



# Labour Market Bulletin

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This Labour Market Bulletin provides an analysis of Labour Force Survey results for the province of Ontario, including the regions of Hamilton—Niagara Peninsula, Kingston—Pembroke, Kitchener—Waterloo—Barrie, London, Muskoka—Kawarthas, Northeast, Northwest, Ottawa, Stratford—Bruce Peninsula, Toronto and Windsor—Sarnia.

## OVERVIEW

### Labour Force Trends – Ontario regains some part-time employment after January slump

- Employment in Ontario increased by 15,700 in February 2018
- Job gains were solely in part-time (+18,100) work with losses in full-time (-2,500) work
- The unemployment rate stayed at 5.5%

Employment in Ontario recovered some of its part-time losses experienced a month prior, with a gain of 15,700. Losses were entirely in full-time employment (-2,500) whereas part-time work realized some growth (+18,100). The provincial unemployment rate remained the same at 5.5%, lingering on record lows. Furthermore, the participation rate stayed unchanged at 64.4%, while the employment rate inched up by 0.1 percentage point from 60.8% to 60.9%. However, the unemployment rate for Ontario's youth aged 15 to 24 increased for the second month in a row, from 11.4% to 11.8% in February, although these gains were only for males. Female youth realized a decrease in unemployment. This currently sits above the national youth unemployment rate of 11.1%.

Employment in Canada resumed some of its momentum in February 2018 after a dip in January. Employment rose slightly by 15,400, accounted entirely by part-time (54,700) work, making up for a portion of January losses. Meanwhile, full-time positions decreased (-39,600), particularly in British Columbia and Alberta. While labour force numbers picked-up, the unemployed population dipped by 9,100, which explains the 0.1 percentage point decrease in the national unemployment rate, returning to the December 2017 level of 5.8%.

The national increase in employment was focused on the gains in Ontario, followed by some slight growth in the Maritimes and Alberta. Wages also continued to strengthen, growing by 3.1% between February 2017 and Feb-

ruary 2018 across the country.<sup>1</sup> In Ontario, the wages matured by 3.5% over the term; particularly for youth which saw their average hourly wage increase by 9.0%.

The United States total nonfarm payroll employment in February rose by 313,000, for its 89<sup>th</sup> straight month of growth. The unemployment rate for February remained at 4.1% for the fifth consecutive month. Elevated job growth south of the border has not changed the values of Canadian exports or imports however, trade numbers lag behind employment figures.<sup>2</sup> News of a possible steel and aluminum tariff hinging on the ongoing NAFTA negotiations depressed the CAD,<sup>3,4</sup> which would have a serious impact on manufacturing exports going forward if Canada is not exempt.

Over the past year, the provincial labour market continued to grow. Employment advanced by 113,700 between February 2017 and February 2018 with gains in both full-time work (+110,100) and part-time work (+3,600). This is the 98<sup>th</sup> monthly, year-over-year gain in Ontario, with term loss not seen since December 2009. The unemployment rate also fell by 0.7 percentage points to 5.5% while the labour force increased by 58,200 over the year.

### Ontario Monthly Labour Force Statistics

Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data	February 2018	January 2018	February 2017	Monthly Variation		Yearly Variation	
				Number	%	Number	%
<b>Population 15 + ('000)</b>	11809.7	11793.7	11615.2	16.0	0.1	194.5	1.7
<b>Labour Force ('000)</b>	7603.1	7593.5	7544.9	9.6	0.1	58.2	0.8
<b>Employment ('000)</b>	7188.6	7172.9	7074.9	15.7	0.2	113.7	1.6
Full-Time ('000)	5857.4	5859.9	5747.3	-2.5	0.0	110.1	1.9
Part-Time ('000)	1331.2	1313.1	1327.6	18.1	1.4	3.6	0.3
<b>Unemployment ('000)</b>	414.5	420.6	469.9	-6.1	-1.5	-55.4	-11.8
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	5.5	5.5	6.2	0.0	-	-0.7	-
<b>Participation Rate (%)</b>	64.4	64.4	65	0.0	-	-0.6	-
<b>Employment Rate (%)</b>	60.9	60.8	60.9	0.1	-	0.0	-

