



Labour Market Bulletin

Ontario

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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—Kawartha, Northeast, Northwest, Ottawa, Stratford—Bruce Peninsula, Toronto and Windsor—Sarnia.

OVERVIEW

Labour Force Trends - Employment rebounded in Ontario in April 2019

- Employment surged by 47,100 in Ontario in April 2019
- Job gains took place in full-time (+10,100) and part-time (+37,000) employment
- The unemployment rate increased slightly to 6.0% in April
- The unemployment rate for Ontario's youth aged 15 to 24 decreased to 12.0%

Employment in Ontario rose sharply by 47,100 in April 2019. This large gain follows a drop in employment in the previous month. The monthly increase stemmed from gains in both full-time and part-time work. The unemployment rate inched up by 0.1 percentage point to 6.0% and the participation rate reached 65.3%. This was the highest participation rate observed in the province since April 2016.

Youth employment continued to increase in Ontario. Employment was up by 28,700 in April with all of the gains in part-time work (+43,900). The unemployment rate decreased by 0.2% percentage points to reach 12.0% as more youth participated in the workforce. Over the past year, estimates show steady employment conditions for youth with job gains of 38,700 and an increase in the participation rate from 60.7% in April 2018 to 62.5% in April 2019. Nationally, the youth unemployment rate stood at 10.3% this April.

Employment growth in Canada soared by 106,500, topping analysts' expectations by a large margin.¹ Full-time employment increased by 73,000 and part-time work rose by 33,600 in April. The largest gains were in Ontario,

¹ Scherer, S. (2019, May 10). UPDATE 1-Canada adds record 106,500 jobs in April, unemployment falls to 5.7%. Reuters. Retrieved from <https://www.reuters.com/article/canada-economy-employment/update-1-canada-adds-record-106500-jobs-in-april-unemployment-falls-to-5-7-idUSL5N22L8I>

Quebec, and Alberta, while only a few provinces observed small losses. The national unemployment rate decreased to 5.7% and the participation rate increased to 65.9%. There was also a gain on the wages front. Average hourly wages increased by 2.4% in Canada between March 2018 and March 2019.²

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 263,000 in the United States in April 2019 and the unemployment rate fell to 3.6%.³ This employment gain surpassed expectations of around 190,000⁴ and the unemployment rate reached its lowest level since December 1969. Growth occurred in several industries but the largest gains were in professional and business services, construction, health care, and social assistance. Average hourly earnings rose 3.2% in the past year as well.

The provincial labour market has been quite strong over the past twelve months. Employment increased by 204,800 between April 2018 and April 2019. Full-time employment rose by 133,700 and part-time work increased by 71,100. The unemployment rate climbed 0.4 percentage points to 6.0% and the participation rate increased by 0.8 percentage points to 65.3% during this period.

Ontario Monthly Labour Force Statistics

Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data	April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	Monthly Variation		Yearly Variation	
				Number	%	Number	%
Population 15 + ('000)	12,074.90	12,052.10	11,850.30	22.8	0.2	224.6	1.9
Labour Force ('000)	7,887.20	7,830.50	7,642.40	56.7	0.7	244.8	3.2
Employment ('000)	7,417.10	7,370.00	7,212.30	47.1	0.6	204.8	2.8
Full-Time ('000)	6,028.40	6,018.30	5,894.70	10.1	0.2	133.7	2.3
Part-Time ('000)	1,388.7	1,351.7	1,317.6	37.0	2.7	71.1	5.4
Unemployment ('000)	470.1	460.5	430.1	9.6	2.1	40.0	9.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	5.9	5.6	0.1	-	0.4	-
Participation Rate (%)	65.3	65.0	64.5	0.3	-	0.8	-
Employment Rate (%)	61.4	61.2	60.9	0.2	-	0.5	-

