



Monthly Economic Monitor – April 2018

Population		
	2016	2011
Amherstburg	21,936	21,541
Essex	20,427	19,569
Kingsville	21,552	21,359
Lakeshore	36,611	34,414
LaSalle	30,180	28,550
Leamington	27,953	28,735
Pelee Island	235	171
Tecumseh	23,229	23,600
Windsor-Essex	398,953	388,782

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census

Unemployment Rates – Windsor CMA (%)			
	March 2018	February 2018	March 2017
Windsor CMA	5.2	4.9	5.4
Ontario	5.5	5.5	6.3
Canada	5.8	5.8	6.6

Source: Statistics Canada, April 2018, figures represent a seasonally adjusted 3 month moving average.

Labour Force Characteristics – Windsor CMA			
	March 2018	February 2018	March 2017
Labour Force	174,000	173,900	170,500
Employed	165,000	165,500	161,300

Source: Statistics Canada, April 2018, figures represent a seasonally adjusted 3 month moving average.

The unemployment rate rose slightly in the Windsor CMA over the past month, as the labour force grew very slightly and the number of people employed declined. However, the region continued to have a lower rate than both the province and the country. Manufacturing employment showed a slight decline from February to March, while employment in Educational Services and Health Care and Social Assistance increased.

Note: Windsor CMA includes the City of Windsor and the Towns of Amherstburg, Lakeshore, LaSalle and Tecumseh.

Labour Force Characteristics – Windsor-Essex			
	Q1 2018	Q1 2017	2017
Population 15+	337,800	329,400	332,700
Labour force	202,100	196,300	201,400
Employment	190,100	184,300	189,500
Full-time	152,000	144,200	149,800
Part-time	38,100	40,100	39,800
Unemployed	12,000	12,000	11,800
Not in labour force	135,700	133,100	131,300
Unemployment rate (%)	5.9	6.1	5.9
Participation rate (%)	59.8	59.6	60.5
Employment rate (%)	56.3	56.0	56.9

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Tabulation, Q1 2018

Employment by Industry – Windsor-Essex			
Industry	Q1 2018	Q1 2017	2017
Agriculture	2.8	3.8	2,900
Forestry, fishing, mining and oil and gas extraction	0.0	0.0	0
Utilities	0.0	0.0	400
Construction	11.1	10.3	12,200
Manufacturing	45.5	45.5	43,400
Trade	24.5	25.3	25,500
Transportation and warehousing	10.1	7.3	8,300
Finance and insurance real estate and leasing	7.8	8.2	7,900
Professional, scientific and technical services	8.4	6.6	9,200
Business, building and other support services	5.9	7.3	8,800
Educational services	16.5	11.4	12,300
Health care and social assistance	22.6	24.2	24,900
Information and cultural and recreation	4.5	7.7	6,500
Accommodation and food services	1.5	2.6	3,200
Other services (except public administration)	7.8	7.4	7,200
Public administration	5.9	6.4	5,900
Total	190.1	184.3	189,600

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Tabulation, Q1 2018

Note: 0 indicates an estimate less than 1500

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Labour Force Characteristics – Windsor-Essex			
Occupations in:	Q1 2018	Q1 2017	2017
Management	14,300	12,300	12,300
Business, finance and administration	29,200	24,200	24,700
Natural and applied sciences and related	11,700	12,800	12,000
Health	12,000	15,500	17,000
Education, law and social, community and government services	21,000	18,200	17,700
Art, culture, recreation and sport	3,400	4,000	3,300
Sales and service	44,400	46,600	46,600
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related	28,200	26,900	29,000
Natural resources, agriculture and related production	2,700	4,300	4,000
Manufacturing and utilities	23,200	21,600	23,500
Total, all occupations	190,100	186,300	189,900

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Tabulation, Q1 2018

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Job Gains/Losses – Windsor-Essex		
	March 2018	Year-to-Date
Job Gains Announced	178	278
Job Losses Announced	0	130

Source: Service Canada; The Windsor Star

A new Mandarin restaurant will open in Devonshire Mall in June but employment numbers were not announced. The Ontario government announced funding for four Windsor-Essex companies (Jahn Engineering, Reko International Group, Technicut Tool, Unifab Industries and Windsor Industrial Services) for projects that will create 168 new jobs and retain 507 existing jobs. Aphria received Health Canada approval for the 200,000 square foot expansion of its marijuana production operations. Job figures for that project were not released. JJK Print opened a new operation in Leamington, employing 10 people.