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

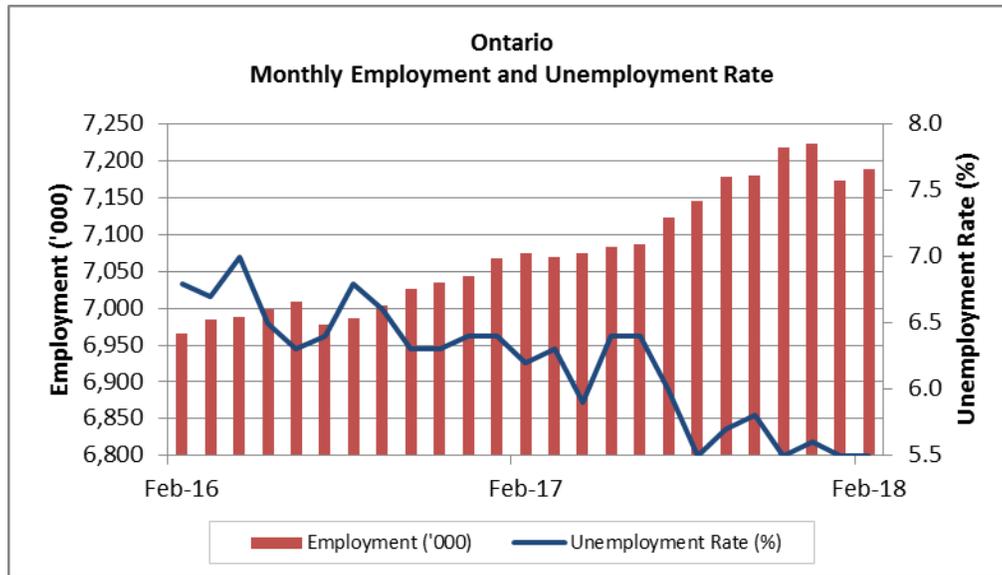
Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – CANSIM Table 282-0087

<sup>1</sup> Statistics Canada. Table 282-0071 - Labour Force Survey estimates (LFS), wages of employees by type of work, North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), sex and age group, unadjusted for seasonality, monthly (current dollars unless otherwise noted)

<sup>2</sup> Statistics Canada. Table 228-0059 - Merchandise imports and exports, customs and balance of payments basis for all countries, by seasonal adjustment and North American Product Classification System (NAPCS), monthly (dollars) – latest available dated to December 2017

<sup>3</sup> Baldor, L. et al. (2018, March 1). Trade war? Trump orders big tariffs on steel, aluminum. *Financial Post*. Retrieved from <http://business.financialpost.com/pmn/business-pmn/trump-defends-us-steel-aluminum-as-tariff-deadlines-near>

<sup>4</sup> Hodges, D. (2018, March 1). TSX, Wall Street fall on Trump's tariff plan; loonie down. *BNN*. Retrieved from <https://www.pressreader.com/canada/the-globe-and-mail-bc-edition/20180308/281994673000904>



**Ontario Monthly Unemployment Rates, by Gender and Age**

Seasonally Adjusted Data	February 2018	January 2018	February 2017	Monthly Variation	Yearly Variation
	%	%	%	(% points)	(% points)
<b>Total</b>	5.5	5.5	6.2	0.0	-0.7
<b>25 years and over</b>	4.4	4.6	4.9	-0.2	-0.5
Men - 25 years and over	4.3	4.4	4.8	-0.1	-0.5
Women - 25 years and over	4.5	4.7	5	-0.2	-0.5
<b>15 to 24 years</b>	11.8	11.4	13.9	0.4	-2.1
Men - 15 to 24 years	13.5	11.9	14.5	1.6	-1.0
Women - 15 to 24 years	10	10.9	13.3	-0.9	-3.3

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – CANSIM Table 282-0087

## EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

### Goods-producing sector's employment decline attributed to weaker manufacturing employment estimates

Employment fell marginally in Ontario's goods-producing sector this month with 1,200 (-0.1%) losses. This was due to a decline in the manufacturing sector (-11,900). Employment increased in all other areas, especially construction (+4,400) and agriculture (+3,200).

In **construction**, residential activities were stronger this month when compared with the previous month and last year. Housing starts increased by 25.1% in February 2018 over February 2017.<sup>5</sup> Over the year, new developments fell in all types of units except apartment buildings.<sup>6</sup> While, in the Toronto area resale market, the number of homes sold and the average selling price declined when measured against the high level of activities last year. Detached homes reported the largest decline in both the numbers sold and prices.<sup>7</sup>

Work got underway,<sup>8</sup> and several construction intentions announced for commercial<sup>9</sup> and institutional developments. Notably, EllisDon Corporation won provincial bids to build a courthouse,<sup>10,11</sup> and renovate and develop a new patient care tower at the Michael Garron Hospital (formerly Toronto East General Hospital).<sup>12</sup> The projects, which are located in Toronto, are valued at approximately \$956.4M and \$411M respectively, and are expected to begin by this spring. Construction-related activities also ramped up at the border crossing in Windsor. TCI Titan Group secured a contract to build the customs plaza on the Canadian side of the Ambassador Bridge, which will generate 500-1,000 skilled jobs.<sup>13</sup> Also, Parsons Inc. in Markham was selected by the Windsor-Detroit Bridge

<sup>5</sup> Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Statistics Canada. CANSIM Table 027-0054: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, housing starts, all areas, Canada and provinces, seasonally adjusted at annual rates.