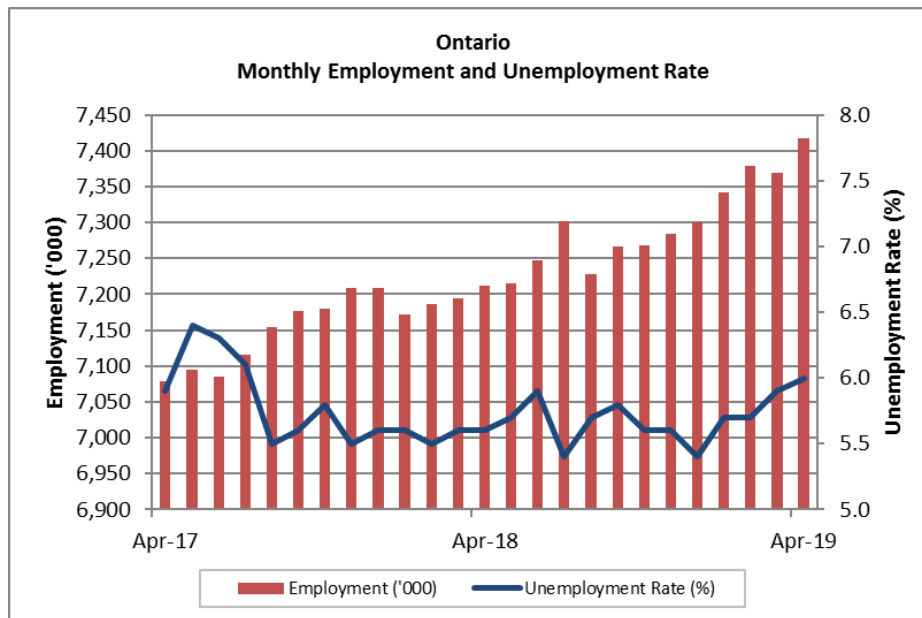
Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – Table 14-10-0287, formerly CANSIM 282-0087

² Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0320-01 Average usual hours and wages by selected characteristics, monthly, unadjusted for seasonality, last 5 months (x 1,000)

³ Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2019, May 03). Employment Situation News Release. United States Department of Labor. Retrieved from https://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/empsit_05032019.htm

⁴ Cox, J. (2019, May 03). Jobs surge in April, unemployment rate falls to the lowest since 1969. CNBC LLC. Retrieved from <https://www.cnbc.com/2019/05/03/nonfarm-payrolls-april-2019.html>



Ontario Monthly Unemployment Rates, by Gender and Age

Seasonally Adjusted Data	April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	Monthly Variation	Yearly Variation
	%	%	%	(% points)	(% points)
Total	6.0	5.9	5.6	0.1	0.4
25 years and over	4.9	4.8	4.6	0.1	0.3
Men - 25 years and over	4.9	4.8	4.5	0.1	0.4
Women - 25 years and over	5.0	4.9	4.7	0.1	0.3
15 to 24 years	12.0	12.2	11.8	-0.2	0.2
Men - 15 to 24 years	11.9	13.3	12.6	-1.4	-0.7
Women - 15 to 24 years	12.2	11.0	10.9	1.2	1.3

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – Table 14-10-0287, formerly CANSIM 282-0087

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Employment increased in the goods-producing sector owing to a large boost in construction and manufacturing

Employment in Ontario's goods-producing sector increased by 24,800 (+1.7%) in April 2019. The increase was attributed to the rise in employment in construction (+13,400; +2.5%) and manufacturing (+11,800; +1.5%) with small growth observed in agriculture (+1,800; +2.6%) and utilities (+700; +1.2%). Monthly employment declines were observed in forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas (-2,900; -7.9%).

Employment grew in the **construction** industry in April 2019. Housing prices in Ontario showed promise with year-over-year price increases⁵ and the total value of building permits rose between March 2018 and March 2019.⁶ Meanwhile, housing starts declined between the first quarters of 2018 and 2019.⁷ Employment in construction may benefit going forward from several investments in affordable housing projects announced in April in Toronto,⁸ Barrie,⁹ and Windsor.¹⁰ Furthermore, the legalization of cannabis continues to drive construction with news of a greenhouse expansion in London¹¹ and the investment in a research and development facility in Goderich.¹²