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Housing Starts – Windsor-Essex				
	Q1 2018	Q1 2017	Year-to-date 2018	Year-to-date 2017
Amherstburg	41	29	41	29
Essex	7	6	7	6
Kingsville	37	10	37	10
Lakeshore	27	43	27	43
LaSalle	8	39	8	39
Leamington	8	26	8	26
Tecumseh	0	10	0	10
Windsor	51	66	51	66
Total	179	229	179	229

Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Company (CMHC), Total – All Dwelling Types

Housing Starts – Windsor CMA				
	March 2018	March 2017	Year-to-date 2018	Year-to-date 2017
Singles	22	58	22	58
Multi-Family	8	39	8	39
Total	30	97	30	97

Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Company (CMHC), Total – All Dwelling Types

Housing Prices and Sales – Windsor-Essex				
	March 2018	March 2017	Year-to-date 2018	Year-to-date 2017
Units Sold	487	660	1145	1522
Average Price	\$280,386	\$261,286	\$275,954	\$246,775

Source: Windsor-Essex County Association of Realtors, Monthly Statistics

Building Permits – Windsor-Essex				
	March 2018	March 2017	Year-to-date 2018	Year-to-date 2017
Industrial	\$7,924,001	\$915,300	\$13,839,851	\$5,252,985
Commercial	\$5,475,311	\$3,777,240	\$12,355,290	\$12,659,226
Institutional	\$2,980,296	\$10,462,906	\$11,529,126	\$61,336,289
Total	\$16,379,608	\$14,755,446	\$37,724,267	\$79,221,500

Source: Municipal Building Departments

Note: Figures are preliminary and are subject to change.

The permit for Belwood Poultry's new packaging facility on Mercer Road in Windsor was the largest building permit issued in March. Other significant projects were renovations to accommodate a Shoppers Drug Mart on Howard Avenue, a new track and field facility at Holy Names High School, renovations to Harrow Public School in Essex and Centennial Central Public School in Lakeshore. Leamington also issued a permit for a new industrial building on Seneca Drive.

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Regional GDP by Sector – Windsor CMA			
	2018* (Mil. \$ 2007)	2017* (Mil. \$ 2007)	2016 (Mil. \$ 2007)
Total	14,092.95	13,802.94	13,354.08
Goods-Producing Industries	5,662.83	5,549.47	5,296.62
Manufacturing	4,495.59	4,403.13	4,197.14
Construction	906.38	890.35	846.31
Primary and Utilities	260.86	255.99	253.17
Services-Producing Industries	8,430.12	8,253.47	8,057.46
Wholesale Trade	604.13	597.56	590.65
Retail Trade	758.22	742.62	703.94
Transportation and Warehousing	576.20	563.80	546.75
Information and Cultural Industries	262.78	260.96	270.71
Finance and Insurance, Real Estate and Rental and Leasing, and Building, Business and Other Support Services	2,825.65	2,751.17	2,632.92
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	409.37	398.99	382.04
Educational Services	740.69	733.35	760.59
Health Care and Social Assistance	904.22	883.89	869.45
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	329.89	321.84	316.56
Accommodation and Food Services	165.58	162.17	162.26
Other Services	269.75	262.66	267.61
Public Administration	583.64	574.45	553.96

* Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Data December 2017

Ranking of Windsor CMA's GDP Growth Compared to 29 Other CMAs		
Year	Growth Rate	Rank
2017	3.4	12
2018	2.1	17
2019-2022	1.6	21

* Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Outlook Report Winter 2018

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Retail Sales – Windsor CMA			
	2018*	2017	2016
Total Sales (\$ millions)	5,228	5,077	4,826
Percentage Change	3.0	5.2	10.7

* Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Outlook Report Winter 2018

Consumer Price Index (CPI) – Windsor CMA			
	2018*	2017	2016
CPI (2002 = 1.0)	1.345	1.318	1.297
Percentage Change	2.1	1.6	1.8

* Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Outlook Report Winter 2018

Population and Labour Market – Windsor CMA			
	2018*	2017*	2016
Population	346,361	343,903	340,279
Labour Force	178,070	172,225	174,732
Total Employment	166,495	162,526	164,125
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	5.6	6.1
Net International Migration	1,804	2,009	3,070
Net Interprovincial Migration	-122	114	194
Net InterCity Migration	166	159	-2
Natural Increase in Population	474	510	574

* Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Data December 2017

Bankruptcies – Windsor CMA			
	2016	2015	2014
Consumer	432	560	584
Business	29	14	26

Source: Conference Board of Canada Metropolitan Outlook Report Winter 2018

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Regional Employment by Sector – Windsor CMA			
Sector	2018*	2017*	2016
Total	166,495	162,526	164,125
Goods Sector	53,600	52,011	53,830
Manufacturing	40,687	38,535	41,301
Construction	10,181	10,743	9,215
Primary Industries and Utilities	2,732	2,733	3,314
Services Sector	112,896	110,515	110,295
Wholesale Trade	3,555	3,286	4,399
Retail Trade	16,918	17,094	14,832
Transportation and Warehousing	7,406	6,465	6,720
Information and Cultural Industries	1,618	1,859	1,817
Finance and Insurance, Real Estate and Rental and Leasing, and Building, Business and Other Support Services	15,068	15,504	13,396
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	8,199	7,706	7,764
Educational Services	10,337	9,857	10,646
Health Care and Social Assistance	22,645	22,492	21,097
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	11,856	11,091	11,629
Accommodation and Food Services	4,833	4,410	5,704
Other Services	5,760	5,364	6,633
Public Administration	4,700	5,386	5,659

* Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada Metropolitan Data December 2017

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