



Labour Market Bulletin

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This Labour Market Bulletin provides an analysis of Labour Force Survey results for the province of Ontario, including the regions of Hamilton—Niagara Peninsula, Kingston—Pembroke, Kitchener—Waterloo—Barrie, London, Muskoka—Kawarthas, Northeast, Northwest, Ottawa, Stratford—Bruce Peninsula, Toronto and Windsor—Sarnia.

OVERVIEW

Labour Force Trends – Employment bounced back in Ontario in July 2017

- Employment increased by 25,500 (+0.4%) in the province in July 2017
- Both full-time (+17,600) and part-time (+7,900) work saw employment gains
- The unemployment rate dropped from 6.4% in June to 6.1% in July

After several months of modest employment growth, the job market rebounded in the province with a solid surge in full-time work. Full-time employment grew by 17,600 in July, accounting for the bulk of the 25,500 increase in total employment. Another cause for optimism in Ontario is the decline in unemployment. The unemployment rate fell from 6.4% to 6.1%, while participation in the labour market remained steady at 64.8%.

Employment growth across Canada slowed in July, with an increase of 10,900 registered in the past month. Gains in employment were concentrated in Central Canada, while declines were recorded in both Eastern and Western Canada – namely, Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. The national unemployment rate dropped from 6.5% to 6.3%, as fewer people looked for work. An unemployment rate of 6.3% is the lowest the country has seen since 2008. Over the past year, employment in Canada grew by 387,600, unemployment fell, and labour force participation rose across the country. Stronger Gross Domestic Product (GDP) numbers posted so far in 2017 also bode well for the domestic labour market in the months ahead.¹

¹ Wong, C. (2017, July 28). GDP growth blows past expectations in May, powered by energy industry. *The Canadian Press*. Retrieved from <https://www.thestar.com/business/economy/2017/07/28/energy-sector-fuels-strong-growth-in-canadian-economy.html>

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 209,000 in the United States in July 2017, surpassing expectations which hovered closer to the 183,000 mark.² The unemployment rate fell to 4.3%, matching a 16-year low previously recorded in May. The participation rate also increased.³

Employment grew by 137,900 in Ontario between July 2016 and July 2017, with gains made in both full-time (+99,400) and part-time (+38,500) work. The province continued to see sizeable job increases over the past year. The unemployment rate fell by 0.4 percentage points from 6.5% to 6.1% over the year, and the participation rate grew.

The unemployment rate for Ontario's youth aged 15-24 saw a large decrease in the month of July, as the figure fell by 1.2 percentage points from 13.1% to 11.9%. Even with this decline, the rate remained above the national rate of 11.1%. The youth labour market showed positive signs as there was a significant bump in employment, and a sizeable decrease in unemployment. Furthermore, more youths ventured into the labour market as the participation rate increased.

Throughout the summer months, Statistics Canada collects labour market data on youth aged 15 to 24 who attended school full-time in March and who plan to return to school full-time in autumn.⁴ Between July 2016 and July 2017, student summer employment increased by 33,200 in the province. The unemployment rate for returning students fell from 16.7% to 14.0%. Growth in the participation and employment rates for full-time students also suggests healthier employment conditions as more students were able to secure work. Across Canada, the student unemployment rate was 13.7% in July 2017.

Ontario Monthly Labour Force Statistics

Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Monthly Variation		Yearly Variation	
				Number	%	Number	%
Population 15 + ('000)	11,690.0	11,673.6	11,531.4	16.4	0.1	158.6	1.4
Labour Force ('000)	7,571.4	7,563.8	7,450.0	7.6	0.1	121.4	1.6
Employment ('000)	7,106.3	7,080.8	6,968.4	25.5	0.4	137.9	2.0
Full-Time ('000)	5,762.5	5,744.9	5,663.1	17.6	0.3	99.4	1.8
Part-Time ('000)	1,343.8	1,335.9	1,305.3	7.9	0.6	38.5	2.9
Unemployment ('000)	465.1	483.0	481.6	-17.9	-3.7	-16.5	-3.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.4	6.5	-0.3	-	-0.4	-
Participation Rate (%)	64.8	64.8	64.6	0.0	-	0.2	-
Employment Rate (%)	60.8	60.7	60.4	0.1	-	0.4	-