Employment in **manufacturing** also expanded in April 2019. Despite this, the Markit Canada Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) dropped from 50.5 in March 2019 to 49.7 in April 2019, the lowest rating observed since February 2016.¹³ The latest manufacturing sales figures also declined between February 2018 and February 2019,¹⁴ and there were a couple of layoff announcements from Midway Lumber Mills in Thessalon¹⁵ and Domtar Corporation in Espanola.¹⁶ However, there was some positive news in the industry. Melitron Corporation will invest more than \$6M to expand operations at its Guelph plant¹⁷ and Archmill House Inc. will invest over \$2.3M in

⁵ Statistics Canada. Table 18-10-0205 New housing price index, monthly

⁶ Statistics Canada. Table 34-10-0066 Building permits, by type of structure and type of work

⁷ Statistics Canada. Table 34-10-0135 Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, housing starts, under construction and completions, all areas, quarterly

⁸ Historic investments to improve affordable housing in Toronto. (2019, April 6). Government of Canada. Retrieved from <https://pm.gc.ca/eng/news/2019/04/05/historic-investments-improve-affordable-housing-toronto>

⁹ Ramsay, J. (2019, April 24). \$2.85M announced for Barrie affordable housing rebuild. Barrie Examiner. Retrieved from <https://www.simcoe.com/news-story/9299579--2-85m-announced-for-barrie-affordable-housing-rebuild/>

¹⁰ CTV Windsor Staff. (2019, April 23). Federal government announced \$22M for affordable housing in Windsor. CTV Windsor. Retrieved from <https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/federal-government-announces-22m-for-affordable-housing-in-windsor-1.4391594>

¹¹ Carruthers, D. (2019, April 15). London cannabis producer to hire 240 for south-end operation. London Free Press. Retrieved from <https://lfpres.com/news/local-news/beleave-will-hire-up-to-240-workers-for-london-pot-production-facility-exec-says>

¹² The Supreme Cannabis Company, Inc. (2019, April 22). Supreme Cannabis Launches Cannabis Genetics Company, Cambium Plant Sciences. PR Newswire. Retrieved from <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/supreme-cannabis-launches-cannabis-genetics-company-camb>

¹³ Markit Economics. (2019, May 01). HIS Markit Canada Manufacturing PMI. Manufacturing conditions deteriorate for the first time since February 2016. Retrieved from <https://www.markiteconomics.com/Public/Home/PressRelease/0e824f80a95c415a99ac2e6e1239e69b>

¹⁴ Statistics Canada. Table 16-10-0048 Manufacturing sales by industry and province, monthly (dollars unless otherwise noted) (x 1,000)

¹⁵ Kelly, B. (2019, April 05). Mill layoffs looming, union encourages retirements. The Sault Star. Retrieved from <https://www.saultstar.com/news/local-news/mill-layoffs-looming-union-encourages-retirements>

¹⁶ Kirkpatrick, C. W. (2019, April 11). Domtar to modernize mill, cut 70 jobs in Espanola. The Sudbury Star. Retrieved from <https://www.thesudburystar.com/news/local-news/domtar-to-modernize-mill-cut-70-jobs-in-espanola>

¹⁷ Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario. (2019, April 17). FedDev Ontario supports Melitron Corporation to scale up in Guelph. Government of Canada. Retrieved from <https://www.canada.ca/en/economic-development-southern-ontario/news/2019/04/feddev-ontario-supports-melitron-corporation-to-scale-up-in-guelph.html>

its Ancaster facility.¹⁸ Furthermore, the cannabis industry has helped push manufacturing along with plans of facility expansions¹⁹ and a greenhouse conversion.²⁰

Employment conditions were positive in the goods-producing sector when compared year-over-year with an increase of 33,900 (+2.3%). Industry gains were led by construction (+26,700; +5.1%) while forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas was the only industry that experienced a decrease over the year (-1,200; -3.4%).

Information, culture and recreation led employment growth in the services-producing sector

Employment increased in the services-producing sector by 22,400 (+0.4%) in April 2019, with the largest contributions coming from the information, culture and recreation (+15,600; +5.3%), accommodation and food services (+11,200; +2.5%), and trade (+8,100, +0.7%) industries. In contrast, transportation and warehousing (-5,600; -1.4%), professional, scientific and technical services, (-4,800; -0.7%), and other services such as religious, grant-making, civic, and professional and similar organizations (-3,600; -1.2%) observed the largest losses.

