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## Durham Labour Force Report August 2020

Oshawa - The Durham Workforce Authority is releasing the August 2020 edition of the Durham Labour Force Report. This report provides accurate, timely, and easy to understand labour market information for the stakeholders of Durham Region. It is updated monthly with information that enables businesses, policy makers and our community at large to better understand the evolving impact that the COVID-19 pandemic is having on the labour force in Durham Region.

The August 2020 report revealed some positive numbers, including;

- a decrease of 3,800 individuals not participating in the labour force,
- an increase of 4,200 individuals in the total labour force,
- an increase of 5,500 employed residents.

The Labour Force Report is informed by data from Statistics Canada on the Oshawa CMA, which includes Clarington, Whitby, and Oshawa. A fact sheet providing more information on the Oshawa CMA and why it is used as a data proxy for Durham Region is also being provided with this months' report.

View the August 2020 report here; <https://durhamworkforceauthority.ca/labour-force-report/>

### Quotes:

*"For the first time since the beginning of the pandemic we are starting to see evidence that our unemployment numbers have plateaued and are beginning to rebound. This downward trend is an important milestone as our labour force continues its recovery from the impacts of COVID-19. It's a strong indication that businesses, and the demand for labour, are bouncing back. As we move forward, I'll be paying close attention to whether these positive trends are sustained through the coming months."*

Paige Lewer, Director of Research, Durham Workforce Authority

*"I am really pleased to see this increase in our labour force as it is a positive sign for employers and entrepreneurs in the Durham Region. We want a Region that is thriving with vibrant businesses and people. Having this statistical information that Durham Workforce Authority aggregates and publishes is essential to our businesses here, it helps to inform their decisions and plans."*

Teresa Shaver, Executive Director, Business Advisory Centre of Durham

## About the Durham Workforce Authority

Created over twenty years ago as part of a government initiative aimed at building a network of locally-focused labour market organizations, the Durham Workforce Authority ([DWA](#)) has evolved to become the premier source of labour market information in Durham Region. The DWA has successfully engaged Durham's business and labour communities to provide critical locally focused labour market analysis to the Province of Ontario, the Region of Durham, and many other local stakeholders.

## About Jobs First Durham

The DWA is proud to provide *Jobs First Durham (JFD)*, a searchable web aggregator of Durham Region Jobs from national, provincial, and local job boards. This powerful tool makes searching for your next job in Durham Region faster and easier. Visit our job board here:

<https://durhamworkforceauthority.ca/jobs/>

JFD also provides custom data reports and tools that incorporate existing DWA and Statistics Canada data and enhances the information available with features such as labour market graphs, tables, a career explorer and jobs map. These reports and tools help better understand employer needs, making them invaluable for community and government organizations supporting economic and workforce development in the region and job seekers alike. Visit: <https://durhamworkforceauthority.ca/jobs-first-durham/>

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