



Monthly Economic Monitor – February 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 (%)			
	January 2018	December 2017	January 2017
Windsor CMA	4.6	6.0	5.4
Ontario	5.5	5.6	6.4
Canada	5.8	6.0	6.8

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

Labour Force Characteristics – Windsor CMA			
	January 2018	December 2017	January 2017
Labour Force	175,600	174,400	171,200
Employed	167,600	163,900	162,000

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

The unemployment rate for the Windsor CMA dropped substantially, from 6.0% in December to 4.6% in January, despite an increase in the size of the labour force. Employment increased by 3,700 people. For the month of January 2018, the Windsor CMA had the lowest unemployment rate in Ontario, along with Peterborough. The Manufacturing sector led the way in growth, adding 1,700 jobs from December to January. Youth unemployment was slightly higher than in January 2017.

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

Labour Force Characteristics – Windsor-Essex			
	Q4 2017	Q4 2016	2017
Population 15+	335,200	328,900	332,700
Labour force	203,500	201,300	201,400
Employment	193,100	191,100	189,500
Full-time	151,800	149,700	149,800
Part-time	41,400	41,400	39,800
Unemployed	10,400	10,300	11,800
Not in labour force	131,600	127,500	131,300
Unemployment rate (%)	5.1	5.1	5.9
Participation rate (%)	60.7	61.2	60.5
Employment rate (%)	57.6	58.1	56.9

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Tabulation, Q4 2017

Employment by Industry – Windsor-Essex			
Industry	Q4 2017	Q4 2016	2017
Agriculture	1,700	4,000	2,900
Forestry, fishing, mining and oil and gas extraction	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	400
Construction	12,600	13,000	12,200
Manufacturing	43,800	47,000	43,400
Trade	27,300	23,500	25,500
Transportation and warehousing	10,300	8,500	8,300
Finance and insurance real estate and leasing	6,300	7,100	7,900
Professional, scientific and technical services	11,300	7,300	9,200
Business, building and other support services	7,800	6,900	8,800
Educational services	14,700	13,400	12,300
Health care and social assistance	22,700	25,800	24,900
Information and cultural and recreation	4,600	6,900	6,500
Accommodation and food services	3,000	3,200	3,200
Other services (except public administration)	8,000	7,500	7,200
Public administration	5,200	4,800	5,900
Total	193,100	191,100	189,600

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Tabulation, Q4 2017

Note: 0 indicates an estimate less than 1500

Job Gains/Losses – Windsor-Essex		
	January 2018	Year-to-Date
Job Gains Announced	100	100
Job Losses Announced	130	130

Source: Service Canada; The Windsor Star

The Government of Canada announced its investment of \$1 million through the Strategic Innovation Fund to assist Lakeside Plastics of Tecumseh develop new molding processes, creating 60 jobs. Shaw Communications announced the closure of its call centre in Windsor,

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affecting 130 employees. Bonduelle will be expanding its Tecumseh operation and will hire 40 full-time employees. Construction is expected to begin soon on a new Starbucks in Leamington but no employment figures were announced.

Housing Starts – Windsor-Essex				
	Q4 2017	Q4 2016	Year-to-date 2017	Year-to-date 2016
Amherstburg	62	33	74	65
Essex	14	10	61	45
Kingsville	31	19	133	123
Lakeshore	65	58	331	250
LaSalle	44	80	172	159
Leamington	30	23	216	75
Tecumseh	9	15	67	90
Windsor	104	125	380	537
Total	359	363	1434	1344

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

Housing Starts – Windsor CMA				
	January 2018	January 2017	Year-to-date 2018	Year-to-date 2017
Singles	19	39	19	39
Multi-Family	7	16	7	16
Total	26	55	26	55

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

Housing Prices and Sales – Windsor-Essex				
	January 2018	January 2017	Year-to-date 2018	Year-to-date 2017
Units Sold	286	364	286	364
Average Price	\$277,827	\$219,083	\$277,827	\$219,083

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

Building Permits – Windsor-Essex				
	January 2018	January 2017	Year-to-date 2018	Year-to-date 2017
Industrial	\$5,830,350	\$2,432,672	\$5,830,350	\$2,432,672
Commercial	\$5,221,715	\$2,421,575	\$5,221,715	\$2,421,575
Institutional	\$7,094,930	\$34,372,995	\$7,094,930	\$34,372,995
Total	\$18,146,995	\$39,227,242	\$18,146,995	\$39,227,242

Source: Municipal Building Departments

Note: Figures are preliminary and are subject to change.

The City of Windsor issued the largest of the industrial, commercial and institutional building permits in January including the \$4.4 million conversion of the former fire hall on Mill Street into a library, the expansion of the Duty Free store at the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, and the construction of a new two-storey hangar on Windsor International Airport property. In Essex County the largest permit was for a new industrial building in Lakeshore.

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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 14 Other CMAs		
Year	Growth Rate	Rank
2016	3.3	1 st
2017*	2.5	2 nd
2018-2021*	1.7	8 th
2012-2021*	2.3	3 rd

* Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Outlook Report Summer 2017

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Retail Sales – Windsor CMA			
	2018*	2017*	2016
Total Sales (\$ millions)	4,822	4,724	4,516
Percentage Change	2.1	4.6	7.2

* Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Outlook Report Summer 2017

Consumer Price Index (CPI) – Windsor CMA			
	2018*	2017*	2016
CPI (2002 = 1.0)	1.339	1.316	1.297
Percentage Change	1.8	1.5	1.8

* Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Outlook Report Summer 2017

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 Summer 2017

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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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