Employment increased in the **information, culture and recreation** industry. The provincial government announced that two additional casinos will be built in Peterborough and Pickering.²¹ Further, news that Gateway Casinos and Entertainment opened a casino in Hanover²² and will open another location in Chatham in the summer with about 200 staff,²³ should help boost employment in the industry going forward.

Employment in **accommodation and food services** also increased in April 2019 with several restaurant and bar openings across Ontario. Some of the announcements included the opening of 9 Queen in Brampton,²⁴ Fionn MacCool's in Windsor,²⁵ and Cinnaholics in Ottawa.²⁶ The industry will likely also benefit from the proposed changes to alcohol serving regulations in the province.²⁷

Employment conditions were positive in the services-producing sector when compared year-over-year with an increase of 170,900 (+3.0%). Industry gains were led by health care and social assistance (+45,400; +5.4%), trade

¹⁸ FedDev Ontario. (2019, April 17). Over \$580,000-investment enables Archmill House Inc. to scale up, reach new markets and create 25 high-quality jobs. Government of Canada. Retrieved from <https://www.canada.ca/en/economic-development-southern-ontario/news/2019/04/feddev-ontario-supports-custom-millwork-manufacturers-ancaster-expansion.html>

¹⁹ The Canadian Press. (2019, April 16). Indigenous cannabis entrepreneurs cope with tax and licensing issues. Montreal Gazette. Retrieved from <https://montrealgazette.com/cannabis/indigenous-cannabis-entrepreneurs-cope-with-tax-and-licensing-issues>

²⁰ NCV Newswire Staff. (2019, April 01). BMO to Provide WeedMD with \$39 Million Secured Debt Financing. NCV Newswire. Retrieved from <https://www.newcannabisventures.com/bmo-to-provide-weedmd-with-39-million-secured-debt-financing/>

²¹ Herhalt, C. (2019, April 11). Ford government relaxes booze, gambling rules. CP24. Retrieved from <https://www.cp24.com/news/ford-government-relaxes-booze-gambling-rules-1.4376231>

²² Garvey, R. (2019, April 12). Playtime Casino In Hanover Grand Opening. Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre. Retrieved from http://www.bayshorebroadcasting.ca/news_item.php?NewsID=108949

²³ Shreve, E. (2019, April 24). Gateway Casinos preparing to fill 200 jobs in Chatham. Chatham Daily News. Retrieved from <https://www.chathamdailynews.ca/news/local-news/gateway-casinos-preparing-to-fill-200-jobs-in-chatham>

²⁴ Johnson, B. (2019, April 15). New Chinese restaurant opens in downtown Brampton. Brampton Guardian. Retrieved from <https://www.bramptonguardian.com/news-story/9283185-new-chinese-restaurant-opens-in-downtown-brampton/>

²⁵ CTV Windsor Staff. (2019, April 08). Fionn MacCool's looking for 70 staff at job fair. CTV Windsor. Retrieved from <https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/fionn-maccool-s-looking-for-70-staff-at-job-fair>

²⁶ Shabsove, M. (2019, April 07). This Popular Vegan Cinnamon Bun Shop Is Opening Their First-Ever Location In Ottawa. Narcity. Retrieved from <https://www.narcity.com/eat-drink/ca/on/ottawa/this-popular-vegan-cinnamon-bun-shop-is-opening-their-first-ever-location>

²⁷ Herhalt, C. (2019, April 11). Ford government relaxes booze, gambling rules. CP 24. Retrieved from <https://www.cp24.com/news/ford-government-relaxes-booze-gambling-rules-1.4376231>

(+42,500; +4.0%), and educational services (+38,400; +7.6%). The biggest losses were in information, culture and recreation (-13,500; -4.2%) and accommodation and food services (-13,100; -2.8%).