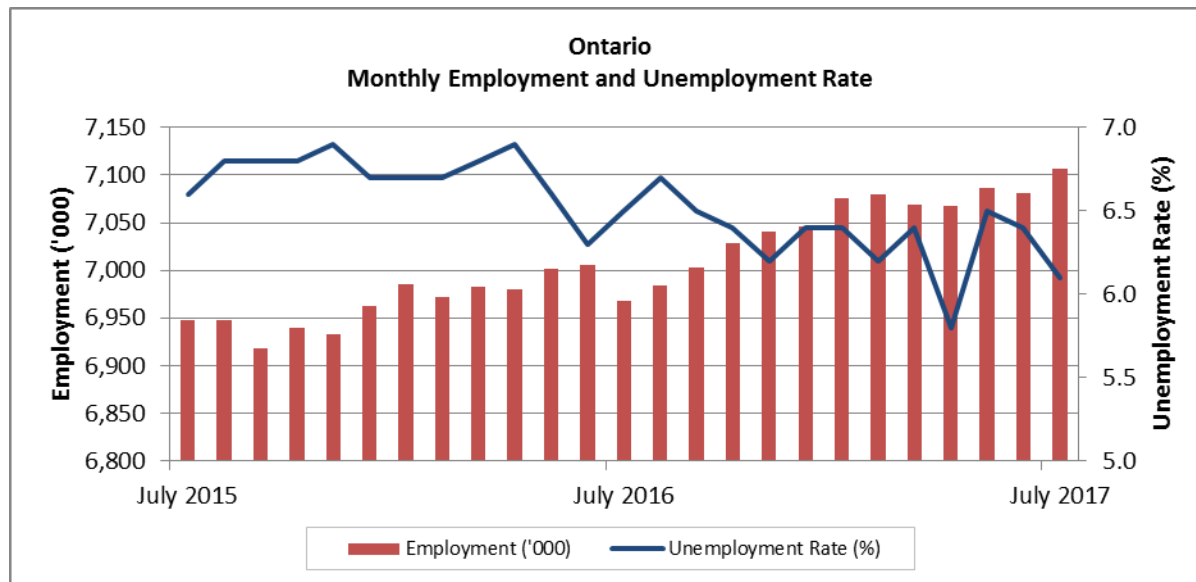
Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – CANSIM Table 282-0087

² Cox, J. (2017, August 4). US created 209,000 jobs in July, vs 183,000 jobs expected. *CNBC*. Retrieved from <https://www.cnbc.com/2017/08/04/us-nonfarm-payrolls-july-2017.html>

³ Jamrisko, M. (2017, August 4). Payroll Gain of 209,000, Wage Rise Show U.S. Labor Strength. *Bloomberg Markets*. Retrieved from <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-08-04/payroll-gain-of-209-000-wage-pickup-show-u-s-labor-strength>

⁴ Statistics Canada. Table 282-0006 - *Labour force survey estimates (LFS), by students during summer months, sex and age group, unadjusted for seasonality, monthly (persons unless otherwise noted)*, CANSIM (database). (2017, August 3)



Ontario Monthly Unemployment Rates, by Gender and Age

Seasonally Adjusted Data	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Monthly Variation	Yearly Variation
	%	%	%	(% points)	(% points)
Total	6.5	6.4	6.1	0.1	0.4
25 years and over	5.2	5.3	5.2	-0.1	0.0
Men - 25 years and over	5.0	5.5	5.2	-0.5	-0.2
Women - 25 years and over	5.4	5.1	5.1	0.3	0.3
15 to 24 years	11.9	13.1	14.2	-1.2	-2.3
Men - 15 to 24 years	14.1	14.7	15.9	-0.6	-1.8
Women - 15 to 24 years	9.6	11.5	12.4	-1.9	-2.8

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – CANSIM Table 282-0087

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Employment in the goods-producing sector held steady

The Ontario goods-producing sector remained stable in July, with employment levels increasing slightly by 500, after employment decreased by 2,300 (-0.2%) in June. A sizable net gain in construction jobs (+5,500) was negated by a second consecutive monthly loss in manufacturing (-5,000).

