Manitoba Employment Outlook Report

This report highlights some occupational outlooks that have either improved or been adversely affected in 2020.

While the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic were the primary factor contributing to the appearance of occupations on this list, other dynamics may have been involved in some cases.

Occupations were included in this report based upon a nalysis of Labour Force Survey and administrative data (employment insurance claims and job postings), as well as qualitative analysis of labour market events and occupational research.

Each occupational narrative includes the following:

- Job Description,
- COVID-19 observation (as applicable),
- Employment change statement,
- Listing of primary industries, and
- Qualitative remark(s).

Given the changing nature of the economy and labour market, these outlooks/trends are not long-term.

Impacted Occupations

1411 General office support workers

- General office support workers prepare correspondence, reports, statements and other material, operate office equipment, answer telephones, verify, record and process forms and documents such as contracts and requisitions and perform general clerical duties according to established procedures. They are employed in offices throughout the public and private sectors.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for general office support workers to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 21% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. However, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended higher year-over-year.
- General office support workers work in the following industries:
 - health care and social assistance
 - educational services
 - public administration.
- Some general office support workers were able to remain employed throughout the pandemic by switching to a virtual work environment.
- Demand for this occupation will remain uncertain while pandemic response measures remain in place.

1414 Receptionists

- Receptionists greet people arriving at offices, hospitals and other establishments, direct visitors to appropriate person or service, answer and forward telephone calls, take messages, schedule appointments and perform other clerical duties. They are employed by hospitals, medical and dental offices and other offices throughout the public and private sectors. Telephone operators are included in this group.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for receptionists to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 45% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. Similarly, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended lower year-over-year.
- Receptionists work in the following industries:
 - health care and social assistance
 - other services (except public administration)
 - retail trade.
- Receptionists work in a broad range of industries. The majority of businesses, including non-essential medical clinics, dental offices, and schools were deemed non-essential and ordered to temporarily close in spring 2020.
- The customer-facing nature of many jobs in this occupation means employment is closely linked to provincial health measures that limit in-person businesses.

4214 Early childhood educators and assistants

- Early childhood educators plan, organize and implement programs for children between the ages of infancy and 12 years. Early childhood educator assistants provide care for infants and preschool- to school-age children under the guidance of early childhood educators. Early childhood educators and assistants lead children in activities to stimulate and develop their intellectual, physical and emotional growth and ensure their security and well-being. They are employed in child-care centres, daycare centres, kindergartens, agencies for exceptional children and other settings where early childhood educations ervices are provided. Supervisors of early childhood educators and assistants are included in this unit group.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for early childhood educators and assistants to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 48% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. Similarly, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended lower year-over-year.
- Early childhood educators and assistants work in the following industries:
 - health care and social assistance
 - arts, entertainment and recreation.
- Workers in this occupation were impacted by closures and capacity restrictions imposed on daycares throughout the pandemic.
- Recovery in this occupation is largely dependent on whether caregivers are able or required to work. Many children will return to childcare again as their caregivers return to work.

4413 Elementary and secondary school teacher assistants

• Elementary and secondary school teacher assistants support students, and assist teachers and counsellors with teaching and non-instructional tasks. They assist in areas of personal care, teaching and behaviour management under the supervision of teachers or other child care professionals. They are employed in public and private elementary, secondary and special needs schools and treatment centres.

- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for elementary and secondary school teacher assistants to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 7% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. Similarly, average employment levels in 2020 trended lower year-over-year.
- Elementary and secondary school teacher assistants work in the following industry:
 - educational services.
- School closures in the early months of the pandemic led to many workers in this occupation being laid off while teachers remained employed to offer distanced learning. Most teacher assistants in Manitoba returned to work in September when in-class and hybrid learning began.
- Provincial measures to support remote learning through the pandemic included plans to hire additional teacher assistants. Demand for this occupation will remain tied to schools' ability to remain open for in-person learning

6322 Cooks

- Cooks prepare and cook a wide variety of foods. They are employed in restaurants, hotels, hospitals and other health care institutions, central food commissaries, educational institutions and other establishments. Cooks are also employed a board ships and at construction and logging campsites.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for cooks to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 37% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. However, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended higher year-over-year.
- Cooks work in the following industries:
 - accommodation and foodservices
 - health care and social assistance.
- Though many restaurants continued to offer delivery and pick-up options throughout the pandemic, reduced service volumes led most establishments to reduce staffing levels and hours for those working in this occupation.
- Uncertainty in this occupation will likely continue as non-critical businesses are often the focus of provincial closure orders to reduce COVID-19 transmission.