Ontario Monthly Labour Force Statistics, by Industry

Seasonally Adjusted Data ('000)	April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	Monthly Variation		Yearly Variation	
				Number	%	Number	%
Total employed, all industries	7,417.10	7,370.00	7,212.30	47.1	0.6	204.8	2.8
Goods-producing sector	1,483.60	1,458.80	1,449.70	24.8	1.7	33.9	2.3
Agriculture	70.4	68.6	70.1	1.8	2.6	0.3	0.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	33.7	36.6	34.9	-2.9	-7.9	-1.2	-3.4
Utilities	57.3	56.6	55.0	0.7	1.2	2.3	4.2
Construction	546.9	533.5	520.2	13.4	2.5	26.7	5.1
Manufacturing	775.4	763.6	769.6	11.8	1.5	5.8	0.8
Services-producing sector	5,933.50	5,911.10	5,762.60	22.4	0.4	170.9	3.0
Trade	1,110.30	1,102.20	1,067.80	8.1	0.7	42.5	4.0
Transportation and warehousing	395.5	401.1	366.8	-5.6	-1.4	28.7	7.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	584.4	581.4	564.5	3.0	0.5	19.9	3.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	661.0	665.8	637.4	-4.8	-0.7	23.6	3.7
Business, building and other support services	308.3	309.4	317.0	-1.1	-0.4	-8.7	-2.7
Educational services	546.7	546.8	508.3	-0.1	0.0	38.4	7.6
Health care and social assistance	882.5	881.7	837.1	0.8	0.1	45.4	5.4
Information, culture and recreation	311.7	296.1	325.2	15.6	5.3	-13.5	-4.2
Accommodation and food services	460.6	449.4	473.7	11.2	2.5	-13.1	-2.8
Other services	298.7	302.3	292.1	-3.6	-1.2	6.6	2.3
Public administration	373.7	374.8	372.7	-1.1	-0.3	1.0	0.3

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – Table 14-10-0355, formerly CANSIM 282-0088

REGIONAL ANALYSIS

Toronto and Kitchener–Waterloo–Barrie continued to lead provincial employment growth

Employment grew by 114,700 (+3.3%) in the **Toronto** economic region between April 2018 and April 2019 (measured on a year-over-year seasonally unadjusted basis). Gains were made in both full-time (+69,400) and part-time employment (+45,300). The regional unemployment rate increased by 0.6 percentage points to 6.4%, and the labour force participation rate increased a full percent to 66.4%, the second highest in the province.

Several construction projects and announcements of future building activity continued to support employment growth in the region. The Government of Canada and the City of Toronto will invest \$1.3B in over 58,000 affordable housing units with renovations scheduled to begin in the spring of 2019.²⁸ Fernbrook Homes started construction on a 12-storey condominium project with 200 units and retail shops in Milton.²⁹ Construction started on Durham Live, a 240-acre entertainment development in Pickering. The project includes a hotel, casino, concert venue, convention centre, movie studio, and retail space with the first phase expected to open in 2020.³⁰ On the manufacturing front, Veoneer Canada Inc. plans to hire 300 automotive technicians at its automobile electronics manufacturing plant in Markham.³¹ In other notable news, a number of cannabis retail outlets opened in the region including Ganjika House³² in Brampton; RELM Cannabis³³ in Burlington; and The Hunny Pot Cannabis,³⁴ Ameri³⁵ and Nova Cannabis³⁶ in Toronto.

Employment increased by 38,600 (+5.6%) in the **Kitchener–Waterloo–Barrie** economic region and the unemployment rate fell from 5.8% to 5.6% over the past year. Gains were realized in both full-time (+11,600) and part-time (26,800) employment. This region had the highest participation (67.6%) and employment rate (63.9%) among the province's eleven economic regions. Significant construction news in this region included an \$80M project in Kitchener to build two residential towers,³⁷ a mixed-use condominium development in Kitchener,³⁸ and the construction of affordable housing units in Barrie.³⁹ In manufacturing, good news came from Toyota Motor manufacturing Canada as it started production on the RAV4 crossover vehicle at its Cambridge facility in April.⁴⁰ This move was part of a large investment from the automaker to upgrade its Cambridge and Woodstock plants, leading to 450

²⁸ Historic investments to improve affordable housing in Toronto. (2019, April 06). Government of Canada. Retrieved from <https://pm.gc.ca/eng/news/2019/04/05/historic-investments-improve-affordable-housing-toronto>