Employment in construction has remained relatively stable over the last 12 months in Ontario, with residential re-sale activity fully on the downswing recently in various parts of the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) area, partially due to new provincial legislation introduced in April aimed at curbing foreign speculation on real estate in the GGH. Re-sales are down by 40.4% year-over-year in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) for July 2017, while increases in new listings have also slowed, from a 42.9% year-over-year increase in May to just a 5.1% year-over-

year increase in July.⁵ The drop in demand in the resale market may have also spilled over into the new home market, as total housing starts in the Toronto CMA have registered year-over-year declines for four of the past five months.⁶ For the province as a whole, building permit values in Ontario increased in May, with residential permits increasing by 13.6% year-over-year,⁷ although housing starts in June were 10.9% lower compared to June 2016.⁸

Building permits in non-residential activity in Ontario remains about 20% higher year-over-year as of May, likely contributing to the job gains in construction in July.⁹ Notable new job creation events in July include HIP Developments beginning construction at the site of the former Southworks Outlet Mall in Cambridge.¹⁰ In addition, Niagara Falls Entertainment Partners was awarded a contract to build a 5,000 seat entertainment centre in Niagara Falls, with construction expected to begin late summer.¹¹ Meanwhile Niagara College is investing more than \$70M for ten projects at their Welland and Niagara-on-the-Lake campuses, which are expected to be completed by August 2018.¹²

Manufacturing employment in Ontario fell for the second consecutive month. While Ontario had among the fastest increases in new manufacturing orders compared to other provinces,¹³ output growth in Ontario remained somewhat subdued.¹⁴ The Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for Canada as a whole improved slightly over the month. The provincial manufacturing industry took a blow with the announcement that Siemens Canada will close its wind turbine blade manufacturing plant in Tillsonburg by 2018, affecting 340 workers, 206 of which were laid off immediately.¹⁵ In addition, luggage manufacturer Rimowa announced it will be laying off 149 workers at its plant in Cambridge to increase profitability.¹⁶

However, Ontario manufacturing also witnessed a number of hiring announcements, which could be an indicator of a more positive outlook for the industry. Ontario Northland Transportation Commission is recruiting 60 skilled

⁵ Toronto Real Estate Board Staff. (2017, August 3). GTA realtors release July resale housing market figures. *Toronto Real Estate Board*. Retrieved from

http://www.trebhome.com/market_news/release_market_updates/news2017/nr_market_watch_0717.htm

⁶ Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, housing starts, under construction and completions in centres 10,000 and over, Canada, provinces, selected census metropolitan areas, monthly (units), CANSIM Table 027-0001

⁷ Statistics Canada. (2017, July 6). CANSIM Table 026-0006, Building permits, by type of structure and area, seasonally adjusted, monthly (dollars). *Statistics Canada*. Retrieved from <http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/cansim/a26?id=0260006>

⁸ Statistics Canada. (2017, July 19). CANSIM Table 027-0054, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, housing starts all areas. *Statistics Canada*. Retrieved from <http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/cansim/a26?id=0270054>

⁹ Statistics Canada. (2017, July 6). CANSIM Table 026-0006, Building permits, by type of structure and area, seasonally adjusted, monthly (dollars). *Statistics Canada*. Retrieved from <http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/cansim/a26?id=0260006>

¹⁰ Martin, R. (2017, July 5). Southworks closes, work on Gaslight District begins. *Cambridge Times*. Retrieved from <https://www.cambridgetimes.ca/news-story/7407850-southworks-closes-work-on-gaslight-district-begins/>

¹¹ Niagara Falls Review Staff. (2017, July 12). Group chosen to build new Niagara Falls theatre. *Niagara Falls Review*. Retrieved from <http://www.niagarafallsreview.ca/2017/07/12/group-chosen-to-build-new-niagara-falls-theatre>

¹² Allenberg, M. (2017, July 7). College investing \$70 million in construction. *Welland Tribune*. Retrieved from <http://www.wellandtribune.ca/2017/07/07/college-investing-70-million-in-construction>

¹³ IHS Markit. (2017, August 1). Markit Canada Manufacturing PMI. *IHS Markit*. Retrieved from

<https://www.markiteconomics.com/Survey/PressRelease.mvc/13ebb2814e724507b196e66b69ee5f37>

¹⁴ Statistics Canada. (2017, July 19). CANSIM Table 304-0015, Manufacturing sales, by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and province, monthly. *Statistics Canada*. Retrieved from

<http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/cansim/a26?id=3040015>

¹⁵ CTV News London Staff. (2017, July 18). Siemens plant in Tillsonburg to close by early 2018. *CTV News London*. Retrieved from <http://london.ctvnews.ca/siemens-plant-in-tillsonburg-to-close-by-early-2018-1.3507839>

