

Hamilton Labour Force Snapshot



Data from: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada
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January 2016

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The Hamilton CMA labour force had 8,200 more people than January 2015.

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Jobs in the service-producing sector remain high but jobs in the goods-producing sector declined.

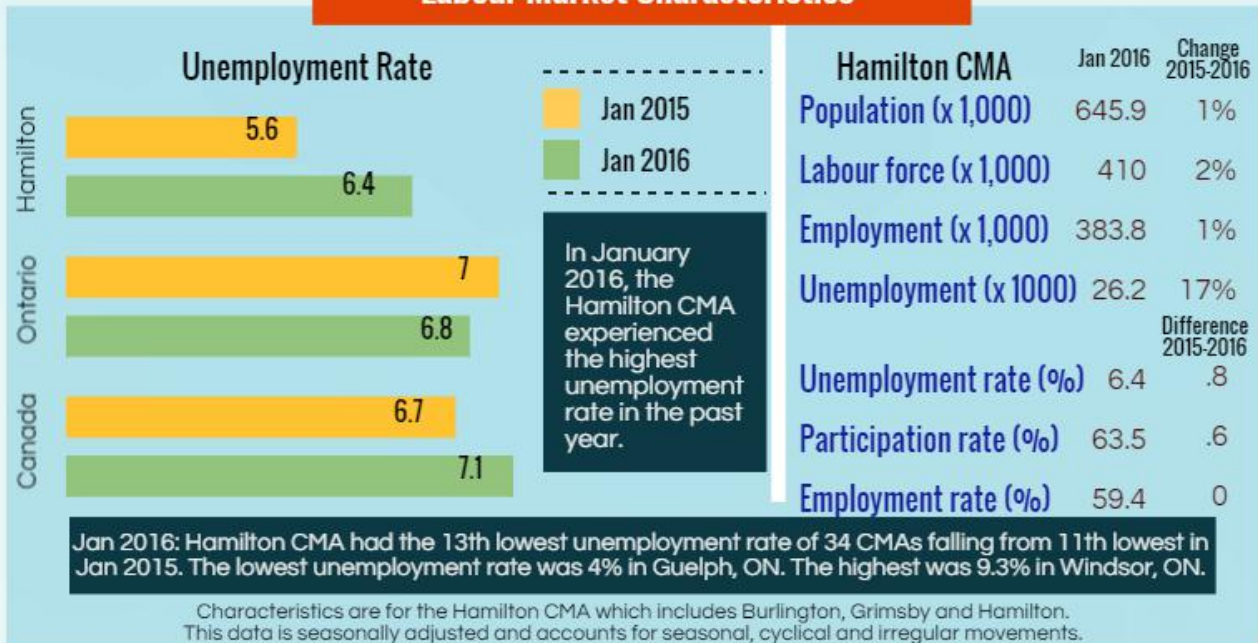
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Hamilton CMA's unemployment rate remained lower than both Canada's and Ontario's all year.

Unemployment rate: The number of people without work who are available for work, and are actively seeking work. It is a well-known indicator of labour-market health.

Labour Market Characteristics

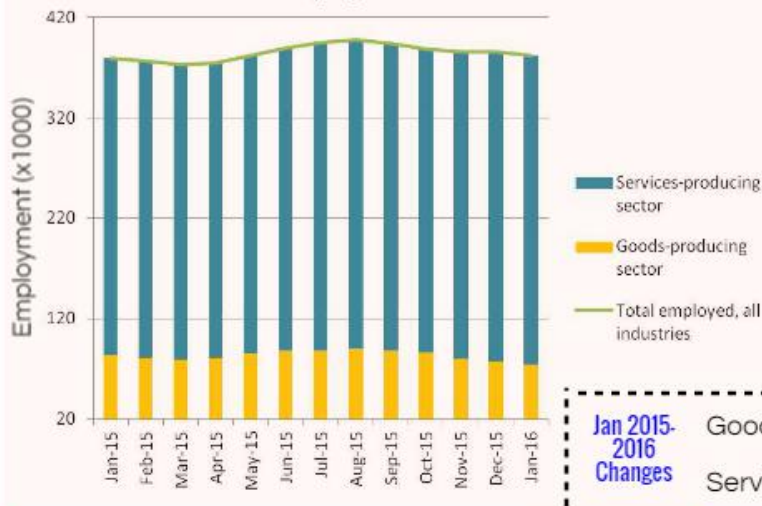


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Industries

Employment in Sectors



Main Job Losses Jan 2015-2016 Changes
Construction -8,300 jobs (-27%)

Wholesale and Retail Trade -9,800 jobs (-15%)

Main Job Gains Jan 2015-2016 Changes
Business, building and other support services +5,800 jobs (+38%)

Health care and social assistance +7,600 jobs (+16%)

Jan 2015-2016 Changes

Goods-producing sector -9,200 jobs (-11%)

Services-producing sector +11,600 jobs (+4%)

Occupations by the numbers

Top Areas of Employment in January 2016	# of People Employed
1. Sales and service occupations	93,600
2. Business, finance and administrative occupations	62,500
3. Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	50,500
4. Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	50,000
5. Health occupations	30,900

Occupations in education, law and social, community & government services had 20% more jobs in January 2016 than the previous year

These 5 occupations make up 75% of the workforce in the Hamilton CMA.

Occupations: Key Highlights

Main Job Gains Jan 2015-2016 Changes

Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations +3,500 jobs (125%)

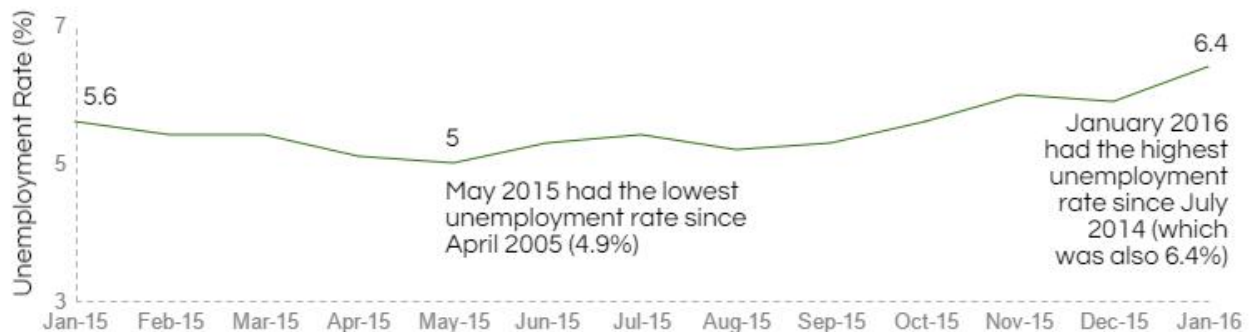
Technical occupations related to natural and applied sciences +5,200 jobs (76%)

Labourers in processing, manufacturing and utilities +1,100 jobs (59%)

Assemblers in manufacturing +2,200 jobs (59%)

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 282-0158- LFS

Unemployment Rate in Review



May 2015 had the lowest unemployment rate since April 2005 (4.9%)

January 2016 had the highest unemployment rate since July 2014 (which was also 6.4%)

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