



COVID-19 WORKER IMPACT SURVEY FINDINGS



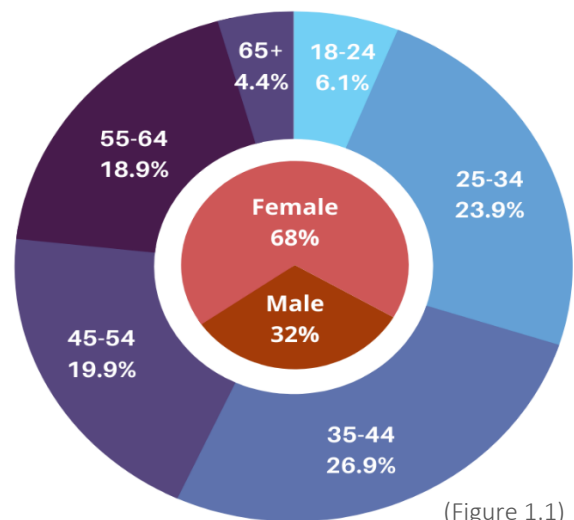
The COVID-19 Worker Impact Survey was launched in partnership with seven workforce planning boards that are part of Workforce Planning West. The boards released this survey to help inform the ongoing development of responsive employment-related initiatives. The survey collected 2,568 responses across 16 counties in Southwestern Ontario, including 297 responses in the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Region.

The survey was designed to assess the extent in which a worker's employment status, their occupation, and which sector they are employed might have changed since March 2, 2020.

The COVID-19 crisis has made significant impacts locally and globally in regards to business, livelihoods, and jobs. This survey will help define the impact of COVID on jobs and families and provide insight into what supports are deemed essential by the workforce in Sarnia-Lambton.

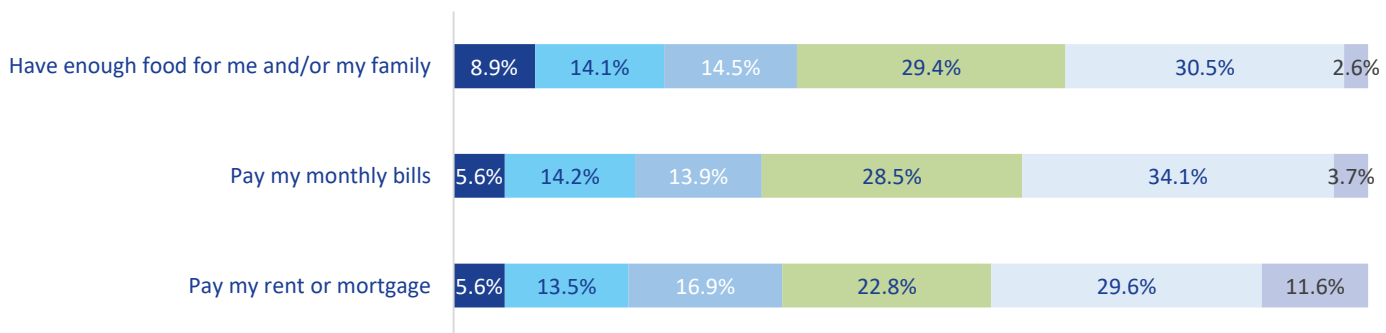
The 297 respondents were primarily female and, although there was representation from all age categories, the majority of respondents were between the ages of 25 and 44 (Figure 1.1). Over half of the respondents indicated they were concerned about having enough food, having enough money to pay their monthly bills as well as pay their rent or mortgage (Figure 1.2).

Age and Gender Demographics of Respondents



(Figure 1.1)

As a result of the COVID-19 crisis, respondents are more worried about being able to...



