



Labour Market Bulletin

Ontario

April 2022



This Labour Market Bulletin provides an analysis of Labour Force Survey results for the province of Ontario and its regions.

SUMMARY

- Employment increased by 14,300 (+0.2%) in Ontario in April 2022
- Full-time employment declined (-15,700; -0.2%), while part-time employment expanded (+30,000; 2.2%)
- The unemployment rate increased slightly by 0.1 percentage points to 5.4%
- The largest increase in the unemployment rate was for Ontario's male youth aged 15 to 24, which increased 3.9 percentage points to 13.5%

LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Employment in Ontario increased for the third consecutive month in April 2022 and has now surpassed pre-pandemic levels. Employment has increased by 3.2% (+242,600) since February 2020.

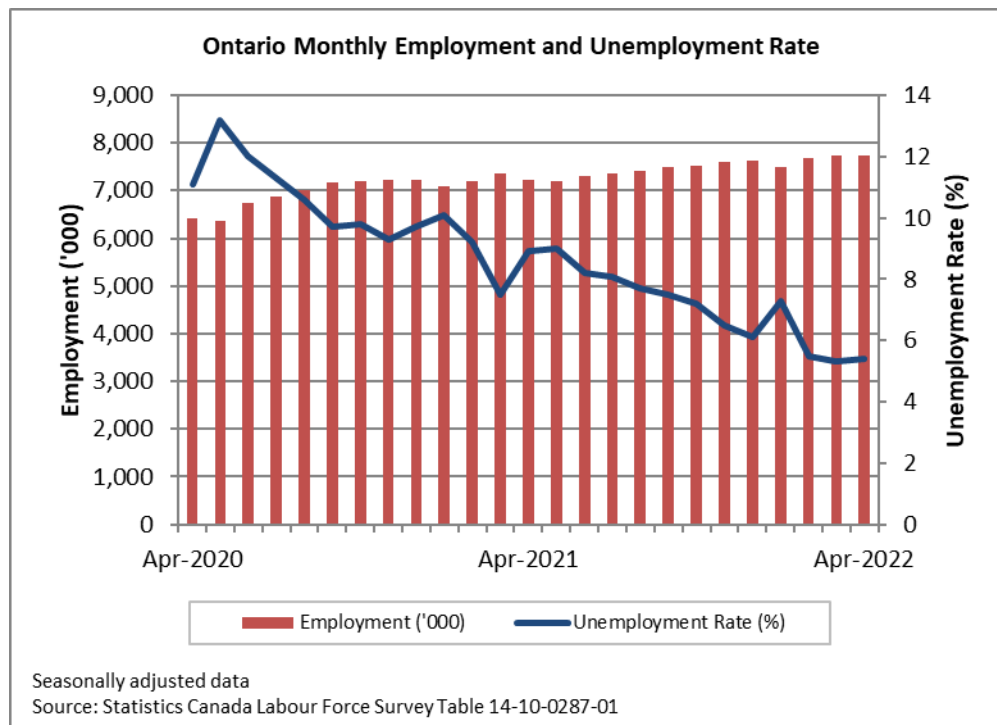
- Employment gains in the month of April (+14,300; +0.2%) were entirely due to gains in part-time work (+30,000; 2.2%), whereas full-time employment declined (-15,700; -0.2%).
- Gains were entirely in the youth group, aged 15 to 24 (+2,100; 0.2%), offsetting a minor decline amongst the core working-age group aged 25+ (-400; -0.01%)
- In Canada, overall employment made minor gains (+15,300; +0.1%). Half of the provinces posted employment gains, led by Alberta (+16,000; +0.7%), Ontario and New Brunswick (+6,700; +1.8%)

Ontario Monthly Labour Force Statistics

| Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data | April 2022 | March 2022 | April 2021 | Monthly Variation | | Yearly Variation | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------|------|------------------|-------|
| | | | | Number | % | Number | % |
| Population 15+ ('000) | 12,482.2 | 12,469.3 | 12,311.3 | 12.9 | 0.1 | 170.9 | 1.4 |
| Labour Force ('000) | 8,178.8 | 8,152.7 | 7,921.8 | 26.1 | 0.3 | 257.0 | 3.2 |
| Employment ('000) | 7,737.2 | 7,722.9 | 7,214.6 | 14.3 | 0.2 | 522.6 | 7.2 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 6,323.8 | 6,339.5 | 5,975.9 | -15.7 | -0.2 | 347.9 | 5.8 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 1,413.4 | 1,383.4 | 1,238.7 | 30.0 | 2.2 | 174.7 | 14.1 |
| Unemployment ('000) | 441.6 | 429.8 | 707.2 | 11.8 | 2.7 | -265.6 | -37.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 5.4 | 5.3 | 8.9 | 0.1 | - | -3.5 | - |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.5 | 65.4 | 64.3 | 0.1 | - | 1.2 | - |
| Employment Rate (%) | 62.0 | 61.9 | 58.6 | 0.1 | - | 3.4 | - |