¹⁶ Sharkey, J. (2017, August 3). 149 workers laid off from Rimowa luggage plant in Cambridge. *CBC News*. Retrieved from <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/rimowa-cambridge-luggage-suitcase-layoff-1.4233294>

workers, including more than 40 production workers, at its Remanufacturing and Repair division in North Bay.¹⁷ KSR International Co., an auto parts manufacturer in Chatham-Kent, will expand its production and invest in new equipment, resulting in 40 new jobs and retaining 607 positions.¹⁸ In addition, Golden Miles Foods, a food manufacturer, purchased a canning plant in the Windsor area, with plans to open a tomato processing plant by summer 2018. The plant will employ up to 20 year-round workers and 200 seasonal workers.¹⁹ IGPC Ethanol Inc., an ethanol production plant in Aylmer, will invest \$120M in an expansion allowing the company to double its production capacity and add 25 high-skilled jobs.²⁰

Year-over-year employment in the goods-producing sector grew in July, with a net gain of 2,900 (+0.2%) positions compared to 12 months earlier. Industry gains were led by manufacturing (+12,300), tempered by losses in agriculture (-12,700) and utilities (-5,300).

Services-producing sector employment increased over previous month

For July, the services-producing sector in Ontario observed a gain of 25,000 (+0.4%) in employment. Gains were strongest in information, culture and recreation (+23,600) and trade (+7,300), while losses were sharpest in educational services (-24,800) and accommodation and food services (-2,800).

The trade industry continues to see large-scale job creation and losses. FedEx announced it will eliminate 214 jobs across Canada, with the closure of its 24 FedEx Office stores across Canada, 18 of which are in Ontario, as well as its head office in Toronto and a manufacturing plant in Markham.²¹ In addition, Starbucks announced that it will close all of its Teavana stores, a move that will eliminate hundreds of jobs in Canada, possibly by the end of September.²² Despite the significant layoff news around the province over the month, the Ontario trade industry as a whole observed the second strongest gains among all industries in the province in July.

There were a number of layoff announcements in July in the health care and social assistance industry, although the industry as a whole observed net gains of 5,900 (+0.7%). The Chatham-Kent Health Alliance announced it plans to eliminate 26 full-time and 15 part-time positions through natural turnover and retirements,²³ while Lady Isabelle Nursing Home in Trout Creek will close by January 2018 affecting about 80 staff.²⁴ In addition, Provi-

¹⁷ Northern Ontario Business Staff. (2017, July 6). Ontario Northland on a hiring binge. *Northern Ontario Business*. Retrieved from <https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/transportation/ontario-northland-on-a-hiring-binge-663437>

¹⁸ Small Business Ontario. (2017, July 13). Ontario Boosting Economic Growth and Creating Jobs in Ridgetown. *Newsroom Ontario*. Retrieved from <https://news.ontario.ca/sb/en/2017/07/ontario-boosting-economic-growth-and-creating-jobs-in-ridgetown.html>

¹⁹ Sacheli, S. (2017, July 21). Thomas Canning to be renamed Golden Miles, says new owner. *Windsor Star*. Retrieved from <http://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/thomas-canning-to-be-renamed-golden-miles-says-new-owner>

²⁰ Lamberink, L. (2017, July 24). Aylmer-based ethanol plant to double production with \$120M expansion. *Global News*. Retrieved from <http://globalnews.ca/news/3621126/aylmer-based-ethanol-plant-to-double-production-with-120m-expansion/>

²¹ The Canadian Press Staff. (2017, July 21). FedEx Office stores closing in Canada. *Toronto Star*. Retrieved from <https://www.thestar.com/business/2017/07/21/fedex-office-stores-closing-in-canada.html>

²² Bloomberg News Staff. (2017, July 28). Starbucks to close all Teavana stores starting with Canada, hit with worst rout in two years. *Financial Post*. Retrieved from <http://business.financialpost.com/news/retail-marketing/starbucks-suffers-worst-rout-in-two-years-after-cutting-forecast/wcm/ae712668-bc2d-4471-b15d-7f8e3f4649a7>

²³ Rodriguez, J. (2017, July 18). Christian Labour Association of Canada say CKHA debt overhaul cuts their workers. *St. Thomas Times-Journal*. Retrieved from <http://www.stthomastimesjournal.com/2017/07/17/christian-labour-association-of-canada-say-ckha-debt-overhaul-cuts-their-workers>

²⁴ Wilson, P.J. (2017, July 12). Province revokes Lady Isabelle licence. *North Bay Nugget*. Retrieved from <http://www.nugget.ca/2017/07/12/province-revokes-lady-isabelle-licence>

dence Care laid-off six personal service workers at the Providence Manor, a long-term care home in Kingston.²⁵ Despite the layoffs, the need for health care and social assistance in the province continues to grow with a gradually aging population.

