

Hamilton Labour Force Snapshot



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Sept 2016

Observation 1



Hamilton CMA's unemployment rate for Sept. 2016 spiked to 6.4, up 0.2 points from August. Last year, the unemployment rate for Sept. was a low 5.3.

Observation 2



The number of people working in Hamilton (CMA) dropped to 381,900 people (Sept. 2016) from 391,300 (Sept. 2015). That's a drop of -2%.

Observation 3



The industry group that saw the most losses in employment when compared to last year was Manufacturing (9,900 less people employed)

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



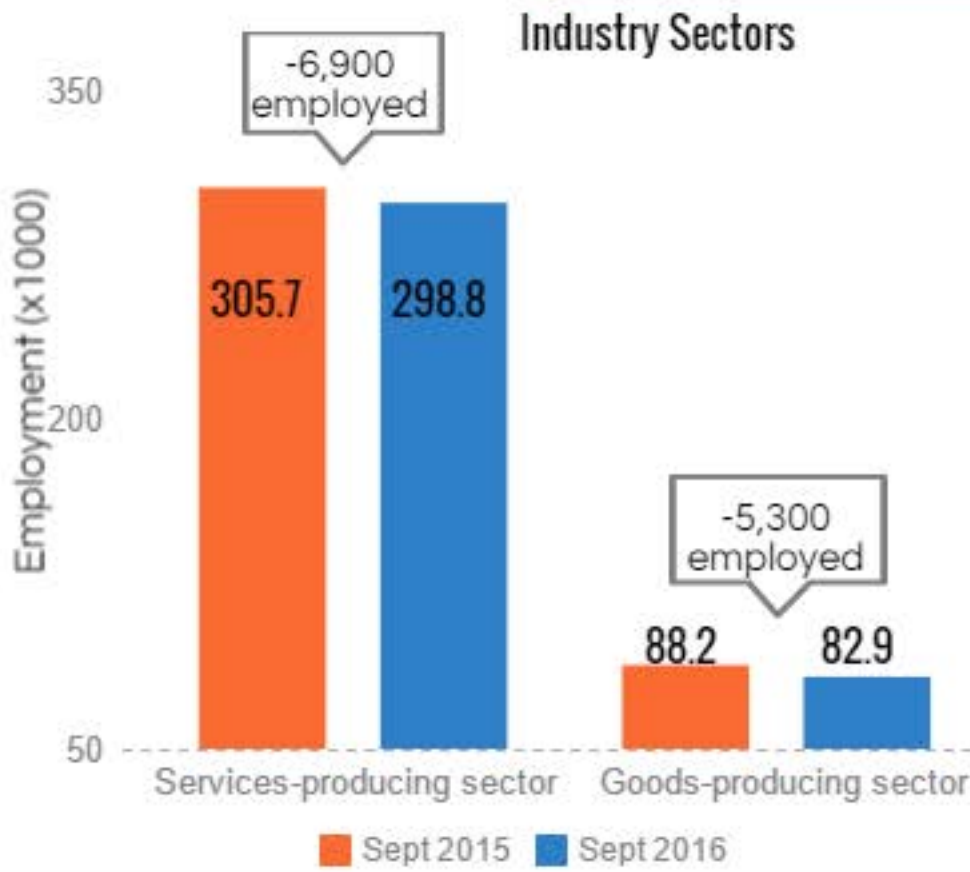
The unemployment rate in the Hamilton CMA was 1.1 percentage points higher than last year.

Hamilton CMA	Sept 2016	Change 2015-2016
Population (x 1,000)	651.4	1%
Labour force (x 1,000)	407.9	-1%
Employment (x 1,000)	381.9	-2%
Unemployment (x 1000)	26	19%
Unemployment rate (%)	6.4	1.1
Participation rate (%)	62.6	-1.6
Employment rate (%)	58.6	-2.2

Sept. 2016: Hamilton CMA had the 18th lowest unemployment rate of 34 CMAs. It was the 5th lowest in Sept. 2015. The lowest unemployment rate in Sept. this year was 4.7 (Quebec City's & Victoria)

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.

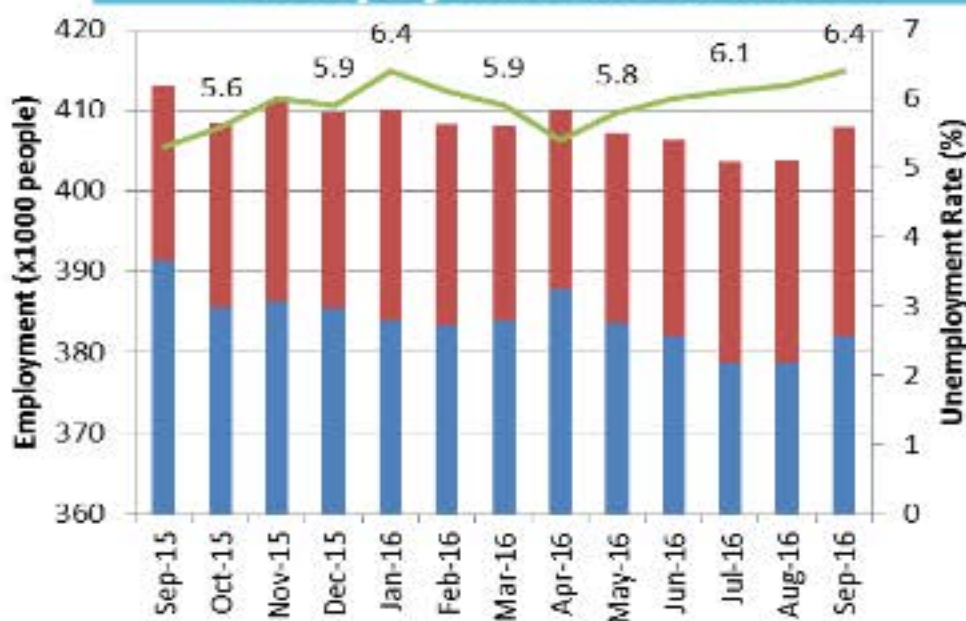
Industries



Occupations by the numbers



Unemployment Rate in Review



Unemployment rate in the Hamilton CMA hit 6.4 in September which was the rate at the start of the year.

Unemployment rate in the Hamilton CMA continues to rise steadily.

Labour Force

Though the unemployment rate is on the rise, Hamilton CMA's labour force has grown by 3,200 people since last month.

Month	Labour Force
August 2016	391,300
September 2016	407,900

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