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

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



Ontario Monthly Unemployment Rates, by Gender and Age

| Seasonally Adjusted Data | April 2022 (%) | March 2022 (%) | April 2021 (%) | Monthly Variation | Yearly Variation |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | | | | (% points) | (% points) |
| Total | 5.4 | 5.3 | 8.9 | 0.1 | -3.5 |
| 25 years and over | 4.5 | 4.4 | 7.2 | 0.1 | -2.7 |
| Men - 25 years and over | 4.1 | 3.7 | 6.3 | 0.4 | -2.2 |
| Women - 25 years and over | 4.9 | 5.2 | 8.1 | -0.3 | -3.2 |
| 15 to 24 years | 11.2 | 10.4 | 20.1 | 0.8 | -8.9 |
| Men - 15 to 24 years | 13.5 | 9.6 | 21.0 | 3.9 | -7.5 |
| Women - 15 to 24 years | 8.7 | 11.3 | 18.9 | -2.6 | -10.2 |

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EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Employment grew in Ontario's **goods-producing sector** by 9,800 (+0.6%) in April 2022, with the largest gains in manufacturing (+9,400; +1.2%) and utilities (+2,400; +4.0%). Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas (-8.4%; -3,900) and construction (-0.02%; 100) were the only goods-producing sectors that declined over the month. Employment in all other goods-producing industries made slight gains or held steady in April.

Manufacturing

- The Markit Canada Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), which provides an indication of the overall health of the economy and the strength of the manufacturing industry in Canada, declined to 56.2 in April of 2022, from an all-time high of 58.9 in March.
- In April, growth in new domestic and international orders supported expansion, but this was moderated by material scarcity, truck shortages and freight delays, leading to an increase in order backlogs.

Utilities

- Employment in the Ontario utilities industry grew from 60,000 in March 2022 to 62,400 in April 2022 (+2,400; +4.0%).
- Over the last year, utilities employment in Ontario increased by 23.3%, up from 50,600 in April 2021.
- Employment in this sector in April 2022 was the highest since August 2008, when employment reached 63,500.

Employment in Ontario's **services-producing sector** grew slightly by 4,400 (+0.1%) in April 2022, with the largest gains in educational services (+15,000; +2.7%) and professional, technical and scientific services (+8,200; +1.0%). This employment gain was offset by losses in five of the services-producing sector. Wholesale and retail trade declined the most (-21,900; -1.9%).

Educational services

- Overall employment in educational services grew by 15,000 (+2.7%) in April 2022, supported by school boards hiring supply teachers and calling on former and retired teachers to return to teaching following a reported labour shortage.
- Educational services employment of 567,700 in April 2022 is the second all-time highest, after 570,600 in March 2021.