6341 Hairstylists and barbers

- Hairstylists and barbers cut and style hair and perform related services. They are employed in hairstyling or hairdressing salons, barber shops, vocational schools, health care establishments and theatre, film and television establishments.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for hairstylists and barbers to fall significantly in Manito ba.
- Employment for this occupation was 20% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. However, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended higher year-over-year.
- Hairstylists and barbers work in the following industry:
 - other services (except public administration).
- Those employed in this occupation work in close proximity to their clients. The high risk of exposure has negatively impacted service volumes and hours worked in this occupation.

• Uncertainty in this occupation will likely continue as non-critical businesses are often the focus of provincial closure orders to reduce COVID-19 transmission.

6421 Retail salespersons

- Retail salespersons sell, rent or lease a range of technical and non-technical goods and services directly to consumers. They are employed by stores and other retail businesses, as well as wholesale businesses that sell on a retail basis to the public.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for retail salespersons to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 43% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. However, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended higher year-over-year.
- Retail salespersons work in the following industry:
 - retail trade.
- Mandated closures and restricted occupancy levels for retail stores led to widespread lay offs and diminished work hours for many workers in this occupation.
- Uncertainty in this occupation will likely continue as non-critical businesses are often the focus of provincial closure orders to reduce COVID-19 transmission.

6513 Food and beverage servers

- Food and beverage servers take patrons' food and beverage orders and serve orders to patrons. They are employed in restaurants, hotels, bars, taverns, private clubs, banquet halls and similar establishments.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for food and beverage servers to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 69% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. However, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended higher year-over-year.
- Food and beverage servers work in the following industry:
 - accommodation and foodservices.
- Mandated closures and restricted occupancy levels for restaurants and bars led to widespread layoffs and diminished workhours for many workers in this occupation.
- Uncertainty in this occupation will likely continue as non-critical businesses are often the focus of provincial closure orders to reduce COVID-19 transmission.

6541 Security guards and related security service occupations

• Security guards and workers in related security service occupations guard and implement security measures to protect property against theft, vandalism and fire, control access to establishments, maintain order and enforce regulations at public events and within establishments, conduct private investigations for clients or employers and provide other protective services not elsewhere classified. They are employed by public or private security agencies, residential complexes, educational, cultural, financial and health institutions, retail establishments, businesses and industry, investigation service companies, transportation facilities, and organizations throughout the private and public sectors, or they may be self-employed.

- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for security guards and related security service occupations to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 21% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. Similarly, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended lower year-over-year.
- Security guards and related security service occupations work in the following industries:
 - administrative and support, waste management and remediation services
 - public administration
 - health care and social assistance.
- Provincial measures directing the closure of non-essential businesses in early 2020 reduced the need for security services.
- Demand for this occupation has improved and is expected to grow as COVID-19 regulations are relaxed.

6711 Food counter attendants, kitchen helpers and related support occupations

- Food counter attendants and food preparers prepare, heat and finish cooking simple food items and serve customers at food counters. Kitchen helpers, food service helpers and dishwashers clear tables, clean kitchen areas, wash dishes, and perform various other activities to assist workers who prepare or serve food and beverages. They are employed by restaurants, cafés, hotels, fast food outlets, cafeterias, hospitals and other establishments.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for food counter attendants, kitchen helpers and related support occupations to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 24% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. However, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended higher year-over-year.
- Food counter attendants, kitchen helpers and related support occupations work in the following industries:
 - accommodation and foods ervices
 - health care and social assistance
 - retail trade.
- Mandated closures and restricted occupancy levels for businesses in the food and accommodation industry led to wides pread layoffs and diminished work hours for many workers in this occupation.
- Uncertainty in this occupation will likely continue as non-critical businesses are often the focus of provincial closure orders to reduce COVID-19 transmission.