²⁹ Milton Canadian Champion. (2019, April 16). What's going on here?: Construction underway for 'luxury? condo in Milton. Inside Halton. Retrieved from <https://www.insidehalton.com/news-story/9287058-what-s-going-on-here-construction-underway-for-luxury-condo-in-milton/>

³⁰ Toneguzzi, M. (2019, April 23). Massive Multi-Use Development Coming to Ontario's Durham Region. Retail Insider. Retrieved from <https://www.retail-insider.com/retail-insider/2019/4/massive-multi-use-development-coming-to-ontarios-durham-region>

³¹ Office of the Premier. (April 16). Ontario Making the Automotive Sector Open for Business and Open for Jobs. Government of Ontario. Retrieved from <https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2019/04/ontario-making-the-automotive-sector-open-for-business-and-open-for-jobs.html>

³² Frisque, G. (2019, March 31). Cannabis shop Ganjika House opening doors in Brampton Monday. Brampton Guardian. Retrieved from <https://www.bramptonguardian.com/news-story/9249727-cannabis-shop-ganjika-house-opening-doors-in-brampton-monday/>

³³ Frketich, J. (2019, April 01). Area's first legal pot shop RELM opens in Burlington. Hamilton Spectator. Retrieved from <https://www.thespec.com/news-story/9249647-update-area-s-first-legal-pot-shop-relm-opens-in-burlington/>

³⁴ Freeman, J. (2019, April 03). First legal pot shop opens in Toronto. CP24. Retrieved from <https://www.cp24.com/news/first-legal-pot-shop-opens-in-toronto-1.4360106>

³⁵ Marowits, R. (2019, April 07). Second legal pot shop in Toronto opens in Yorkville. CTV News. Retrieved from <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/second-legal-pot-shop-in-toronto-opens-in-yorkville-1.4369689>

³⁶ Mudhar, R. (2019, April 20). Toronto's latest pot vendor opens in time for 4/20. The Star. Retrieved from <https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2018/04/22/torontos-latest-pot-vendor-opens-in-time-for-420.html>

³⁷ The Record News Staff. \$80 million project underway. (2019, April 9). Waterloo Region Record. Retrieved from <https://www.therecord.com/news-story/9274383-80-million-project-underway/>

³⁸ Jackson, B. (2019, April 16). Sales office being built for massive midtown condo development. Kitchener Post. Retrieved from <https://www.kitchenerpost.ca/news-story/9287183-what-s-going-on-here-now-sales-office-being-built-for-massive-midtown-condo-development/>

³⁹ Ramsay, J. (2019, April 24). \$2.85M announced for Barrie affordable housing rebuild. Barrie Examiner. Retrieved from <https://www.simcoe.com/news-story/9299579--2-85m-announced-for-barrie-affordable-housing-rebuild/>

⁴⁰ De Bono, N. (2019, March 29). Toyota RAV4 launch in Cambridge touted as good government investment. London Free Press. Retrieved from <https://lfpres.com/business/local-business/toyota-celebrates-as-local-rav4-production-starts-amid-big-changes>

jobs. On a negative note, Canadian-Made Apparel Inc. in Cambridge filed for bankruptcy affecting about 60 employees.⁴¹

Employment in the **Ottawa** economic region increased by 9,000 (+1.3%), due to gains in full-time employment (+13,700). The unemployment rate increased to 5.3%, which is still one of the lowest in the province, and the participation rate held relatively steady at 65.6%. Notable news in this region included Seven Leaf⁴² expanding its cannabis production facility in Akwesasne, which will employ 120 staff once complete. Three cannabis retailers opened in Ottawa as well.⁴³

Solid employment growth was also noted in the following economic regions: **Hamilton–Niagara Peninsula** (+9,000), **Windsor–Sarnia** (+5,300), and the **Northeast** (+10,800). Positive news supported employment activity in these regions. Stryker Corp., a medical devices and equipment manufacturer, opened its \$100M Canadian headquarters in Hamilton with over 200 employees.⁴⁴ Movati Athletic began construction on an \$18M fitness centre in Windsor expected to open in the spring of 2020, creating more than 150 construction jobs and about 125 permanent positions.⁴⁵ The Timmins region will benefit from \$3.4M in funding from the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario, which includes \$1.1M to expand the Town of Kirkland Lake's industrial park. This expansion will allow Kirkland Lake Gold to increase operations at its Macassa mine, creating 450 jobs.⁴⁶

Employment also grew in the **Kingston–Pembroke, Muskoka–Kawarthas, London, and Northwest** economic regions.

