

An overview of the Economic Region 570, ranging from Windsor to Sarnia, includes the census division of Chatham-Kent, and the counties of Essex and Lambton. The Labour Market Monitor is a monthly report focusing on labour market information produced by local Labour Market Information Analysts. For further information contact: lmjimt@workingincanada.gc.ca

Labour Force Trends

In the Windsor-Sarnia economic region, total employment declined by 2,600 from June 2010 to June 2011 due to losses in part-time jobs (-3,100). During this period, the labour force decreased by 10,800 as fewer people were looking for work. The number of unemployed persons declined by 8,100. As a result, the unemployment rate fell from 11.1% in June 2010 to 8.9% in June 2011. This was the highest unemployment rate among the eleven economic regions in Ontario. Over the same period, the provincial unemployment rate declined from 8.8% to 7.9%.

For more information, visit the Statistics Canada website at:
<http://www40.statcan.gc.ca/l01/cst01/lfs05d-eng.htm>

Labour Market News by Industry

Construction

Construction has begun on the new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Forensic Identification Unit in Chatham-Kent, creating 50 local construction jobs. Shield Infrastructure Group is the contractor for the project and the facility is expected to open in the summer of 2012

Finance, insurance and real estate and leasing

The Windsor branch of St. Stanislaus-St. Casimir's Polish Parishes Credit Union Limited,

which employed five people, has closed. The operation has relocated to London, Ontario.

Manufacturing

Entropex, a company specialising in plastic product recycling and wholesale distribution in Sarnia, received \$4 million from the provincial Innovation Demonstration Fund, in support of a new process to recycle plastic waste. The initiative will create 90 jobs.

Windsor Rubber Processing Ltd., a tire recycling company, opened this month on Kildare Road in Windsor. The company plans to hire about 20 workers initially and up to 80 when production ramps up.

Woodbridge Foam Corporation, a manufacturer of foam seating for automotive companies, announced the closure of its Tilbury plant this month. Layoff notices were issued to more than 170 workers and will become effective about the middle of next year.

Trade, Wholesale and Retail

Michaels Stores Inc., an arts and crafts speciality retailer, will be opening a new outlet on August 13 on Quinn drive in Sarnia. The store will be hiring four full-time and 65 part-time jobs for the opening. After the Christmas season, it will retain 35 employees.

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