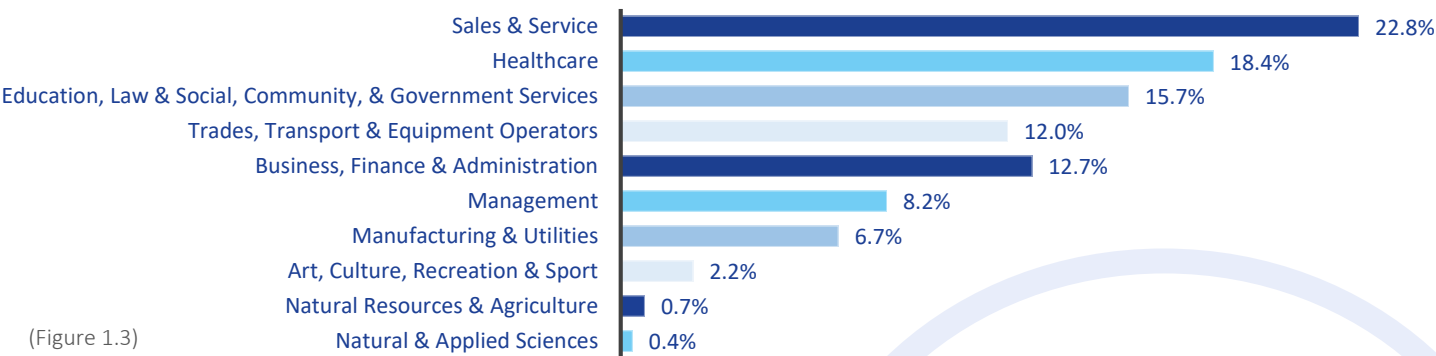
■ Strongly disagree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Neither agree nor disagree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Strongly agree ■ Don't know / not applicable

(Figure 1.2)

Impact of COVID – 19 on workers in Sarnia – Lambton

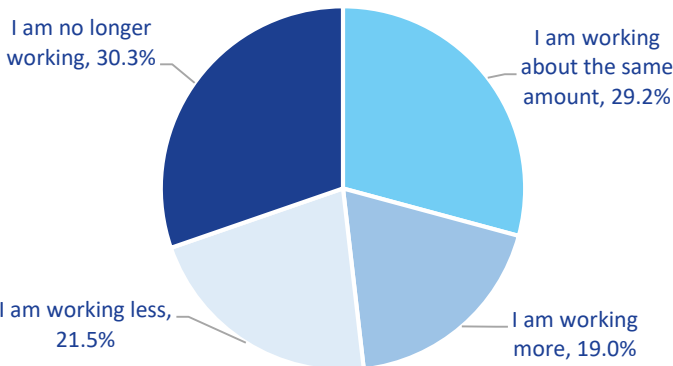
Respondents represented ten occupations with the top three being: Sales and Service, Healthcare, and Education, Law, Social, Community, and Government Services (Figure 1.3). As noted in Figure 1.4, respondents suggested the top four industries that were impacted by COVID-19 include: Retail and wholesale trade, Healthcare and social assistance, Construction and utilities, and Manufacturing. In terms of amount of work, over half of respondents indicated they were working less or not at all due to COVID-19 (Figure 1.5). When asked about current employment status, a majority of respondents reported a loss of work or a switch to working from home (Figure 1.6).

Occupation of Respondents



(Figure 1.3)

How has your amount of work changed?



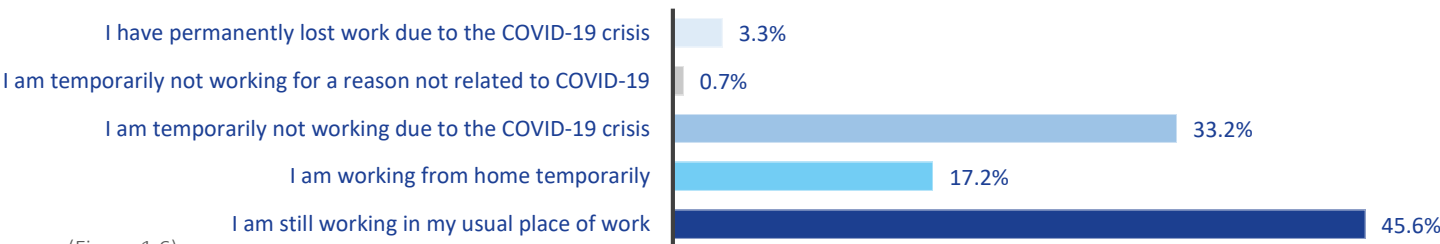
(Figure 1.5)

