

Hamilton Labour Force Snapshot



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July 2016

Observation 1



Hamilton CMA's unemployment rate for July 2016 spiked to 6.1. Last year, the unemployment rate for July was 5.4.

Observation 2



The number of people working in Hamilton (CMA) dropped from 392,200 (July 2015) to 378,300 (July 2016).

Observation 3



In July 2016, there were 12,900 more people working in trades occupations than in July 2015

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

Unemployment Rate

July 2015 July 2016



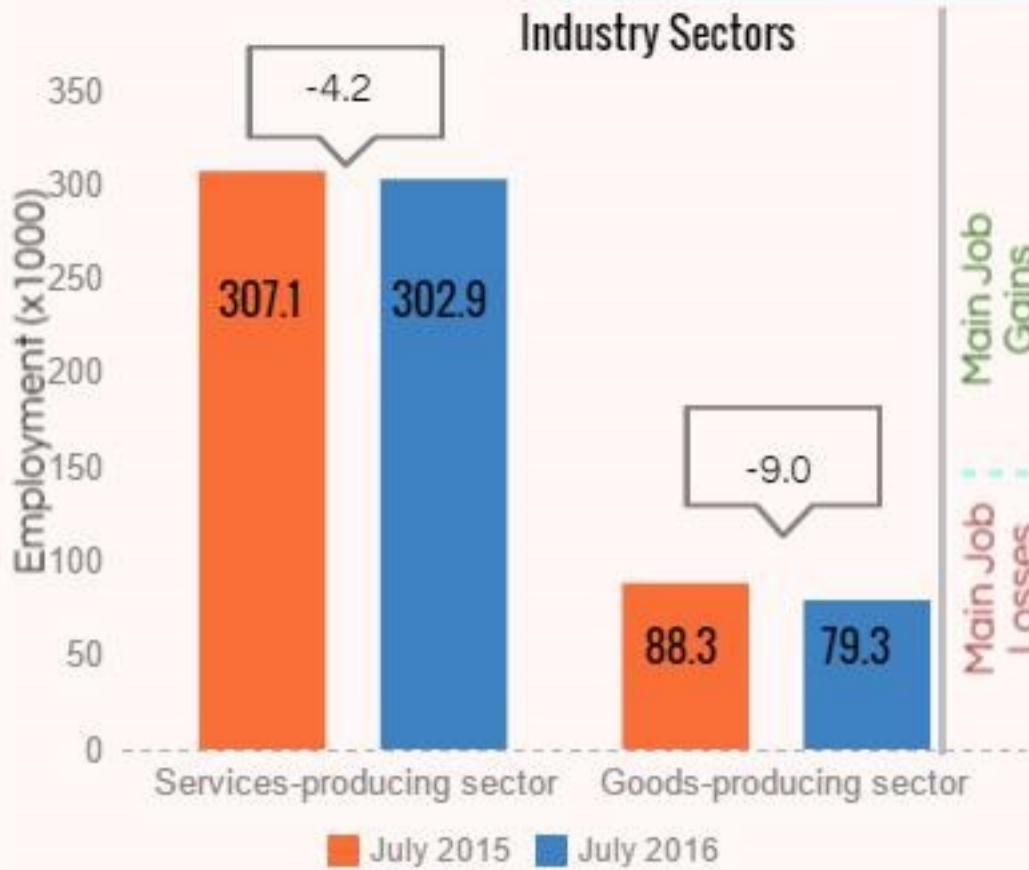
July 2016 had a sharp loss in employment. The unemployment rate spiked in the Hamilton CMA.

Hamilton CMA	July 2016	Change 2015-2016
Population (x 1,000)	649.8	1%
Labour force (x 1,000)	403.5	-3%
Employment (x 1,000)	378.8	-3%
Unemployment (x 1000)	24.8	11%
Unemployment rate (%)	6.1	0.7
Participation rate (%)	62.1	-2.4
Employment rate (%)	58.3	-2.8

July 2016: Hamilton CMA had the 12th lowest unemployment rate of 34 CMAs. It was the 8th lowest in July 2015. The lowest unemployment rate in July this year was Quebec City's at 4.3.

Characteristics are for the Hamilton CMA which includes Burlington, Grimsby and Hamilton. This data is seasonally adjusted and accounts for seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements.

Industries



Main Job Gains and Losses

Industry	Jul-15	Jul-16	Difference
Information, culture and recreation	14.6	21.8	7.2
Other services (except public administration)	12.7	18	5.3
Transportation and warehousing	12.2	17	4.8
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	32.3	21.8	-10.5
Manufacturing	51.1	39.9	-11.2

Industries in the manufacturing sector saw the most significant changes from this July to last years'. There were 11,200 less people working in manufacturing industries in 2016 than 2015.

Occupations by the numbers



Unemployment Rate in Review



Unemployment rate in the Hamilton CMA has been back on the rise since April 2016.

The number of people who are employed continues to decrease.

Workforce Planning Hamilton (WPH) is a local community planning organization that builds solutions to labour market issues by engaging stakeholders and working with partners.