

# Hamilton Labour Force Snapshot



Data from: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada  
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Observation 1



Unemployment Rate in the Hamilton CMA plateaued at 6.4%.

Observation 2



The number of people working in Hamilton (CMA) dropped to 385,300 people (Oct. 2016) from 385,700 (Oct. 2015). That's a drop of 400 people.

Observation 3



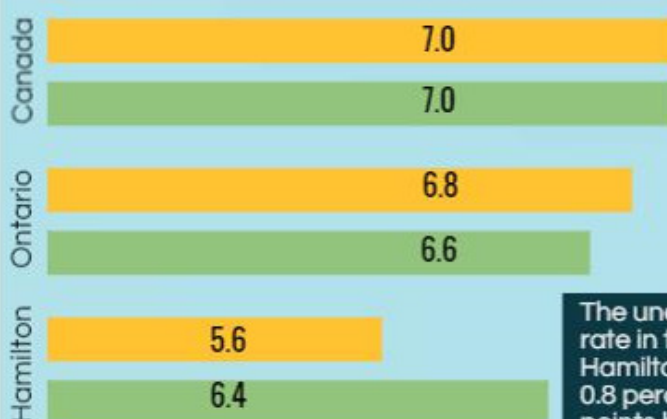
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations grew 29% from October 2015 to October 2016

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

Oct 2015 Oct 2016



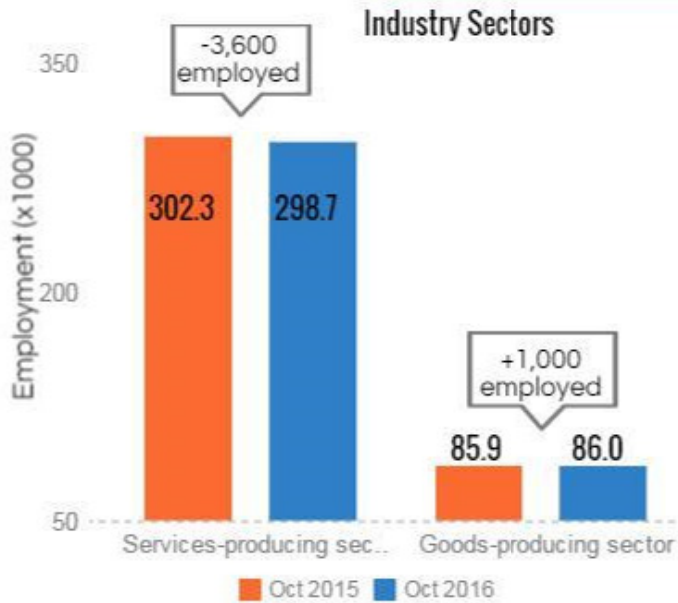
The unemployment rate in the Hamilton CMA was 0.8 percentage points higher than last year.

### Hamilton CMA

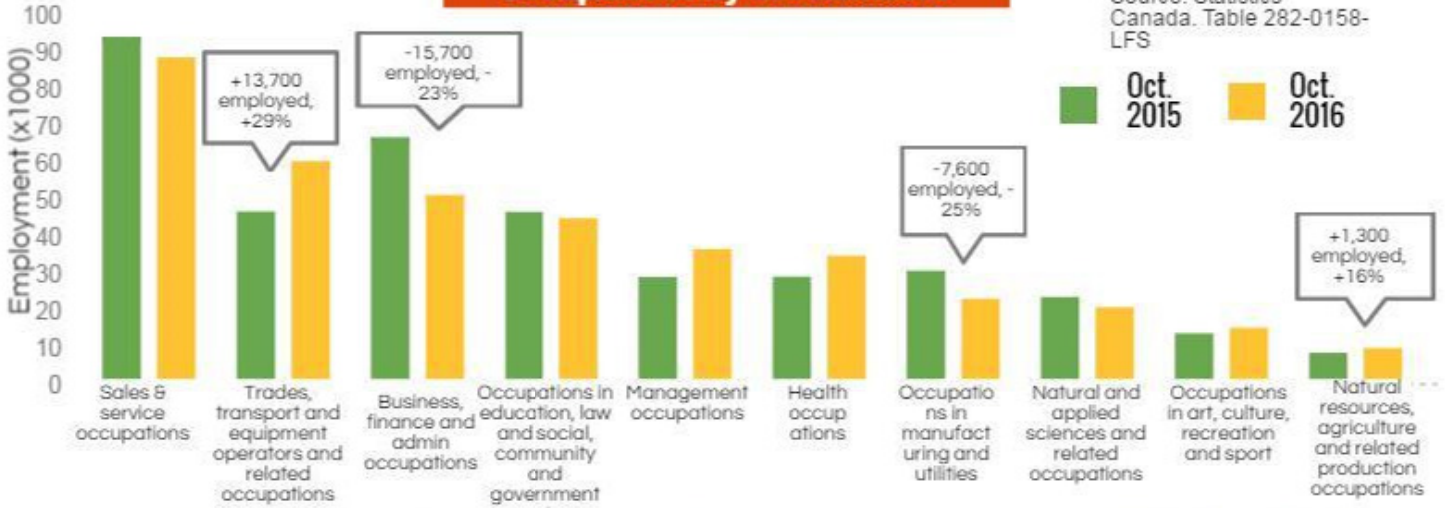
	Oct 2016	Change 2015-2016
Population (x 1,000)	652.1	1%
Labour force (x 1,000)	411.5	1%
Employment (x 1,000)	385.3	0%
Unemployment (x 1000)	26.2	15%
		Difference 2015-2016
Unemployment rate (%)	6.4	0.8
Participation rate (%)	63.1	-0.3
Employment rate (%)	59.1	-0.8

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



## Occupations by the numbers



## Unemployment Rate in Review



Hamilton CMA's unemployment rate has been fluctuating for the past year. It's stabilized in the last few months.

Unemployment rate in the Hamilton CMA is up 14% from October 2015.

## Labour Force

Though the unemployment rate is on the rise, Hamilton CMA's labour force grew by 3,600 from September to October 2016.

Month	Labour Force
September 2016	407,900
October 2016	411,500

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 282-0135-LFS

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