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Purpose

This brief describes labour force characteristics including employment, unemployment and participation rates for youth (15 to 24 years) in Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs)¹ in Ontario. The source of the data is Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada.

Highlights

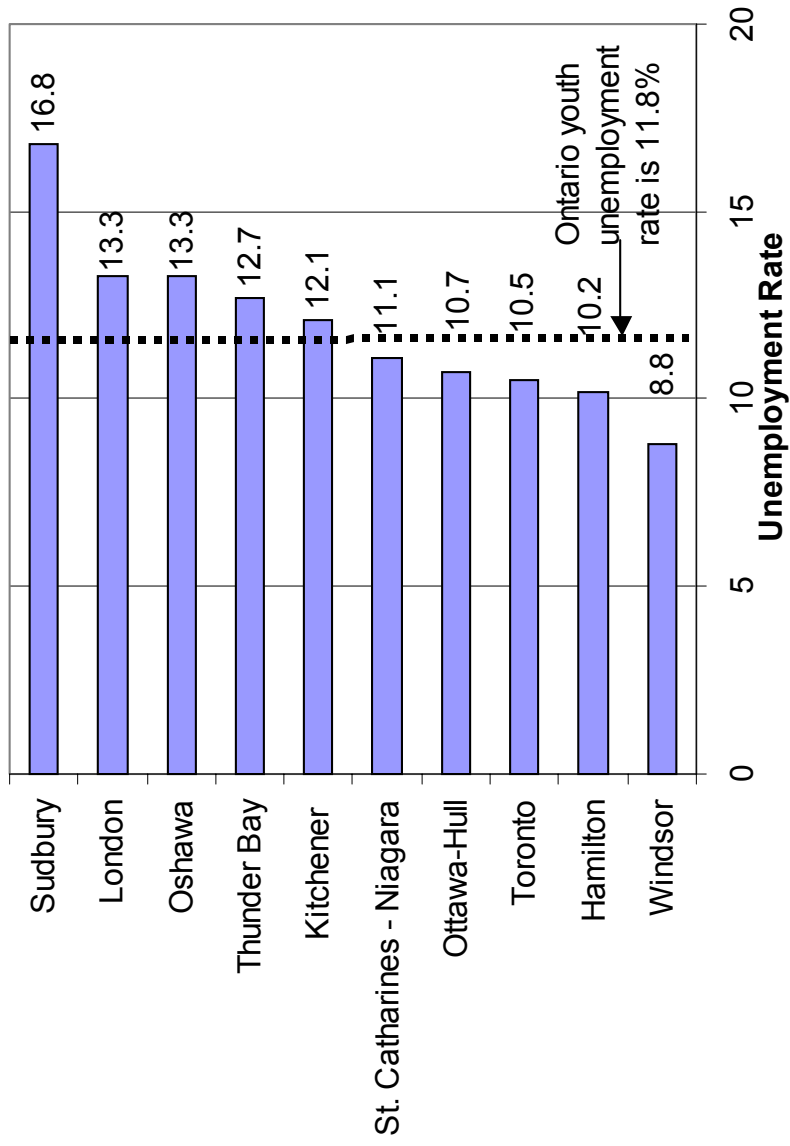
- In 2000, the number of youth employed in Ontario was 883,700, an increase of 113,200 or 15% from 1997. In the CMAs, youth employment growth was largest in London (28%), St. Catherine's (26%), and Hamilton (26%) between 1997 and 2000.
- Unemployment rates for youth fell between 1997 and 2000 for all CMAs, with the largest decrease in Windsor of 9.9 percentage points. Youth unemployment was highest in Sudbury at 16.8% in 2000.
- From 1997 to 2000, youth participation in all CMAs increased except Thunder Bay where it fell very slightly.

¹ A Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) is a large urban area (known as urban core) together with adjacent urban and rural areas (known as urban and rural fringe) that have a high degree of social and economic integration with the urban cores. A CMA has an urban core population of at least 100,000. For more definitions, see Statistics Canada website at www.statcan.ca.