Since July 2016, employment in the Ontario services-producing sector has increased by 135,000 (+2.4%). Industry gains were strongest in professional, scientific and technical services (+43,700) and health care and social assistance (+42,200), while losses were sharpest in accommodation and food services (-12,800) and information, culture and recreation (-8,700).

Ontario Monthly Labour Force Statistics, by Industry

Seasonally Adjusted Data ('000)	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Monthly Variation		Yearly Variation	
				Number	%	Number	%
Total employed, all industries	7,106.3	7080.8	6,968.4	25.5	0.4	137.9	2.0
Goods-producing sector	1,423.5	1423.00	1,420.6	0.5	0.0	2.9	0.2
Agriculture	65.9	66.6	78.6	-0.7	-1.1	-12.7	-16.2
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	35.7	35.3	34.1	0.4	1.1	1.6	4.7
Utilities	45.3	44.8	50.6	0.5	1.1	-5.3	-10.5
Construction	508.1	502.6	501.1	5.5	1.1	7.0	1.4
Manufacturing	768.6	773.6	756.3	-5.0	-0.6	12.3	1.6
Services-producing sector	5,682.8	5657.8	5,547.8	25.0	0.4	135.0	2.4
Trade	1,079.2	1071.9	1,039.3	7.3	0.7	39.9	3.8
Transportation and warehousing	341.2	335.1	321.3	6.1	1.8	19.9	6.2
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	549.9	549.4	550.8	0.5	0.1	-0.9	-0.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	638.3	637.8	594.6	0.5	0.1	43.7	7.3
Business, building and other support services	319.9	312.7	328.4	7.2	2.3	-8.5	-2.6
Educational services	472.7	497.5	469.3	-24.8	-5.0	3.4	0.7
Health care and social assistance	883.7	877.8	841.5	5.9	0.7	42.2	5.0
Information, culture and recreation	315.3	291.7	324.0	23.6	8.1	-8.7	-2.7
Accommodation and food services	445.3	448.1	458.1	-2.8	-0.6	-12.8	-2.8
Other services	272.0	271.8	276.5	0.2	0.1	-4.5	-1.6
Public administration	365.3	363.9	344.0	1.4	0.4	21.3	6.2

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – CANSIM Table 282-0088

²⁵ Soucy, P. and Semple, J. (2017, August 2). Kingston long-term care workers protest 'staffing cuts'. *Global News*. Retrieved from <http://globalnews.ca/news/3643255/kingston-long-term-care-workers-protest-staffing-cuts/>

REGIONAL ANALYSIS

Job gains concentrated in central Ontario in July 2017

Employment increased in the **Toronto** economic region by 40,200 between July 2016 and July 2017 (measured on a year-over-year seasonally unadjusted basis). Employment has grown for four consecutive months in the region. The participation rate reached 67.2% in July 2017, which was the first time the figure passed 67.0% since September of last year. Toronto continued to build its digital media and technology base. Legend 3D, Inc. announced that it would invest more than \$31M to expand production capabilities at its Toronto studio.²⁶ This will create 271 jobs in post-production, special effects, and 2D and 3D conversion by 2021. The company stated that it would look to post-secondary institutions in the province to attract new hires. Toronto has become one of the fastest growing centres for technology-based talent in North America.²⁷

Labour market conditions forged ahead in the **Hamilton–Niagara Peninsula** economic region between July 2016 and July 2017. Employment increased by 38,000 and the regional unemployment rate fell by 1.0 percentage point to 5.4%. The participation and employment rates rose as well over this 12-month period. The construction industry has been a key driver for the region as of late with several projects taking shape.²⁸ The Hamilton Wentworth District School Board²⁹ and the Niagara Catholic District School Board announced that it would spend more than \$180M combined on construction projects throughout the region.³⁰ The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation moved forward with plans to build an entertainment centre in the City of Niagara Falls.³¹ In addition, the federal and provincial governments announced that it would jointly invest \$31M in 16 water and wastewater infrastructure projects in the Hamilton area.³² This is on top of the \$330M renovation project at the Woodward Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant that started in June.³³

