

Monthly Economic Monitor – December 2019

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	217,188	210,891	
Windsor-Essex	398,953	388,782	

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census

Unemployment Rates – Windsor CMA (%)						
November 2019 October 2019 November 2018						
Windsor CMA	7.0	6.7	5.9			
Ontario 5.4 5.4 5.6						
Canada	5.6	5.6	5.7			

Source: Statistics Canada, December 2019, figures represent a seasonally adjusted 3 month moving average.

Labour Force Characteristics – Windsor CMA					
November 2019 October 2019 November 2018					
Labour Force	180,600	181,700	175,600		
Employed	167,900	169,500	165,300		

Source: Statistics Canada, December 2019, figures represent a seasonally adjusted 3 month moving average.

Windsor's unemployment rate has slightly increased this month from 6.7 percent in October to 7.0 percent in November and continues to remain higher than both the provincial and national figures which have remined the same.

This month shows a decrease in both the labour force and the amount of individuals employed compared to last month.

There was an increase in jobs in the manufacturing sector and in the professional, scientific and technical services sector, while job losses occurred within the construction sector and accommodation and food services sector.

Labour Force Characteristics – Windsor-Essex			
	2018		
Population 15+	348,600	338,500	339,075
Labour force	215,400	210,000	207,025
Employment	199,700	193,900	194,675
Full-time	156,800	158,500	157,350
Part-time	42,800	35,400	37,325
Unemployed	15,700	16,100	12,350
Not in labour force	133,200	128,500	132,050
Unemployment rate (%)	7.3	7.7	6.0
Participation rate (%)	61.8	62.0	61.1
Employment rate (%)	57.3	57.3	57.4

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Tabulation, Q3 2019

Employment by Industry – Windsor-Essex					
Industry	Q3 2019	Q3 2018	2018		
Agriculture	4,500	4,600	3,500		
Forestry, fishing, mining and oil and gas extraction	0	0	0		
Utilities	0	0	400		
Construction	16,700	11,900	12,000		
Manufacturing	40,100	47,900	46,700		
Trade	27,500	24,500	25,000		
Transportation and warehousing	9,800	7,400	8,700		
Finance and insurance real estate and leasing	13,800	6,400	6,900		
Professional, scientific and technical services	6,400	9,100	8,600		
Business, building and other support services	7,100	4,700	5,800		
Educational services	9,700	13,200	15,000		
Health care and social assistance	23,700	27,500	25,800		
Information and cultural and recreation	8,000	5,900	5,700		
Accommodation and food services	18,000	15,100	15,100		
Other services (except public administration)	6,500	7,700	8,200		
Public administration	6,200	6,500	6,500		
Total	199,700	193,900	193,900		

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Tabulation, Q3 2019

Note: 0 indicates an estimate less than 1500

Employment by Occupation – Windsor-Essex					
Occupations in:	Q3 2019	Q3 2018	2018		
Management	16,400	10,900	12,300		
Business, finance and administration	26,600	25,700	26,300		
Natural and applied sciences and related	8,300	12,300	12,400		
Health	13,700	18,300	16,400		
Education, law and social, community and	13,800	17,700	20,100		
government services					
Art, culture, recreation and sport	4,600	3,800	3,400		
Sales and service	54,000	47,400	46,500		
Trades, transport and equipment operators	37,800	32,700	32,000		
and related					
Natural resources, agriculture and related	4,400	4,500	3,500		
production					
Manufacturing and utilities	20,000	20,700	21,900		
Total, all occupations	199,700	193,900	194,800		

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Tabulation, Q3 2019

Note: 0 indicates an estimate less than 1500

Job Gains/Losses – Windsor-Essex				
November 2019 Year-to-Date				
Job Gains Announced	0	1026		
Job Losses Announced	0	270		

Source: Employment and Social Development Canada; The Windsor Star; CTV News Windsor Note: Layoffs are not included in job counts; Temporary or seasonal positions are not included in job counts

The third shift at the Windsor Assembly Plant will be extended until March 31, 2020 (end of Q1 2020). This was confirmed by FCA spokesperson Lou Ann Gosselin who also stated that the company will continue to review the feasibility of maintaining the shift. Approximately 1500 people are employed on the third shift.

