

Monthly Economic Monitor – June 2013

Population		
	2011	2006
Windsor-Essex	388,782	393,402

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census

Unemployment Rates – Windsor CMA (%)			
	May 2013	April 2013	May 2012
Windsor CMA	9.5	9.2	9.9
Ontario	7.3	7.7	7.8
Canada	7.1	7.2	7.3

Source: Statistics Canada, June 2013, figures represent a seasonally adjusted 3 month moving average.

Labour Force Characteristics – Windsor CMA			
	May 2013	April 2013	May 2012
Labour Force	168,100	167,100	167,600
Employed	152,200	151,700	151,100

Source: Statistics Canada, June 2013, figures represent a seasonally adjusted 3 month moving average.

Although approximately 500 more people were employed in the Windsor CMA in May than in April, the size of the labour force increased by about 1000 people, resulting in an increase in the unemployment rate. Possible reasons for the increase in the size of the labour force include people moving or returning to the Windsor area as employment prospects improve, and students starting to look for work as the post-secondary school year ends.

Labour Force Characteristics – Windsor-Essex			
	Q1 2013	Q1 2012	2012
Population 15+	338,000	335,900	337,950
Labour force	209,800	208,300	213,225
Employment	190,100	186,500	193,850
Full-time	148,000	147,300	153,400
Part-time	42,100	39,200	40,450
Unemployed	19,700	21,900	19,375
Not in labour force	128,200	127,500	124,725
Unemployment rate (%)	9.400	10.500	9.1
Participation rate (%)	62.100	62.000	63.1
Employment rate (%)	56.200	55.500	57.35

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Market Survey

Employment by Industry – Windsor-Essex			
Industry	Q1 2013	Q1 2012	2012
Agriculture	2,600	3,400	4,200
Forestry, fishing, mining and oil and gas extraction	0	0	0
Utilities	1,700	0	0
Construction	8,600	10,200	11,400
Manufacturing	39,100	38,800	42,700
Trade	29,000	26,200	25,200
Transportation and warehousing	8,400	8,500	9,100
Finance and insurance real estate and leasing	9,400	9,200	9,100
Professional, scientific and technical services	9,200	8,000	8,600
Business, building and other support services	5,200	7,600	8,000
Educational services	13,300	13,700	14,600
Health care and social assistance	26,900	22,900	23,200
Information and cultural and recreation	8,900	7,600	8,400
Accommodation and food services	12,000	13,300	12,500
Other services (except public administration)	8,900	8,100	8,700
Public administration	6,200	7,200	6,300
Total	190,100	186,500	193,900

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Market Survey

Note: 0 indicates an estimate less than 1500

Job Gains/Losses – Windsor-Essex		
	May 2013	Year-to-Date
Job Gains Announced	0	248
Job Losses Announced	17	62

Source: Service Canada; The Windsor Star

The National Auto Radiator plant on Airport Road is in the process of permanently shutting down, affecting 17 active workers. Other facilities in the Narmco Group are not affected. The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board plans to lay off close to 200 elementary and secondary school teachers at the end of June due to low enrolment. As these are not permanent job losses, they are not included in the table above.

Housing Starts – Windsor-Essex				
	Q1 2013	Q1 2012	Year-to-date 2013	Year-to-date 2012
Amherstburg	7	6	7	6
Essex	0	3	0	3
Kingsville	9	1	9	1
Lakeshore	19	26	19	26
LaSalle	10	22	10	22
Leamington	3	18	3	18
Tecumseh	0	1	0	1
Windsor	27	61	27	61
Total	75	56	75	56

Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Company (CMHC)

Housing Starts – Windsor CMA				
	May 2013	May 2012	Year-to-date 2013	Year-to-date 2012
Singles	55	61	147	192
Multi-Family	21	12	49	62
Total	76	73	196	254

Source: CMHC Press Release

Housing starts in the Windsor Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) were trending at 582 units in May compared to 559 units in April, according to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). The trend is a six month moving average of the monthly seasonally adjusted annual rates (SAAR) of housing starts.