Geography	Youth (15-24) Labour Force Characteristic	1997	1998	1999	2000
Ontario	Population (000s)	1461.9	1476.5	1494.5	1516.4
	Labour force (000s)	921.3	929.1	972.1	1001.6
	Employment (000s)	770.5	795.5	844.6	883.7
	Unemployment (000s)	150.8	133.7	127.5	117.9
	Unemployment rate (%)	16.4	14.4	13.1	11.8
	Participation rate (%)	63.0	62.9	65.0	66.1
	Employment rate (%)	52.7	53.9	56.5	58.3
Ottawa-Hull	Population (000s)	145.9	152.1	151.4	138.3
	Labour force (000s)	92.1	95.8	102.4	94.3
	Employment (000s)	77.1	83	90.3	84.1
	Unemployment (000s)	15.0	12.7	12.1	10.1
	Unemployment rate (%)	16.3	13.3	11.8	10.7
	Participation rate (%)	63.1	63.0	67.6	68.2
	Employment rate (%)	52.8	54.6	59.6	60.8
Sudbury	Population (000s)	24.3	23.5	21.8	22.9
	Labour force (000s)	14.3	14.3	13.3	14.9
	Employment (000s)	11.6	10.8	10.7	12.3
	Unemployment (000s)	2.7	3.5	2.6	2.5
	Unemployment rate (%)	18.9	24.5	19.5	16.8
	Participation rate (%)	58.8	60.9	61.0	65.1
	Employment rate (%)	47.7	46.0	49.1	53.7
Oshawa	Population (000s)	37.2	36.4	36.9	38.8
	Labour force (000s)	23.0	22.4	24.1	26.4
	Employment (000s)	19.1	18.8	20.8	22.9
	Unemployment (000s)	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.5
	Unemployment rate (%)	17.0	16.1	13.7	13.3
	Participation rate (%)	61.8	61.5	65.3	68.0
	Employment rate (%)	51.3	51.6	56.4	59.0
Toronto	Population (000s)	593.1	595.8	613.9	630.5
	Labour force (000s)	356.0	345.2	370.0	393.4
	Employment (000s)	302.2	297.7	321.9	351.9
	Unemployment (000s)	53.8	47.5	48.1	41.5
	Unemployment rate (%)	15.1	13.8	13.0	10.5
	Participation rate (%)	60.0	57.9	60.3	62.4
	Employment rate (%)	51.0	50.0	52.4	55.8
Hamilton	Population (000s)	79.2	82.4	77.8	88.7
	Labour force (000s)	51.2	54.6	53.5	61.5
	Employment (000s)	43.8	47.4	47.5	55.2
	Unemployment (000s)	7.4	7.2	6.0	6.3
	Unemployment rate (%)	14.5	13.2	11.2	10.2
	Participation rate (%)	64.6	66.3	68.8	69.3
	Employment rate (%)	55.3	57.5	61.1	62.2

Geography	Youth (15-24) Labour Force Characteristic	1997	1998	1999	2000
St. Catharines - Niagara	Population (000s)	46.5	48.4	47.0	52.3
	Labour force (000s)	31.0	35.3	33.1	36.8
	Employment (000s)	26.0	30.5	28.8	32.7
	Unemployment (000s)	5.1	4.8	4.3	4.1
	Unemployment rate (%)	16.5	13.6	13.0	11.1
	Participation rate (%)	66.7	72.9	70.4	70.4
	Employment rate (%)	55.9	63.0	61.3	62.5
London	Population (000s)	54.7	57.0	56.7	61.7
	Labour force (000s)	34.9	35.1	36.5	42.2
	Employment (000s)	28.7	30.9	30.8	36.6
	Unemployment (000s)	6.2	4.2	5.7	5.6
	Unemployment rate (%)	17.8	12.0	15.6	13.3
	Participation rate (%)	63.8	61.6	64.4	68.4
	Employment rate (%)	52.5	54.2	54.3	59.3
Windsor	Population (000s)	42.0	42.6	42.3	39.6
	Labour force (000s)	28.9	30.3	30.2	28.4
	Employment (000s)	23.5	25.7	25.7	25.9
	Unemployment (000s)	5.4	4.6	4.4	2.5
	Unemployment rate (%)	18.7	15.2	14.6	8.8
	Participation rate (%)	68.8	71.1	71.4	71.7
	Employment rate (%)	56.0	60.3	60.8	65.4
Kitchener	Population (000s)	60.6	59.2	57.5	60.7
	Labour force (000s)	41.0	41.5	41.2	43.7
	Employment (000s)	35.0	36.5	36.8	38.4
	Unemployment (000s)	6.0	5.0	4.4	5.3
	Unemployment rate (%)	14.6	12.0	10.7	12.1
	Participation rate (%)	67.7	70.1	71.7	72
	Employment rate (%)	57.8	61.7	64.0	63.3
Thunder Bay	Population (000s)	17.8	15.2	16.3	17.9
	Labour force (000s)	11.8	10.2	10.9	11.8
	Employment (000s)	9.8	8.4	9.6	10.4
	Unemployment (000s)	2.0	1.7	not available	1.5
	Unemployment rate (%)	16.9	16.7	not available	12.7
	Participation rate (%)	66.3	67.1	66.9	65.9
	Employment rate (%)	55.1	55.3	58.9	58.1

Unemployment Rates for Youth (15-24 years) by Census Metropolitan Area, 2000



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