Housing Starts – Windsor-Essex					
Q3 2019 Q3 2018					
Amherstburg	64	43			
Essex	18	20			
Kingsville	47	81			
Lakeshore	50	71			
LaSalle	112	69			
Leamington	37	17			
Tecumseh	11	8			
Windsor	475	113			
Total	814	422			

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

Housing Starts – Windsor CMA					
November 2019 November 2018 Year-to-date 2019 Year-to-date 2018					
Singles	44	51	529	418	
Multi-Family	49	82	667	482	
Total	93	133	1196	900	

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

Housing Sales – Windsor-Essex				
November 2019 November 2018				
Units Sold	461	476		
Average Price	\$340,366	\$296,853		

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

Rental Market – Windsor CMA				
Vacancy Rate Average Rent				
Bachelor	6.0	\$600		
1 Bedroom	3.4	\$772		
2 Bedroom	1.9	\$915		
3 Bedroom +	1.5	\$1,090		
Total	3.0	\$818		

Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), October 2018

Building Permits – Windsor-Essex						
	November 2019 November 2018 Year-to-date 2019 Year-to-date 2019					
Industrial	\$3,949,000	\$12,214,000	\$80,872,464	\$48,362,315		
Commercial	\$5,907,000	\$8,258,877	\$96,815,197	\$92,268,307		
Institutional	\$46,607,800	\$2,157,727	\$112,053,750	\$65,651,788		
Total \$56,463,800 \$22,630,604 \$289,741,411 \$206,282,410						

Source: Municipal Building Departments

Note: Figures are preliminary and are subject to change. Note: Totals do not include the Town of Amherstburg

In Windsor, the largest permit issued in November was for an addition and interior renovations to the existing University of Windsor Recreation Centre on College Avenue (\$45 million).

The largest permit issued in the county was in Leamington for an industrial renovation on Mersea Road 5 (\$2 million).

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Regional GDP by Sector – Windsor CMA			
	2020*	2019*	2018
	(Mil. \$ 2012)	(Mil. \$ 2012)	(Mil. \$ 2012)
Total	15,666.38	15,445.93	15,137.98
Goods-Producing Industries	6,265.02	6,163.38	6,052.00
Manufacturing	4,886.86	4,828.92	4,710.20
Construction	1,125.00	1,083.82	1,091.47
Primary and Utilities	253.15	250.65	250.34
Services-Producing Industries	9,401.36	9,282.54	9,085.98
Wholesale Trade	671.01	662.40	638.71
Retail Trade	738.31	731.00	704.83
Transportation and Warehousing	734.00	725.29	694.51
Information and Cultural Industries	270.09	270.09	269.13
Finance and Insurance, Real Estate and Rental	2,709.25	2,655.13	2,604.08
and Leasing, and Building, Business and Other			
Support Services			
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	480.55	472.98	469.54
Educational Services	922.29	919.54	931.73
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,189.69	1,177.91	1,139.15
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	171.07	168.87	173.83
Accommodation and Food Services	415.06	409.33	400.51
Other Services	291.27	284.44	282.37
Public Administration	808.78	805.56	777.60

^{*} Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Data June 2019

Ranking of Windsor CMA's GDP Growth Compared to 29 Other CMAs			
Year	Growth Rate	Rank	
2018	3.0	3	
2019*	2.0	5	
2020-2023*	1.4	11	

^{*} Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Outlook Report Summer 2019

Retail Sales – Windsor CMA			
	2019*	2018	2017
Total Sales (\$ millions)	5,426	5,329	5,091
Percentage Change	1.8	4.7	7.5

^{*} Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Outlook Report Summer 2019

Consumer Price Index (CPI) – Windsor CMA			
	2019*	2018	2017
CPI (2002 = 1.0)	1.376	1.350	1.319
Percentage Change	2.0	2.4	1.7

^{*} Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Outlook Report Summer 2019

Population and Labour Market – Windsor CMA				
	2020*	2019*	2018	
Population	357,484	355,323	349,718	
Labour Force	180,186	182,282	174,878	
Total Employment	170,095	172,256	164,475	
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.60	5.50	5.95	
Net International Migration	1752	1756	6,307	
Net Interprovincial Migration	-181	-180	978	
Net InterCity Migration	172	175	780	
Natural Increase in Population	429	431	512	

^{*} Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Data June 2019

Bankruptcies – Windsor CMA			
	2018	2017	2016
Consumer	469	451	432
Business	17	12	29

Source: Conference Board of Canada Metropolitan Outlook Report Summer 2019

Regional Employment by Sector – Windsor CMA				
Sector	2020*	2019*	2018	
Total	170,095	172,256	164,475	
Goods Sector	52,945	52,268	51,497	
Manufacturing	40,095	38,837	39,487	
Construction	9,768	10,160	8,939	
Primary Industries and Utilities	3,081	3,271	3,071	
Services Sector	117,150	119,988	112,978	
Wholesale Trade	4,050	4,070	4,202	
Retail Trade	17,278	18,876	16,577	
Transportation and Warehousing	7,436	8,993	6,981	
Information and Cultural Industries	1,708	1,735	1,752	
Finance and Insurance, Real Estate and Rental	13,975	14,814	11,394	
and Leasing, and Building, Business and Other				
Support Services				
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	7,893	7,823	7,643	
Educational Services	11,588	10,958	13,104	
Health Care and Social Assistance	24,622	24,145	22,541	
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	4,278	5,349	3,434	
Accommodation and Food Services	11,895	10,592	12,843	
Other Services	6,442	6,651	6,517	
Public Administration	5,985	5,982	5,991	

^{*} Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada Metropolitan Data June 2019