The top industries with workers who are no longer working due to COVID-19 include:

- Retail and wholesale trade
- Healthcare and social assistance
- Construction and utilities
- Manufacturing

(Figure 1.4)

Impact of the COVID-19 crisis on Respondents' Employment Status

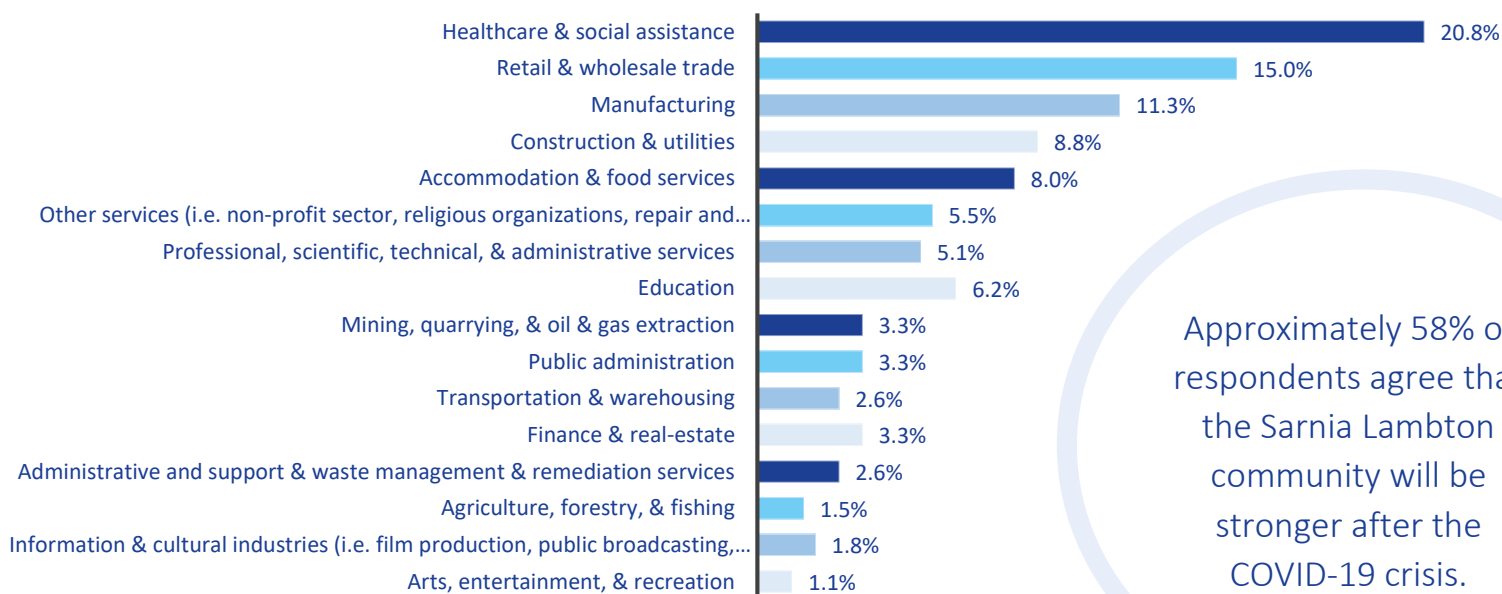


(Figure 1.6)

Figure 1.7 portrays the industry of respondents. There was representation from 16 industries with the highest portion of respondents indicating they worked in Healthcare and Social Assistance, Retail and Wholesale trade, or Manufacturing.

The results of the survey suggested that the respondents are hopeful for the future. The respondents supported the idea that Sarnia-Lambton will be a stronger community following the COVID-19 crisis (Figure 1.8, 1.9) and they will be able to find or continue their employment after the crisis has ended (Figure 1.10).