<sup>6</sup> Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Statistics Canada. CANSIM Table 027-0001. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, housing starts, under construction and completions in centres 10,000 and over, Canada, provinces, selected census metropolitan areas, monthly (units).

<sup>7</sup> The Canadian Press Staff. (2018, March 6). Toronto-area home prices, sales volume in February down from 2017 record highs. *CablePulse 24*. Retrieved from <https://www.cp24.com/news/toronto-area-home-prices-sales-volume-in-february-down-from-2017-record-highs-1.3830549>

<sup>8</sup> Landau, J. (2018, February 21). Shoring Work Marks Start of Next Phases in Bayside Community. *Urban Toronto*. Retrieved from <http://urbantoronto.ca/news/2018/02/shoring-work-marks-start-next-phases-bayside-community>

<sup>9</sup> Fox, C. (2018, March 1). BMO plans new 'urban campus' for 3,500 employees at Yonge and Dundas. *CTV News Toronto*. Retrieved from <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/bmo-plans-new-urban-campus-for-3-500-employees-at-yonge-and- Dundas-1.3824133>

<sup>10</sup> EllisDon Corporation. (2018, February 22). EllisDon Infrastructure Reaches Financial Close On New Toronto Courthouse Project. *EllisDon Corporation Press Release*. Retrieved from <http://www.ellisdon.com/news/ellisdon-infrastructure-reaches-financial-close-on-new-toronto-courthouse-project/>

<sup>11</sup> Infrastructure Ontario. (2018, February 22). Contract Awarded for New Toronto Courthouse Project. *Government of Ontario*. Retrieved from <http://www.infrastructureontario.ca/Financial-Close-New-Toronto-Courthouse/>

<sup>12</sup> EllisDon Corporation. (2018, February 6). Financial Close Reached on Major Hospital Redevelopment Project. *EllisDon Corporation Press Release*. Retrieved from <http://www.ellisdon.com/news/financial-close-reached-on-major-hospital-redevelopment-project/>

<sup>13</sup> CBC News Windsor. (2018, March 1). Skilled workers needed to fill \$50M bridge plaza job awarded to local contractor. Retrieved from <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/skilled-workers-needed-to-fill-50m-bridge-plaza-job-awarded-to-local-contractor-1.4557354>

Authority to serve as the engineer for the construction of the Gordie Howe International Bridge. The company also plans to use local workers.<sup>14</sup>

In **manufacturing**, the Markit Canada Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index continued to show high levels of activities in February, with an index of 55.6, but this also represented a slight weakening from the previous month (55.9). New manufacturing orders and output remained strong, and growth in the purchases of raw materials was nearly at a seven-year high. The strength of sales to the export market, mainly to the United States, and a fair global economy were the main contributors to the sector's performance. As a result of the high demand, job creation was also robust and Ontario ranked third among the provinces with the sharpest staff recruitment. However the sector faced some pressures in the month, including supply chain bottlenecks, increases in salaries and in the cost of some raw material inputs.<sup>15,16</sup>

Innovations in manufacturing will be helped further as Ontario's 'Advanced Manufacturing Supercluster' was named as one of five beneficiaries of the federal government's multi-million dollar investment in high-tech superclusters nationally.<sup>17</sup>

In other positive news, Nestlé Canada is making additional investments in its ice cream plant in London, creating 12 new jobs and enabling 45 seasonal positions to be secured full-time.<sup>18</sup> Within transportation equipment manufacturing, Bombardier Inc. announced a new production line at its Millhaven rail plant in Kingston, resulting in up to 100 new positions.<sup>19</sup>

As a result of the decline in sales of passenger cars in North America, General Motors of Canada Company announced that it is reducing production and the number of shifts associated with two car models at its plant in Oshawa. The move from two to a single shift is expected to be retained until May 2018. However the company plans to increase production of its pickup trucks over the coming months.<sup>20</sup>

Year-over-year, employment in the goods-producing sector grew by 45,300 (+3.2%) on the strength of gains in manufacturing (+ 27,200) and construction (23,000). The agricultural sector reported the largest loss (-4,000).