Ontario Monthly Labour Force Statistics, by Industry

| Seasonally Adjusted Data ('000) | April 2022 | March 2022 | April 2021 | Monthly Variation | | Yearly Variation | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-------------------|------|------------------|-------|
| | | | | Number | % | Number | % |
| Total employed, all industries | 7,737.2 | 7,722.9 | 7,214.6 | 14.3 | 0.2 | 522.6 | 7.2 |
| Goods-producing sector | 1,552.3 | 1,542.5 | 1,467.5 | 9.8 | 0.6 | 84.8 | 5.8 |
| Agriculture | 68.3 | 66.3 | 68.9 | 2.0 | 3.0 | -0.6 | -0.9 |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas | 42.4 | 46.3 | 34.7 | -3.9 | -8.4 | 7.7 | 22.2 |
| Utilities | 62.4 | 60.0 | 50.6 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 11.8 | 23.3 |
| Construction | 595.4 | 595.5 | 537.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 58.3 | 10.9 |
| Manufacturing | 783.8 | 774.4 | 776.2 | 9.4 | 1.2 | 7.6 | 1.0 |
| Services-producing sector | 6,184.9 | 6,180.5 | 5,747.1 | 4.4 | 0.1 | 437.8 | 7.6 |
| Trade | 1,127.8 | 1,149.7 | 1,027.8 | -21.9 | -1.9 | 100.0 | 9.7 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 387.1 | 380.9 | 368.5 | 6.2 | 1.6 | 18.6 | 5.0 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing | 656.0 | 662.9 | 633.8 | -6.9 | -1.0 | 22.2 | 3.5 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 807.1 | 798.9 | 715.0 | 8.2 | 1.0 | 92.1 | 12.9 |
| Business, building and other support services | 287.6 | 296.4 | 275.6 | -8.8 | -3.0 | 12.0 | 4.4 |
| Educational services | 567.7 | 552.7 | 524.1 | 15.0 | 2.7 | 43.6 | 8.3 |
| Health care and social assistance | 941.1 | 946.4 | 910.5 | -5.3 | -0.6 | 30.6 | 3.4 |
| Information, culture and recreation | 341.8 | 334.7 | 297.7 | 7.1 | 2.1 | 44.1 | 14.8 |
| Accommodation and food services | 391.0 | 384.5 | 306.0 | 6.5 | 1.7 | 85.0 | 27.8 |
| Other services | 257.5 | 258.2 | 288.8 | -0.7 | -0.3 | -31.3 | -10.8 |
| Public administration | 420.1 | 415.1 | 399.4 | 5.0 | 1.2 | 20.7 | 5.2 |

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

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

REGIONAL ANALYSIS

In April 2022, all but one economic region in Ontario, Muskoka-Kawarths, reported a year-over-year increase in employment compared to April 2021. Compared to pre-pandemic employment levels, 9 of the 11 economic regions had higher levels of employment in April 2022.

The unemployment rate in all economic regions declined compared to April 2021 and compared to the onset of the pandemic in April 2020, all economic regions had lower unemployment rates in April 2022.

Ontario Monthly Labour Force Statistics, by Economic Region

| 3-Month Moving Averages Seasonally Unadjusted Data | Employment | | | Unemployment Rate | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | April 2022 ('000) | April 2021 ('000) | Yearly Variation (%) | April 2022 (%) | April 2021 (%) | Yearly Variation (% points) |
| Ontario | 7,619.0 | 7,163.1 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 8.7 | -3.1 |
| Economic Regions | | | | | | |
| Ottawa | 746.2 | 736.8 | 1.3 | 5.1 | 6.6 | -1.5 |
| Kingston - Pembroke | 231.6 | 205.6 | 12.6 | 5.0 | 10.1 | -5.1 |
| Muskoka - Kawarthas | 183.9 | 187.8 | -2.1 | 3.2 | 7.0 | -3.8 |
| Toronto | 3,686.2 | 3,398.7 | 8.5 | 6.2 | 9.4 | -3.2 |
| Kitchener - Waterloo - Barrie | 781.3 | 742.7 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 8.7 | -3.6 |
| Hamilton - Niagara Peninsula | 778.0 | 738.0 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 8.7 | -3.5 |
| London | 389.5 | 362.3 | 7.5 | 5.1 | 8.6 | -3.5 |
| Windsor - Sarnia | 306.2 | 295.6 | 3.6 | 5.8 | 9.0 | -3.2 |
| Stratford - Bruce Peninsula | 160.1 | 157.0 | 2.0 | 3.3 | 6.1 | -2.8 |
| Northeast | 257.0 | 242.3 | 6.1 | 4.6 | 8.1 | -3.5 |
| Northwest | 98.8 | 96.4 | 2.5 | 5.6 | 7.7 | -2.1 |

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – Table 14-10-0387, formerly CANSIM 282-0122

Notable changes between April 2021 and April 2022 include:

- Employment increased by 8.5% (+287,500) in the **Toronto** economic region, as full-time employment increased by 5.5% (+157,200) and part-time employment increased by 25.0% (+130,300).
- The labour force in the **Muskoka-Kawarthas** economic region declined by 5.9% (-11,900). This is reflected in the participation rate decline from 58.0% to 53.9%.
- Employment in the **Kingston-Pembroke** economic region increased by 12.6% (+26,000), as part-time employment increased by 24.1% (+9,700).

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