest change in rural employment since February?