“Housing starts rose in the Windsor CMA during the month of May. Demand from buyers unable to find a suitable home in the resale market contributed to the first month over month gains this year,” said Margot Stevenson, CMHC’s Market Analyst for Windsor.

Building Permits – Windsor-Essex				
	May 2013	May 2012	Year-to-date 2013	Year-to-date 2012
Industrial	\$1,662,290	\$1,462,000	\$6,187,640	\$8,663,500
Commercial	\$7,468,413	\$5,785,600	\$31,655,860	\$32,022,970
Institutional	\$8,820,021	\$9,162,428	\$19,922,470	\$56,324,423
Total	\$17,950,724	\$16,410,028	\$57,765,970	\$97,010,893

Source: Municipal Building Departments

Note: Figures are preliminary and are subject to change.

The largest building permit obtained in May was for the new combined Benson and Dr. H.D. Taylor elementary school, with a construction value of \$8,250,000. A permit was also obtained for the first two phases of an addition at the former Ice Park on Grand Marais Road in Windsor. In Tecumseh, a manufacturing operation on O’Neil Drive is investing \$1.1 million into its facility. A new medical facility, valued at \$1.2 million, is under construction in LaSalle.

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Regional GDP by Sector – Windsor CMA			
	2014*	2013*	2012
	(Mil. \$ 2007)	(Mil. \$ 2007)	(Mil. \$ 2007)
Total	12,194	11,920	11,742
Goods-Producing Industries	4,175	4,045	3,955
Manufacturing	3,246	3,167	3,117
Construction	761	712	679
Primary and Utilities	168	166	158
Services-Producing Industries	8,019	7,875	7,787
Transportation and Warehousing	443	436	427
Information and Cultural Industries	341	339	338
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,278	1,252	1,241
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,299	2,251	2,203
Business Services	740	719	718
Personal Services	726	706	701
Non-Commercial Services	1,654	1,634	1,615
Public Administration and Defence	538	537	545

* Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Data June 2013

Ranking of Windsor CMA's GDP Growth Compared to 15 Other CMAs		
Year	Growth Rate	Rank
2012	1.6%	14 th
2013*	2.4%	11 th
2014-2017*	1.7%	21 th

* Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Outlook Report Winter 2013

Retail Sales – Windsor CMA			
	2014*	2013*	2012
Total Sales (\$ millions)	3,791	3,624	3,476
Percentage Change	4.6	4.3	0.5

* Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Outlook Report Winter 2013

Consumer Price Index (CPI) – Windsor CMA			
	2014*	2013*	2012
CPI (2002 = 1.0)	1.272	1.244	1.220
Percentage Change	2.2	2.0	1.6

* Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Outlook Report Winter 2013

Population and Labour Market – Windsor CMA			
	2014*	2013*	2012
Population	337,279	334,939	333,417
Labour Force	168,197	166,719	167,823
Total Employment	153,901	151,924	151,375
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	8.9	9.8
Net International Migration	1,389	1,019	855
Net Interprovincial Migration	153	128	-199
Net Intercity Migration	123	151	-548
Natural Increase in Population	797	717	770

* Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada, Metropolitan Data June 2013

Bankruptcies – Windsor CMA			
	2011	2010	2009
Consumer	980	1,304	2,117
Business	25	33	43

Source: Conference Board of Canada Metropolitan Outlook Report Winter 2013

Regional Employment by Sector – Windsor CMA (000s)			
Sector	2014*	2013*	2012
Total	153,901	151,923	151,375
Goods Sector	44,062	41,313	43,139
Manufacturing	32,367	31,284	31,713
Construction	9,102	7,599	8,943
Primary Industries and Utilities	2,593	2,429	2,483
Services Sector	109,839	110,611	108,236
Transportation and Warehousing	6,030	6,697	5,884
Information and Cultural Industries	2,514	2,503	2,759
Wholesale and Retail Trade	21,024	21,378	20,296
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	7,271	7,351	6,971
Business Services	14,164	13,539	13,868
Personal Services	21,833	21,551	22,518
Non-Commercial Services	31,863	32,589	30,531
Public Administration	5,139	5,003	5,408

* Forecast data

Source: Conference Board of Canada Metropolitan Data June 2013