

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.

New Investment Facilitated \$113,162,702

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



Building Permits \$79,221,500



Diversification Retention & Expansion Files



Priority Business Attraction Files



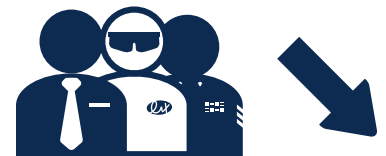
Top Business Priorities

- Energy Costs (Electricity)
- Skilled Trades Demand and Challenges
- Business Immigration - Cross Border Business Travel-Labour Mobility; NAFTA and Trade
- Regulatory Environment - Federal and Provincial policies and regulations that impact our competitive advantage
- Infrastructure Funding for Municipalities

Regional Labour Market Indicators



Population 15+
329,400



Labour Force
196,300



Employment
184,300



Unemployment
12,000

Unemployment Rate
6.1%

Participation Rate
59.6%

Employment Rate
56.0%

Note: The above figures reflect all of Windsor and Essex County, comparing Q4 2016 to Q1 2017. Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey custom tabulation.