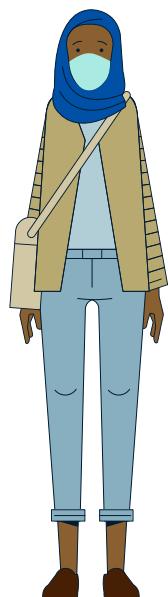


# RBC Future Launch Youth Outlook Study



## Young Canadians are feeling significantly less confident in their job prospects due to the long-term effects of the pandemic.

Even with teachers trying their best to make the most of the current situation, **almost half** of those studying say that **education during the pandemic is doing a worse job of preparing them for employment.**



There is also a stark divergence between how young women are feeling when compared to their male peers. **Feelings of worry increase among young women who have had their job situation affected by COVID-19** – and worsened if they identify as a visible minority or as LGBT+.

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### Key Findings



7 in 10 young Canadians are learning remotely either part-time or full-time. **45%** say that **education online** during the pandemic **is not doing enough** to prepare them for their desired career.



**More than half** of those working have faced **severe job-interruption** (reduced hours, termination) due to the pandemic.



**A third (33%)** say **networking would help them get a job in their desired career path**, on-par with mental health in terms of importance. Those with good mental health are more likely to be ready to network.



COVID-19 is top-of-mind, with **7 in 10 worried about it at least some of the time**. It is also a key driver of feelings of anxiety and concern.

### COVID-19 IS **NEGATIVELY** IMPACTING...



**Study Methodology.** A sample of n=1800 young Canadians (aged 14-29 years) was collected through the Ipsos online I-Say panel. For those under 18 years of age, permission from a parent/guardian was required before they could participate in the study. Interviews were completed in both English and French between November 4 and November 17, 2020. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within  $\pm 2.6$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all young Canadians been polled.