Industry of Employment of Respondents

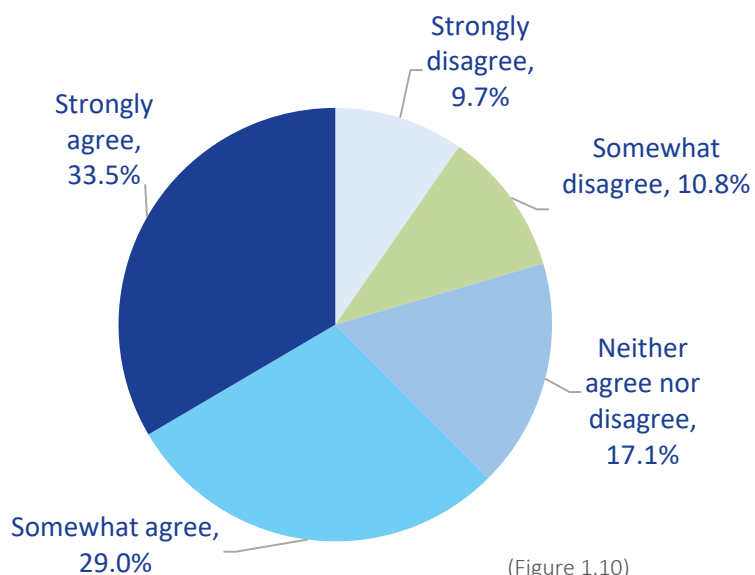


(Figure 1.7)

Approximately 58% of respondents agree that the Sarnia Lambton community will be stronger after the COVID-19 crisis.

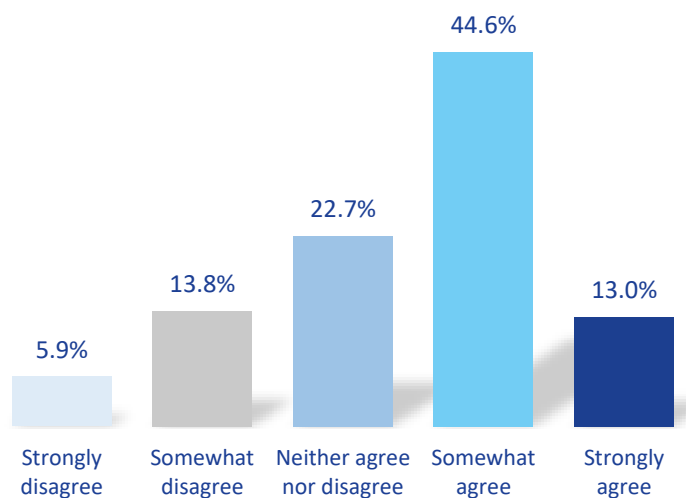
(Figure 1.8)

I am confident in my ability to continue or find work after the COVID-19 crisis.



(Figure 1.10)

After the COVID-19 crisis, our communities will be stronger.



(Figure 1.9)

Impact of The COVID-19 Crisis in Sarnia-Lambton

Among survey respondents
employed on March 2nd, 2020



are temporarily or permanently
UNEMPLOYED due to COVID-19



**Over
60%**

of respondents agree that they
are concerned about having
enough food for themselves and
their families and their ability to
pay monthly bills.

61.7%

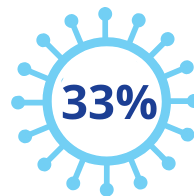


of respondents cited
Additional Financial Supports
as the more important support
initiatives during the COVID-19 crisis.

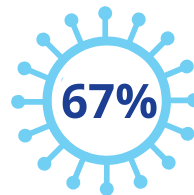
Of the available financial supports
surveyed, respondents deemed the
two most important supports

65.4%
Canada
Emergency
Response Benefit
(CERB)

66.8%
Employment
Insurance
(EI)



of respondents believe
the government is being
aggressive enough in
their measures to stop
the spread of COVID-19.



of respondents believe the
government should be
acting **MUCH MORE**
aggressively to stop the
spread of COVID-19.

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