

**ONTARIO PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYMENT EDGES UP IN MAY**

Data from [Statistics Canada](#) indicates total private sector employment in Ontario rose slightly in May from the previous and substantial decreases recorded in March and April.

The unadjusted Ontario data from the May 2020 [Labour Force Survey](#) shows total private sector employment in Ontario was up 2.8% over April. However, Ontario private sector employment in May remained 17% lower than in February. Through March and April, just under one million private sector jobs disappeared in Ontario, a decline of 19.5% from February, as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

Public sector employment in Ontario declined by 4% in May from the previous month. Since February, public sector employment in Ontario has declined by 9.6%.

The total number of self-employed in Ontario declined slightly by 0.8% in May over the previous month. Since February, the number of self-employed in Ontario has declined by 3.3%.

**Data Table (Unadjusted): Ontario Employment by Class of Worker – January 2020 to May 2020**

**Ontario Employment Levels by Class of Worker – January 2020 to May 2020**

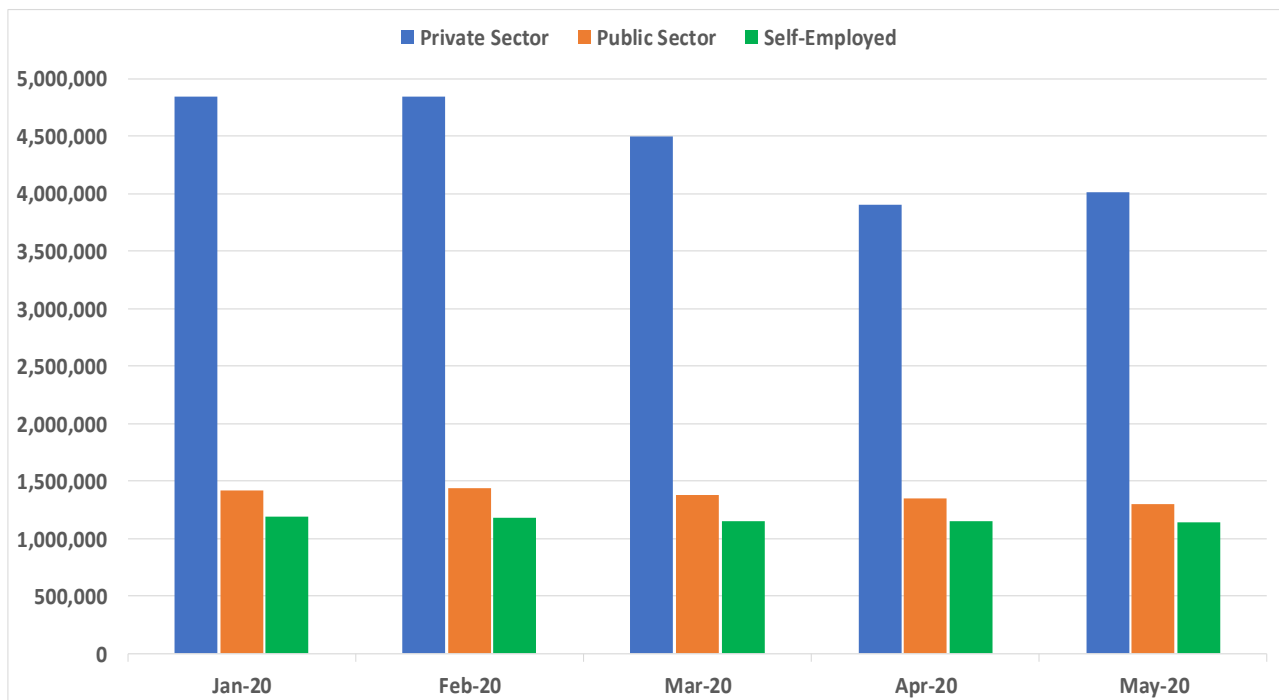


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