

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: lmj@workingincanada.gc.ca

Labour Force Trends

From February 2010 to February 2011, the size of the labour force in the Windsor-Sarnia economic region remained unchanged. Employment increased by 5,100 all in full-time positions. With the rise in employment, the employment rate increased by 1.2 percentage points to 56.3%. Unemployment fell by 5,900 over the past year and the unemployment rate declined 1.8 percentage points from 11.3% to 9.5%. Windsor-Sarnia has the second highest unemployment rate among all eleven economic regions in Ontario. Over the same period, the provincial unemployment rate fell from 8.8% to 7.8%.

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

Labour Market News by Industry

Arts, Entertainment and Recreation

The Great Canadian Beaver Festival, a new music festival that focuses on Canadian music talent, will be held in downtown Windsor from June 3 - 5.

Construction

The Windsor/Essex County Humane Society will build a new veterinary clinic to spay and neuter

cats and dogs. Construction is expected to be completed by May 2011.

Education Services

Lambton College will partner with the University of Windsor to offer students two new collaborative degrees: Bachelor of Arts Liberal and Professional Studies degree and Bachelor of Education – Early Childhood Education. Both degrees will be offered at Lambton College in Sarnia.

The Ontario Ministry of Education has provided \$1.9 million in funding to renovate Ridgetown District High School. Due to declining enrolment, the Lambton Kent District Board is consolidating three existing schools into two sites by September 2011.

Health Care and Social Services

St. Clair College has opened their second employment centre on Sandwich Street in Amherstburg. It will provide Employment Ontario services to job seekers in the community.

Lambton College has opened a new International Employment Training Centre. It will help international students find employment opportunities, as well as offer immigration advice.

Trade, Wholesale and Retail

Goodwill Industries – Essex Kent Lambton is scheduled to open a new retail store located next to its donation centre on Michigan Avenue in Sarnia on April 1.

Dixie Lawn and Cycle, a recreational and outdoor power equipment retailer in Leamington, has closed.

Three businesses; the Clean Depot, Champion Products Corp and the Party Warehouse, were destroyed by fire on Walker Road in Windsor. Champion Products Corp has relocated its local delivery operations to a backup warehouse on Edna Street in Windsor. The owner has hired 10

additional workers to assist with the operation after the fire.

Transportation and Warehousing

Porter Airlines Inc. will be adding a new stop at the Windsor International Airport starting on April 27, with three daily roundtrips to the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.

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