

An overview of the Economic Region 570, ranging from Windsor to Sarnia, includes the census division of Chatham-Kent, and the counties of Essex and Lambton. The Labour Market Monitor is a monthly report focusing on labour market information produced by local Labour Market Information Analysts. For further information contact: lmjimt@workingincanada.gc.ca

Labour Force Trends

In the Windsor-Sarnia economic region, total employment remained relatively stable with a loss of 500 jobs from May 2010 to May 2011. During this period, the labour force decreased by 5,900 as fewer people were looking for work. The number of unemployed persons declined by 5,300. As a result, the unemployment rate fell from 11.1% in May 2010 to 9.6% in May 2011. This was the highest unemployment rate among the eleven economic regions in Ontario. Over the same period, the provincial unemployment rate declined from 9.2% to 8.3%.

<http://www40.statcan.gc.ca/l01/cst01/lfs05d-eng.htm>

Labour Market News by Industry

Construction

Construction of the new South West Detention Centre in Windsor is expected to begin in June and will be completed by fall 2013. Approximately 150 workers are expected to be working on the site at the peak of construction. The province contracted Forum Social Infrastructure to build and maintain the physical structure over a 30-year period. The contract is valued at approximately \$336 million over the lifetime of the project.

The Town of Tecumseh will receive \$4 million in provincial funding over the next three years to revitalise the Waterfront Park. Construction is expected to start later this year and approximately 110 new jobs will be created for construction and maintenance of the park.

Three schools within the St. Clair Catholic District School Board will undergo renovations and upgrades this summer, including:

- Ursuline College Catholic Secondary School in Chatham, at a total cost of about \$770,000. Soan Mechanical Ltd. of London is the contractor for this project.
- St. Joseph Catholic School in Tilbury at a total cost of about \$340,000. QPS Mechanical Ltd. of Chatham will undertake the repairs.
- Holy Rosary Catholic School in Wyoming at a total cost of \$1.7 million. Westhoek Construction Ltd of Chatham and NRB Inc. of Grimsby are the contractors for the project.

Manufacturing

Dover Corn Products Ltd. in Chatham is expanding. The company plans to retrofit a plant and install modern corn processing equipment. The new mill will create about 13 new jobs and will support local corn growers. The project is receiving funding support in the amount of \$299,612 from Ontario's Rural Economic Development Program.

Siliken Canada Corporation, a developer of photovoltaic solar panels, opened a new manufacturing facility in Windsor, creating approximately 150 new jobs.

Algatec Solar Ontario Inc., a German-based solar manufacturer, has announced it will be opening a manufacturing plant on Devon Drive in Windsor. The facility is expected to employ 100 persons in the first phase of production and an additional 100 persons for the second phase.

Pristine LED Inc., a manufacturer of light-emitting diode (LED) lighting systems, will be opening a new production facility to be located on Jefferson Boulevard in Windsor. The manufacturer expects that 50 employees could be hired immediately, hoping to increase to 200 when production increases.

Transportation and Warehousing

Allied Systems Holdings Inc. laid off nearly 165 workers in the Windsor-Sarnia region. General Motors Canada and Chrysler Canada Inc. recently severed their contracts with the motor carrier company. About 140 of those laid off have found temporary positions with another car transport company, Auto Warehousing Company Canada Ltd.

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