

What We Do

The WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation advances economic development and prosperity in our region. We are the region's lead economic development agency and a dedicated catalyst for business growth and expansion. We attract new businesses to our region, help strengthen existing businesses and support entrepreneurship in three key ways:

INFORMING

We provide the most current and relevant information and data on site selection, market research and available government funding.

GUIDING

We provide answers and advice on general business practices, expansion planning, multi-national branch planning and exporting, as well as training and educational resources.

CONNECTING

We help organizations cut through red tape and we connect them directly with key decision makers, potential partners and funders.

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New Investment Facilitated \$21,716,250

Total amount of new investment to the region, through both public and private investment streams.



Building Permits*

\$72,506,026

*Industrial, commercial and institutional permits only



Business Resource Sessions

76 Sessions | 2104 Attendees



Diversification Retention & Expansion Files



Priority Business Attraction Files



Top Business Priorities

- NAFTA
- Business Immigration
- Proposed reform to the Employment Standards and Labour Relations Acts - Bill 148
- Skilled Trades/Labour Demand and Challenge
- Regulatory Environment: Cap & Trade, Energy Pricing

Regional Labour Market Indicators



Population 15+
335,200



Labour Force
203,500



Employment
193,100



Unemployment
10,400

Unemployment Rate
5.1%

Participation Rate
60.7%

Employment Rate
57.6%

Note: The above figures reflect all of Windsor and Essex County, comparing Q4 2017 to Q3 2017. Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey custom tabulation.