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<sup>14</sup> Parsons Inc. (2018, March 6). Parsons to Provide Engineering Support for Gordie Howe International Bridge Design-Build Project. *Parsons Inc. Press Release*. Retrieved from <https://www.parsons.com/2018/03/parsons-provide-engineering-support-gordie-howe-international-bridge-design-build-project/>

<sup>15</sup> IHS Markit. (2018, March 1). Markit Canada Manufacturing PMI. *IHS Markit*. Retrieved from <https://www.markiteconomics.com/Survey/PressRelease.mvc/5ebb1648de2b4aea9ab636c05839d3f6>

<sup>16</sup> Trading Economics. Canada Manufacturing PMI. Retrieved from <https://tradingeconomics.com/canada/manufacturing-pmi>

<sup>17</sup> Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada. (2018, February 18). Government of Canada's new innovation program expected to create tens of thousands of middle-class jobs. *Government of Canada News Release*. Retrieved from [https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2018/02/government\\_of\\_canasnewinnovationprogramexpectedtocreatetensoft.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2018/02/government_of_canasnewinnovationprogramexpectedtocreatetensoft.html)

<sup>18</sup> Daniszewski, H. (2018, March 5). Nestle Canada's London ice cream plant licks space crunch with \$51.5M addition. *The London Free Press*. Retrieved from <http://www.lfpress.com/2018/03/02/nestle-canadas-london-ice-cream-factory-expanding-adding-57-jobs>

<sup>19</sup> Crosier, S. (2018, February 7). Bombardier hires predominantly in Kingston: official. *Kingston Whig-Standard*. Retrieved from <http://www.thewhig.com/2018/02/07/bombardier-hires-predominantly-in-kingston-official>

<sup>20</sup> Canadian Press Staff. (2018, February 22). GM cutback in car production at Oshawa plant to be extended: report. *CBC News*. Retrieved from <http://www.cbc.ca/news/business/general-motors-oshawa-production-1.4546564>

## Monthly employment gains in the services-producing sector strongly influenced by transportation and warehousing activities

Employment increased in the services-producing sector by 16,800 (0.3%). The largest contributors were transportation and warehousing (+18,100) and educational services (+5,600). Employment was flat in information, culture and recreation, while large losses were reported in wholesale and retail trade (-11,900) and finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing (-9,800).

Employment in **transportation and warehousing** is at a peak level in this month. However, the 57 positions affected by the closing of a depot in Ingersoll by Doug Coleman Trucking Ltd. will weaken some of the gains in the sector.<sup>21</sup>

The **information, culture and recreation** sector will continue to be impacted by shifting consumer preferences and how media is used. Corus Entertainment Inc., the parent company of Global News, is undertaking a restructuring across the country, with a greater focus on digital operations. The company is launching local news platforms in Ontario, within the Ottawa, Kitchener, Guelph and Barrie areas. Approximately 50 positions will be created mostly for multi-platform journalists. Qualified employees impacted by the changes can apply for the positions.<sup>22</sup>

Meanwhile, recreational facilities have begun accepting applications to fill hundreds of summer positions.<sup>23,24</sup>

In **professional, scientific and technical services**, twelve smart-grid projects will collectively receive \$10.5M from the Province of Ontario towards product research and development, creating over 100 high-tech jobs<sup>25</sup> and adding growth in the sector. Furthermore, a plan by AppDirect, Inc., a U.S.-based software developer to establish a sales office in Toronto was announced. The company expects to create at least 300 jobs in Canada as part of a five-year expansion plan.<sup>26</sup>

The employment losses in **wholesale and retail** was more likely associated with weaker retail activities. Among the planned retail departures, Reitmans (Canada) Limited will be closing all its Hyba activewear locations across Canada by the end of 2018.<sup>27</sup> Ontario accounts for 6 of the chain's 17 national Hyba stores.<sup>28</sup>

<sup>21</sup> De Bono, N. (2018, February 28). Cami: Doug Coleman Trucking closes Ingersoll depot, cutting 57 union jobs. *London Free Press*. Retrieved from <http://www.ingersolltimes.com/2018/02/27/cami-doug-coleman-trucking-closes-ingersoll-depot-cutting-57-union-jobs>

<sup>22</sup> Global News Staff. (2018, February 18). Global News announces reorganization, new investment in local markets. Retrieved from <https://globalnews.ca/news/4028627/global-news-announces-reorganization-new-investment-in-local-markets/>