7512 Bus drivers, subway operators and other transit operators

- Bus drivers, subway operators and other transit operators drive buses and operate streetcars, subway trains and light rail transit vehicles to transport passengers on established routes. Bus drivers are employed by urban transit systems, school boards or transportation authorities and private transportation companies. Streetcar, subway and light rail transit operators are employed by urban transit systems.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for bus drivers, subway operators and other transit operators to fall significantly in Manitoba.

- Employment for this occupation was 12% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. Similarly, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended lower year-over-year.
- Bus drivers, subway operators and other transit operators work in the following industries:
 - transportation and warehousing
 - educational services.
- Winnipeg Transit reduced service during spring and temporarily laid off several bus drivers. The majority of Manitoba school bus drivers were laid off in March when schools were closed.
- Uncertainty in this occupation will likely continue if demand for public transit remains reduced. Post-secondary schools operate via remote learning and working from home is still a common arrangement.

7521 Heavy equipment operators (except crane)

- Heavy equipment operators operate heavy equipment used in the construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, airports, gas and oil pipelines, tunnels, buildings and other structures; in surface mining and quarrying activities; and in material handling work. They are employed by construction companies, heavy equipment contractors, public works departments and pipeline, logging, cargo-handling and other companies.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for heavy equipment operators (except crane) to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 28% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. Similarly, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended lower year-over-year.
- Heavy equipment operators (except crane) work in the following industry:
 - construction.
- Construction was deemed an essential service but many large projects throughout Manitoba were either temporarily shut down or had reduced staffing levels in order to observe social distancing regulations.
- Increased infrastructure spending will likely boost commercial construction and support recovery in this occupation.

7611 Construction trades helpers and labourers

- Construction trades helpers and labourers assists killed tradespersons and perform labouring activities at construction sites, in quarries and in surface mines. They are employed by construction companies, trade and labour contractors, and surface mine and quarry operators.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for construction trades helpers and labourers to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 21% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. Similarly, average employment levels in 2020 trended lower year-over-year.
- Construction trades helpers and labourers work in the following industry:
 - construction.
- Construction was deemed an essential service but many large projects throughout Manitoba were either temporarily shut down or had reduced staffing levels in order to observe social distancing regulations.
- Increased infrastructure spending will likely boost commercial construction and support recovery in this occupation.

Improved Occupations

1241 Administrative assistants

- Administrative assistants perform a variety of administrative duties in support of managerial and professional employers. They are employed throughout the private and public sectors.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for administrative assistants to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 20% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. Similarly, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended lower year-over-year.
- Administrative assistants work in the following industries:
 - educational services
 - public administration
 - other services (except public administration).
- Many businesses were unprepared to switch large numbers of employees to telework arrangements in spring as businesses closed down.
- Employment in this occupation recovered since spring and will likely remain in demand as businesses reopen and work-from-home arrangement become more commonplace.

1511 Mail, postal and related workers

- Mail, postal and related workers process and sort mail and parcels in post offices, mail processing plants and internal mail rooms, and clerks who serve customers and record transactions at sales counters and postal wickets. They are employed by Canada Post Corporation, courier and parcel express companies and establishments throughout the public and private sectors.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for mail, postal and related workers to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 61% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. Similarly, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended lower year-over-year.
- Mail, postal and related workers work in the following industry:
 - transportation and warehousing.
- Retail e-commerce is increasing significantly as the pandemic continues and will likely create greater demand for this occupation as the volume of parcel delivery remains high.

2171 Information systems analysts and consultants

- Information systems a nalysts and consultants a nalyze and test systems requirements, develop and implement information systems development plans, policies and procedures, and provide advice on a wide range of information systems issues. They are employed in information technology consulting firms and in information technology units throughout the public and private sectors, or they may be self-employed.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for information systems analysts and consultants to fall significantly in Manitoba.

- Employment for this occupation was 41% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. Similarly, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended lower year-over-year.
- Information systems analysts and consultants work in the following industries:
 - professional, scientific and technical services
 - finance and insurance
 - public administration.
- The shift towards increased technology usage during the pandemic created additional demand for this occupation.
- Demand for this occupation will likely continue as it supports software and technological requirements that enable remote work and e-commerce.

