

FACT SHEET: Labour Force Report



What is the Labour Force Report?

The labour force report is a compilation of statistics that measure the supply of and demand for labour. It provides accurate, timely, and easy to understand labour market information specific to the Durham Region. This includes the most up-to-date statistics and analysis of year-over-year and month-over-month trends. The data is presented with easy to read, interactive graphics and charts designed to quickly provide all relevant data.

What is a CMA?

A census metropolitan area (CMA) is formed by one or more municipalities centred on a population centre.

Unfortunately, Durham's seven municipalities are not in the same CMA and it is not possible to extract data for specific municipalities from the monthly report. However, StatsCan releases labour force data specific to Durham Region in January of each year.

Why use the Oshawa CMA?

The Oshawa CMA is used as a data proxy in Durham Region as Pickering, Ajax and Uxbridge are part of the Toronto CMA and Brock/Scugog are not surveyed due to population size.

It includes the most Durham residents and provides the best depiction of the labour market in the Region.

Who benefits from the Labour Force Survey Report?

The vital labour force statistics in the LFS report offer important insight to business owners, municipal economic development, elected officials and educators. The labour force statistics provided enable decision makers to better understand the availability of labour and the demand for employment. This is particularly important as communities continue to navigate the CoVid-19 pandemic and its impact on the labour force.

When is it released?

Statistics Canada releases national labour force data on the first Friday of the first full week each month. The DWA prepares the local report and releases it the following Monday.

What's included in the report?

The most recent statistics and trends analysis for:

- Employment
- Unemployment
- Labour force participation
- Labour force size
- Regional population

What is the DWA?

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.