Kitchener–Waterloo–Barrie had another solid performance with an employment gain of 34,800 over the past year. All of the job gains were in full-time work. The unemployment rate held steady at 5.5% and the participa-

²⁶ Rushowy, K. (2017, July 26). Ontario invests \$3M in 3D movie, digital jobs in Toronto. *The Toronto Star*. Retrieved from <https://www.thestar.com/business/2017/07/26/ontario-invests-3m-in-3d-movie-digital-jobs-in-toronto.html>

²⁷ Zubairi, Z. (2017, July 20). Report: Toronto is the Fastest-Growing, Second-Cheapest Tech Talent Market in North America. *BETAKIT INCORPORATED*. Retrieved from <http://betakit.com/report-toronto-is-the-fastest-growing-second-cheapest-tech-talent-market-in-north-america/>

²⁸ McNeil, M. (2017, July 24). Hamilton construction boom continues despite drop in permits. *The Hamilton Spectator*. Retrieved from <https://www.thespec.com/news-story/7469034-hamilton-construction-boom-continuing-despite-drop-in-permits/>

²⁹ Fehir, D. (2017, July 26). Hamilton school board moving forward with multiple new construction projects. *Daily Commercial News*. Retrieved from <http://dailycommercialnews.com/en-US/Projects/News/2017/7/Hamilton-school-board-moving-forward-with-multiple-new-construction-projects-1025924W/>

³⁰ Allenberg, M. (2017, July 06). Niagara Catholic investing \$40 million into schools. *Welland Tribune*. Retrieved from <http://www.wellandtribune.ca/2017/07/05/niagara-catholic-investing-40-million-into-schools>

³¹ Hutton, R. (2017, July 11). OLG picks group to build Niagara Falls entertainment centre. *Niagara This Week*. Retrieved from <https://www.niagarathisweek.com/news-story/7418467-olg-picks-group-to-build-niagara-falls-entertainment-centre/>

³² Fehir, D. (2017, Aug 03). Hamilton on receiving end of \$31 million for 16 water and wastewater upgrades. *Daily Commercial News*. Retrieved from <http://dailycommercialnews.com/en-US/Infrastructure/News/2017/8/Hamilton-on-receiving-end-of-31-million-for-16-water-and-wastewater-upgrades-1026133W/>

³³ Werner, K. (2017, April 03). Hamilton east residents prepare for \$330-million construction project at Woodward Avenue treatment plant. *HamiltonNews.com*. Retrieved from <https://www.hamiltonnews.com/news-story/7221139-hamilton-east-residents-prepare-for-330-million-construction-project-at-woodward-avenue-treatment-plan/>

tion rate climbed to 71.3%, the highest among all of the economic regions in Ontario. Developments in technology, research, and innovation continue to help fuel growth across the region. Construction started on the Gaslight District in Cambridge, which will include a business accelerator centre and an applied research and technology hub.³⁴ Work will start on the Livestock Research and Innovation Centre - Beef Facility in Elora as early as this fall.³⁵ Further, local software firms Sera4³⁶ and Bonfire³⁷ announced plans to expand operations and hire additional staff in the coming years.

Employment rose in the **Muskoka–Kawarthas** and **Northwest** economic regions and job growth was unchanged in **Stratford–Bruce Peninsula** between July 2016 and July 2017.

Employment declined in five economic regions in Ontario in July 2017

Eastern and southwestern Ontario saw the majority of job losses over this 12-month period.

The **Kingston–Pembroke** region saw the largest drop in employment with a loss of 10,200 between July 2016 and July 2017. At the same time, the regional unemployment rate climbed 0.9 percentage points to 6.6%. Providence Care realigned staff at its long-term care facility in Kingston³⁸ and recent uncertainty at Sears Canada Inc. is a concern to those in Belleville, as the company is one of the City's largest private employers.³⁹

Employment fell in the **Northeast** region by 4,900 over the past year with a decline in both full-time and part-time work. Goldcorp Porcupine Gold Mines announced that it would permanently close its Dome underground mine in Timmins by the end of 2017.⁴⁰ The Dome Mine is the longest running gold mine in Canada and the closure will result in up to 140 layoffs. The company cites aging infrastructure and economic challenges as the reasons for the closure. The Lady of Isabelle Nursing Home in Trout Creek will close in the coming months as well.⁴¹ The long-term care facility currently employs about 90 staff.