2174 Computer programmers and interactive media developers

- Computer programmers write, modify, integrate and test computer code for software applications, data processing applications, operating systems-level software and communications software. Interactive media developers write, modify, integrate and test computer code for Internet and mobile applications, computer -based training software, computer games, film, video and other interactive media. They are employed in computer software development firms, information technology consulting firms, and in information technology units throughout the private and public sectors.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for computer programmers and interactive media developers to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 19% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. Similarly, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended lower year-over-year.
- Computer programmers and interactive media developers work in the following industries:
 - professional, scientific and technical services
 - manufacturing
 - finance and insurance.
- Computer programmers and interactive media developers are needed to support remote work and e-commerce platforms that have become common during the pandemic.
- Demand for this occupation will likely continue as it supports software and technological requirements that enable remote work and e-commerce.

4412 Home support workers, housekeepers and related occupations

- Home support workers provide personal care and companionship for seniors, persons with disabilities and convalescent clients. Care is provided within the client's residence, in which the home support worker may also reside. They are employed by home care and support agencies, private households, or they may be self-employed. Housekeepers perform housekeeping and other home management duties in private households and other non-institutional, residential settings.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions. Employment for home support workers, housekeepers and related occupations in Manitoba did not initially decline but has been affected overall.

- Employment for this occupation was 87% higher in April 2020 compared to April 2019. However, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended lower year-over-year.
- Home support workers, housekeepers and related occupations work in the following industries:
 - health care and social assistance
 - other services (except public administration).
- This occupation is expected to be in demand during the pandemic as older people and those with underlying medical conditions may choose to remain in their homes rather than move to group caregiving facilities where COVID-19 transmission rates have been high.

5241 Graphic designers and illustrators

- Graphic designers conceptualize and produce graphic art and visual materials to effectively communicate information for publications, advertising, films, packaging, posters, signs and interactive media such as Web sites and CDs. This unit group also includes graphic designers who are supervisors, project managers or consultants. They are employed by advertising and graphic design firms, by establishments with advertising or communications departments and by multimedia production companies, or they may be self-employed. Illustrators conceptualize and create illustrations to represent information through images. They are almost solely self-employed.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions. Employment for graphic designers and illustrators in Manitoba did not initially decline but has been affected overall.
- Employment for this occupation was 114% higher in April 2020 compared to April 2019. However, average employment levels in 2020 trended lower year-over-year.
- Graphic designers and illustrators work in the following industry:
 - professional, scientific and technical services.
- Advertising was significantly reduced as live events were cancelled and retailers reduced adspending in spring. Graphic designers and illustrators were negatively impacted by this trend.
- This occupation is involved in creating and updating onlines hopping platforms as businesses and consumers shift to e-commerce.

6315 Cleaning supervisors

- Cleaning supervisors supervise and co-ordinate the activities of workers in the following unit groups: Light Duty Cleaners (6731), Specialized Cleaners (6732), and Janitors, Caretakers and Building Superintendents (6733). They are employed by hospitals and other health care institutions, hotels, motels, schools and other educational institutions, commercial and industrial establishments, home and office cleaning establishments and by various specialized cleaning companies.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions. Employment for cleaning supervisors in Manitoba did not initially decline but has been affected overall.
- Employment for this occupation was 68% higher in April 2020 compared to April 2019. However, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended lower year-over-year.
- Cleaning supervisors work in the following industry:
 - administrative and support, waste management and remediation services.

• Manitoba's enhanced business sanitation guidelines adopted to prevent the spread of COVID-19 have increased demand for commercial cleaning services.

7251 Plumbers

- Plumbers install, repair and maintain pipes, fixtures and other plumbing equipment used for water distribution and waste water disposal in residential, commercial and industrial buildings. They are employed in maintenance departments of factories, plants and similar establishments, by plumbing contractors, or they may be self-employed.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for plumbers to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 50% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. Similarly, average employment levels in 2020 trended lower year-over-year.
- Plumbers work in the following industry:
 - · construction.
- Plumbers were included in the list of critical services allowed to continue operating through the pandemic, allowing them to avoid closure-related layoffs.
- New infrastructure funding is likely to lead to more employment opportunities for this occupation.

