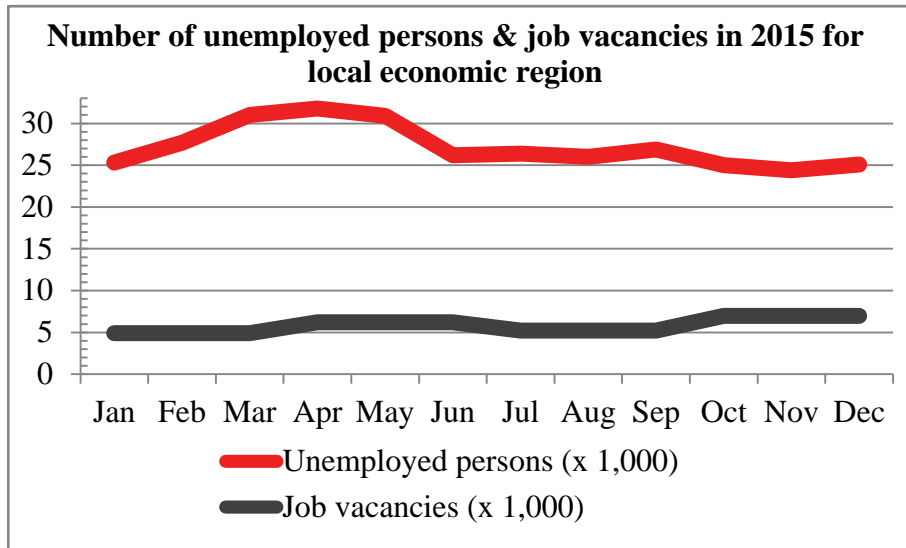


Statistics Canada publishes job vacancy data at national, provincial and economic region levels. **The local economic region includes Sarnia Lambton, Windsor Essex and Chatham-Kent.**

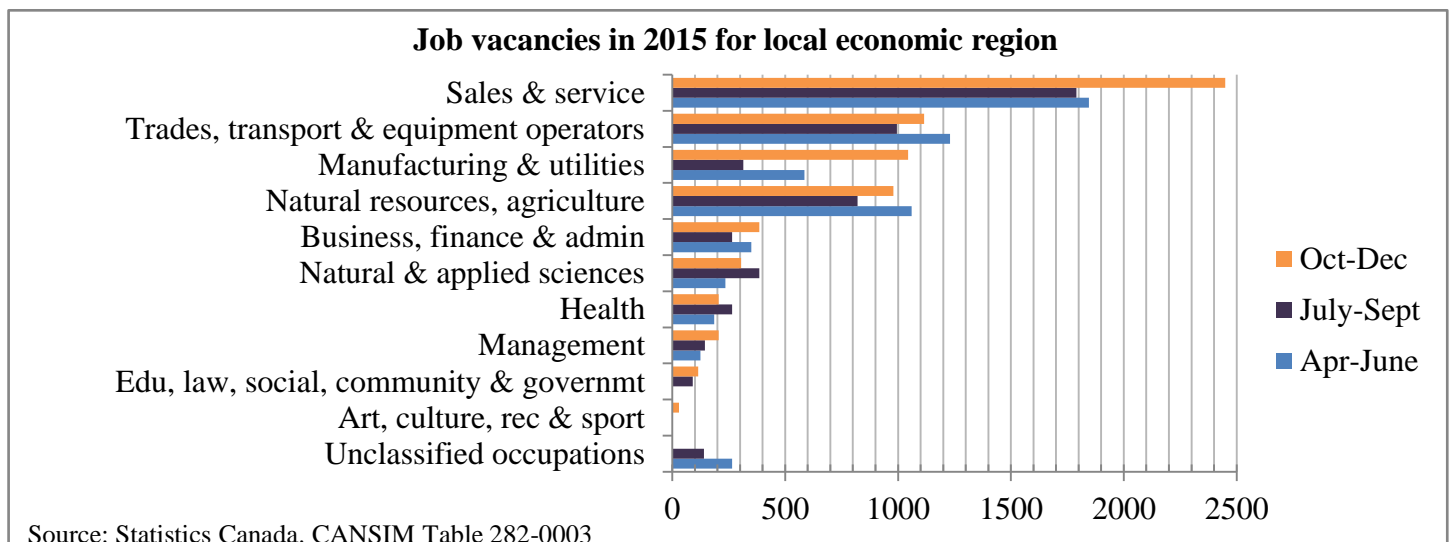
The local economic region has a combined population of 619,056.<sup>1</sup> For 2015, its unemployment rate was 8%, representing a total of 24,833 people.<sup>2</sup> In comparison, there were on average 6,095 job openings.<sup>3</sup>



There is a large difference between the number of local job openings and the number of unemployed persons. There were four unemployed persons available for each vacant position. These four people are not necessarily qualified for the vacant position. But what is clear is the need for more jobs in the local economic region.

The number of job openings by type of occupation is illustrated in the bar chart below. Findings correspond with the 2015 Online Job Postings data for Sarnia Lambton published by

SLWDB; sales & services were the top online job, followed by business and trades related jobs.



Source: Statistics Canada. CANSIM Table 282-0003

According to the Ontario Economic Update 2016 from the Credit Unions of Ontario and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the local economic region experienced a job decline in 2015 but is expected to have a small job growth of 1.4% in 2016 and 1% in 2017.

If you would like elaboration on the data presented here, please call our office (519) 332-0000 or email Catherine at [catherine.gordon@slwdb.org](mailto:catherine.gordon@slwdb.org).



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<sup>1</sup> Statistics Canada. Windsor—Sarnia, Ontario (Code 3570). 2011 Census Profile. Catalogue no. 98-316-XWE.

<sup>2</sup> Based on a 3-month moving average of monthly unemployment rates and numbers from Statistics Canada. CANSIM Table 282-0122. Moving averages smooth out peaks and valleys that may exaggerate an average.

<sup>3</sup> Based on a 3-month moving average of job vacancy numbers from Statistics Canada. CANSIM Table 285-0001.