Employment declined in only one economic region in Ontario in April

The **Stratford–Bruce Peninsula** economic region posted the only employment decrease (-12,400) in Ontario between April 2018 and April 2019. Though employment declined, the region may benefit from some positive announcements going forward. MacLean Engineering announced that it will expand operations and hire an additional 50 to 60 workers at its manufacturing facility in Owen Sound⁴⁷ and BC Instruments opened a parts manufacturing facility in West Grey to better supply Bruce Power.⁴⁸

⁴¹ Jackson, J. (2019, April 17). Cambridge-based Canadian-Made Apparel files for bankruptcy. The Kitchener Record. Retrieved from <https://www.therecord.com/news-story/9289138-cambridge-based-canadian-made-apparel-files-for-bankruptcy/>

⁴² The Canadian Press. (2019, April 16). Indigenous cannabis entrepreneurs cope with tax and licensing issues. Montreal Gazette. Retrieved from <https://montrealgazette.com/cannabis/indigenous-cannabis-entrepreneurs-cope-with-tax-and-licensing-issues>

⁴³ Miller, J. (2019, April 01). 'I'm here to buy pot': First cannabis stores in Ottawa already drawing lineups. Ottawa Citizen. Retrieved from <https://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/im-here-to-buy-pot-first-cannabis-stores-in-ottawa-already-drawing-lines>

⁴⁴ CHCH Staff. (2019, April 09). Medical equipment company opens its doors in Hamilton. CHCH. Retrieved from <https://www.chch.com/medical-equipment-company-opens-its-doors-in-hamilton/>

⁴⁵ Medeiros, T. (2019, April 04). \$18-Million Fitness Centre Coming to Windsor. iHeartRadio. Retrieved from <http://www.iheartradio.ca/am800/news/18-million-fitness-centre-coming-to-windsor-1.9051513>

⁴⁶ Grech, R. (2019, April 11). \$3.4M in FedNor funding. Timmins Daily Press. Retrieved from <https://www.timminspress.com/news/local-news/3-4m-in-fednor-funding>

⁴⁷ McCormack, C. (2019, April 09). MacLean Engineering Expands In Owen Sound. Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre. Retrieved from http://www.bayshorebroadcasting.ca/news_item.php?NewsID=108888

⁴⁸ McCormack, C. (2019, April 10). Bruce Power Supplier Sets Up In Durham. Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre. Retrieved from http://www.bayshorebroadcasting.ca/news_item.php?NewsID=108910

Ontario Monthly Labour Force Statistics, by Economic Region

3-Month Moving Averages Seasonally Unadjusted Data	Employment			Unemployment Rate		
	April 2019 ('000)	April 2018 ('000)	Yearly Variation (%)	April 2019 (%)	April 2018 (%)	Yearly Variation (% points)
Ontario	7,304.3	7,108.4	2.8	6.0	5.7	0.3
Economic Regions						
Ottawa	718.2	709.2	1.3	5.3	4.6	0.7
Kingston—Pembroke	221.00	205.10	7.8	5.4	4.6	0.8
Muskoka—Kawarthas	170.3	167.8	1.5	6.2	6.8	-0.6
Toronto	3,587.1	3,472.4	3.3	6.4	5.8	0.6
Kitchener—Waterloo—Barrie	734.0	695.4	5.6	5.6	5.8	-0.2
Hamilton—Niagara Peninsula	744.6	735.6	1.2	4.8	5.6	-0.8
London	331.6	329.2	0.7	5.2	5.8	-0.6
Windsor—Sarnia	303.4	298.1	1.8	6.4	6.1	0.3
Stratford—Bruce Peninsula	142.6	155.0	-8.0	5.9	4.4	1.5
Northeast	250.5	239.7	4.5	6.5	6.8	-0.3
Northwest	101.2	101.0	0.2	5.8	5.7	0.1

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – Table 14-10-0293, formerly CANSIM 282-0122

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