7452 Material handlers

- Material handlers handle, move, load and unload materials by hand or using a variety of material handling equipment. They are employed by transportation, storage and moving companies, and by a variety of manufacturing and processing companies and retail and wholesale warehouses.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for material handlers to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 32% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. However, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended higher year-over-year.
- Material handlers work in the following industries:
 - retail trade
 - wholesale trade
 - transportation and warehousing.
- Retail e-commerce increased significantly during the pandemic, creating greater demand for this occupation as the volume of parcel delivery expanded.
- Amazon plans to open a new delivery centre in Winnipeg in 2021. The centre will create many new jobs in this occupation.

7514 Delivery and courier service drivers

• Delivery and courier service drivers drive automobiles, vans and light trucks to pick up and deliver various products. They are employed by dairies, drug stores, news paper distributors, take-out food establishments, dry cleaners, mobile caterers, courier and messenger service companies and many other establishments, or they may be self-employed.

- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for delivery and courier service drivers to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 50% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. However, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended higher year-over-year.
- Delivery and courier service drivers work in the following industries:
 - transportation and warehousing
 - retail trade
 - accommodation and foodservices.
- Retail e-commerce increased significantly during the pandemic, creating greater demand for this occupation as the volume of parcel delivery expanded.
- Amazon plans to open a new delivery centre in Winnipeg in 2021. The centre will create many new jobs in this occupation.

2281 Computer network technicians

- Computer network technicians establish, operate, maintain and co-ordinate the use of local and wide area networks (LANs and WANs), mainframe networks, hardware, software and related computer equipment. They set up and maintain Internet and intranet Web sites and Web-server hardware and software, and monitor and optimize network connectivity and performance. They are employed in information technology units throughout the private and public sectors. Supervisors of computer network technicians are included in this unit group.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions. Employment for computer network technicians in Manitoba did not initially decline but has been affected overall.
- Employment for this occupation was 75% higher in April 2020 compared to April 2019. However, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended lower year-over-year.
- Computer network technicians were heavily involved in the transition to remote work made necessary due to COVID-19.
- This occupation will likely remain in high demand as more companies are expected to embrace remote work long-term.

6231 Insurance agents and brokers

- Insurance agents and brokers sell life, automobile, property, health and other types of insurance to individuals, businesses and public institutions. Insurance agents are employed by individual insurance companies or are independent representatives of specific insurance companies. Insurance brokers are employed by brokerage firms, or may work in partnerships or hold sole proprietorship. Supervisors of insurance agents are included in this unit group.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions. However, employment for insurance agents and brokers in Manitoba was not affected.
- Insurance agents and brokers work in the following industry:
 - finance and insurance.
- Insurance companies will likely receive increased claims and insurance policy sales due to uncertainty caused by the pandemic for travel, health, and business. The rise in insurance activities will likely increase demand for this occupation.

1521 Shippers and receivers

- Shippers and receivers ship, receive and record the movement of parts, supplies, materials, equipment and stock to and from an establishment. They are employed in the public sector and by retail and wholesale establishments, manufacturing companies, and other commercial and industrial establishments.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions. Employment for shippers and receivers in Manitoba did not initially decline but has been affected overall.
- Employment for this occupation was 27% higher in April 2020 compared to April 2019. However, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended lower year-over-year.
- Shippers and receivers work in the following industries:
 - manufacturing
 - wholesale trade
 - retail trade.
- Retail e-commerce increased significantly during the pandemic, creating greater demand for this occupation as the volume of parcel delivery expanded.
- Amazon plans to open a new delivery centre in Winnipeg in 2021. The centre will create many new jobs in this occupation.

6622 Store shelf stockers, clerks and order fillers

- Store shelf stockers, clerks and order fillers pack customers' purchases, price items, stock shelves with merchandise, and fill mail and telephone orders. They are employed in retail establishments, such as grocery, hardware and department stores, and in warehouses.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic was declared in March, resulting in health measures, travel restrictions, and other disruptions that caused employment for store shelf stockers, clerks and order fillers to fall significantly in Manitoba.
- Employment for this occupation was 9% lower in April 2020 compared to April 2019. However, a verage employment levels in 2020 trended higher year-over-year.
- Store shelf stockers, clerks and order fillers work in the following industry:
 - retail trade.
- Many shoppers adopted online shopping habits during the pandemic, creating increased demand for this occupation.