

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

From March 2010 to March 2011, the size of the labour force in the Windsor-Sarnia economic region remained unchanged. Total employment increased by 5,800 from full-time employment gains of 7,000, partially offset by part-time employment losses. With the rise in employment, the employment rate increased by 1.3 percentage points to 56.1%. Unemployment fell by 6,200 over the past year and the unemployment rate declined 1.9 percentage points from 11.6% to 9.7%. Over the same period, the provincial unemployment rate fell from 9.2% to 8.2%.

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

Labour Market News by Industry

Accommodation and Food Services

The City Grill located at the former Peppers Bar & Grill on Ouellette Avenue in downtown Windsor is undergoing renovations. It is expected to be open by April 2011. The restaurant is hiring managers, servers and other positions.

Arts, Entertainment and Recreation

Maximum Fighting Inc. will be hosting a mixed marital arts (MMA) event at Caesars Windsor in April 2011.

Construction

Suncor Energy Inc. began maintenance at the Sarnia refinery on March 20, which is expected to be complete by the end of April. About 600 employees and contractors including pipefitters, boilermakers, welders and carpenters are involved in the work.

Shell Canada will be launching a two-month shutdown at its Corunna site beginning in May. More than 800 contractors including pipefitters, boilermakers, labourers, carpenters, and ironworkers will be replacing a refinery tower. Other work includes general maintenance, cleaning and inspecting processing units.

Amico Design Build Inc. from Maidstone has received the approval from the City of Windsor to build the \$21-million airplane maintenance hangar at the Windsor International Airport. The construction is required to be complete by the end of November and is expected to create about 250 jobs.

Health Care and Social Services

Nexus Health Management has planned to open a new medical clinic, Nexus Medical and Urgent Care Clinic, on Ouellette Avenue in downtown Windsor this July. The facility will have an on-site pharmacy and will be staffed with family doctors, nurse practitioners, and other specialists. The company hopes to establish new clinics in Leamington and Belle River and recruit about 50 new doctors into the area.

Vision'74 Inc. is expanding its Vision Nursing Home to accommodate 38 extra beds in Sarnia this spring. The \$1.2-million expansion project will also include a medical clinic, hiring four nurse practitioners and other support staff. The clinic is expected to open in late fall.

Chatham-Kent Health Alliance organized a job fair on April 1 in Chatham and Wallaceburg. The organization was looking to hire nurse practitioners, registered nurses, registered practical nurses, occupational therapists, speech language pathologists, pharmacists, and registered technologists.

Information and Culture

The new McGregor Library and Community Centre opened this month. The \$1.8-million facility includes a library, community rooms with kitchenette, a medical clinic and the St. Vincent de Paul food bank.

Manufacturing

Unconquered Sun Solar Technologies Inc. in Tecumseh organized a job fair on March 4. It aimed to recruit about 50 employees for the positions such as manufacturing technicians, supervisors, sales staff and installers.

Public Administration

Statistics Canada is hiring 85 census workers in Essex County to collect information for the 2011 Census. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and legally able to work in Canada. There is more information available at www.census2011.gc.ca

Trade, Wholesale and Retail

Value Village, a thrift chain store located on Dougall Avenue in Windsor, has closed. At least 20 positions will be eliminated.

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