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# YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN RURAL AND URBAN CANADA

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## **ABSTRACT**

Youth unemployment is higher than unemployment of older individuals, and these higher rates are of concern to policy makers in many industrialized countries. Intersecting with the concern about employment levels among youth is a concern about youth outmigration from rural areas. This webinar positions these concerns in the context of employment trends in Canada. The nature of higher youth unemployment rates are highlighted, as not an idea of a new “crisis”. Rates of youth unemployment differ in important ways among (a) rural as compared to urban youth, and (b) for “older” (20-24 year olds) versus “younger” (15-19 year olds) youth. Further, it is important to consider the impact of proximity to urban areas (Metropolitan Influence Zones) for rural youth when considering their employment patterns.



## **PRESENTER**

E. Dianne Looker is a Professor Emeritus. She was a faculty member at Acadia University’s Department of Sociology for thirty years before taking a position as a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair at Mount Saint Vincent University. She has studied issues relating to youth and rural issues virtually her entire career. She has regularly participated in Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation and Rural Policy Learning Commons events. She also continues to present and publish papers, and also participate in conferences.