There were several layoff announcements in the **London** economic region in July 2017. Siemens Canada Limited announced that it would close its turbine blade manufacturing plant in Tillsonburg by early 2018.⁴² The company immediately let go 206 employees with another 134 layoffs scheduled over the next few months. TD Canada

³⁴ Martin, R. (2015, July 05). Southworks closes, work on Gaslight District begins. *TheRecord.com*. Retrieved from <https://www.thercord.com/news-story/7407850-southworks-closes-work-on-gaslight-district-begins/>

³⁵ Ontario Newsroom. (2017, July 06). Ontario Supporting Sustainable Beef Production Facility in Elora. *Government of Ontario*. Retrieved from <https://news.ontario.ca/omafra/en/2017/07/ontario-supporting-sustainable-beef-production-facility-in-elora.html>

³⁶ Pender, T. (2017, July 04). Waterloo startup keys in on access control. *TheRecord.com*. Retrieved from <https://www.thercord.com/news-story/7404155-waterloo-startup-keys-in-on-access-control/>

³⁷ Davis, B. (2017, July 07). Software firm blazing ahead, armed with new financing. *TheRecord.com*. Retrieved from <https://www.thercord.com/news-story/7410645-software-firm-blazing-ahead-armed-with-new-financing/>

³⁸ Semple, J. and Soucy, P. (2017, Aug 02). Kingston long-term care workers protest 'staffing cuts'. *Global News*. Retrieved from <http://globalnews.ca/news/3643255/kingston-long-term-care-workers-protest-staffing-cuts/>

³⁹ Hendry, L. (2017, June 21). Fears for local Sears jobs. *The Belleville Intelligencer*. Retrieved from <http://www.intelligencer.ca/2017/06/21/fears-for-local-sears-jobs>

⁴⁰ Gillis, L. (2017, Aug 01). Dome Mine is finally shutting down says Goldcorp. *Timmins Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.timminstimes.com/2017/08/01/dome-mine-is-finally-shutting-down-says-goldcorp>

⁴¹ Jure, B.K. (2017, July 25). Trout Creek nursing home is causing anger and confusion in the community. *NorthBayNipissing.com*. Retrieved from <https://www.northbaynipissing.com/community-story/7469066-trout-creek-nursing-home-is-causing-anger-and-confusion-in-the-community/>

⁴² CTV London. (2017, July 18). Siemens plant in Tillsonburg to close by early 2018. *CTV News London*. Retrieved from <http://london.ctvnews.ca/siemens-plant-in-tillsonburg-to-close-by-early-2018-1.3507839>

Trust will also close its regional head office later this year⁴³ and F.L. Ravin Limited ceased its school bus operations because of a lack of contracts.⁴⁴

Elsewhere in the province, the **Ottawa** economic region saw a drop in employment between July 2016 and July 2017. The unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.7% and fewer residents participated in the workforce. **Windsor–Sarnia** also experienced a decline in employment with all of the losses in full-time work. The local healthcare industry will face job cuts in the near term as the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance announced layoffs in an attempt to deal with a budget shortfall.⁴⁵

Ontario Monthly Labour Force Statistics, by Economic Region

3-Month Moving Averages Seasonally Unadjusted Data	Employment			Unemployment Rate		
	July 2017 ('000)	July 2016 ('000)	Yearly Variation (%)	July 2017 (%)	July 2016 (%)	Yearly Variation (% points)
Ontario	7,195.0	7,090.8	1.5	6.4	6.5	-1.5
Economic Regions						
Ottawa	692.7	701.1	-1.2	6.7	6.7	0.0
Kingston—Pembroke	208.3	218.5	-4.7	6.6	5.7	0.9
Muskoka—Kawartha	183.8	165.3	11.2	5.8	7.7	-1.9
Toronto	3,462.8	3,422.6	1.2	7.0	6.8	0.2
Kitchener—Waterloo—Barrie	747.1	712.3	4.9	5.5	5.5	0.0
Hamilton—Niagara Peninsula	759.7	721.7	5.3	5.4	6.4	-1.0
London	338.4	339.8	-0.4	5.6	6.4	-0.8
Windsor—Sarnia	301.1	307.8	-2.2	6.5	6.6	-0.1
Stratford—Bruce Peninsula	142.8	142.7	0.1	2.9	4.2	-1.3
Northeast	253.3	258.2	-1.9	6.7	6.9	-0.2
Northwest	104.9	100.8	4.1	5.1	6.7	-1.6

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

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