<sup>23</sup> Douglas, P. (2018, February 12). 500 summer jobs up for grabs at Brampton's Wet'n'Wild waterpark. *Brampton Guardian*. Retrieved from <https://www.bramptonguardian.com/news-story/8130894-500-summer-jobs-up-for-grabs-at-brampton-s-wet-n-wild-waterpark/>

<sup>24</sup> Queen, L. (2018, February 15). Looking for a summer job? Canada's Wonderland hiring 4,000 seasonal staff. *Vaughan Citizen*. Retrieved from <https://www.yorkregion.com/community-story/8136942-looking-for-a-summer-job-canada-s-wonderland-hiring-4-000-seasonal-staff/>

<sup>25</sup> Ministry of Energy. (2018, February 23). Smart Grid Projects to Boost Innovation and Reduce Electricity Costs. *Government of Ontario*. Retrieved from <https://news.ontario.ca/mei/en/2018/02/smart-grid-projects-to-boost-innovation-and-reduce-electricity-costs.html>

<sup>26</sup> Greenwood, M. (2018, February 9). AppDirect Plans to Double Canadian Presence with 300 New Jobs. *Tech Vibes*. Retrieved from <https://techvibes.com/2018/02/09/appdirect-plans-to-double-canadian-presence-with-300-new-jobs>

<sup>27</sup> The Canadian Press Staff. (2018, March 1). Reitmans to close all of its Hyba activewear stores over the next year. *CTV News*. Retrieved from <https://www.ctvnews.ca/business/reitmans-to-close-all-of-its-hyba-activewear-stores-over-the-next-year-1.3824319>

Employment conditions were stronger in the services-producing sector when compared year-over-year, with an increase of 68,300 (+1.2%). Industry gains were led by transportation and warehousing (+37,900) and wholesale and retail trade (+36,200). Employment losses were largely in health care and social assistance (-22,600), finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing (-18,500) and public administration (-12,400).

### Ontario Monthly Labour Force Statistics, by Industry

Seasonally Adjusted Data ('000)	February 2018	January 2018	February 2017	Monthly Variation		Yearly Variation	
				Number	%	Number	%
<b>Total employed, all industries</b>	7188.6	7172.9	7074.9	15.7	0.2	113.7	1.6
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	1456.1	1457.3	1410.8	-1.2	-0.1	45.3	3.2
Agriculture	66.9	63.7	70.9	3.2	5.0	-4.0	-5.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	33	32.7	36.1	0.3	0.9	-3.1	-8.6
Utilities	52.2	49.4	50.1	2.8	5.7	2.1	4.2
Construction	523.5	519.1	500.5	4.4	0.8	23.0	4.6
Manufacturing	780.5	792.4	753.3	-11.9	-1.5	27.2	3.6
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	5732.5	5715.7	5664.2	16.8	0.3	68.3	1.2
Trade	1075.8	1087.7	1039.6	-11.9	-1.1	36.2	3.5
Transportation and warehousing	366.3	348.2	328.4	18.1	5.2	37.9	11.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	552.9	562.7	571.4	-9.8	-1.7	-18.5	-3.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	623.3	625.8	604.1	-2.5	-0.4	19.2	3.2
Business, building and other support services	315	313.3	318.7	1.7	0.5	-3.7	-1.2
Educational services	506.3	500.7	498.8	5.6	1.1	7.5	1.5
Health care and social assistance	848.7	843.9	871.3	4.8	0.6	-22.6	-2.6
Information, culture and recreation	325.8	325.4	315.5	0.4	0.1	10.3	3.3
Accommodation and food services	468.9	463.8	459	5.1	1.1	9.9	2.2
Other services	288.6	284.9	284.1	3.7	1.3	4.5	1.6
Public administration	360.9	359.2	373.3	1.7	0.5	-12.4	-3.3

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – CANSIM Table 282-0088

## REGIONAL ANALYSIS

### Toronto continues to dominate the province in employment growth

Employment increased in the **Toronto** economic region by 134,100 between February 2017 and February 2018 (measured on a year-over-year seasonally unadjusted basis). The regional unemployment rate dropped 1.4 percentage points to 5.4%, and labour force participation made a small gain. Toronto's technology base continued to strengthen in February with the announcement that Trend Micro Canada Technologies Inc. and Telus Corp. plan to establish a cybersecurity research lab in Toronto by mid-2018. The project is expected to employ 100

<sup>28</sup> Reitmans (Canada) Limited website at <https://www.reitmans.com/en/hyba-find-a-store.html>

within two years.<sup>29</sup> Further, software developer AppDirect Inc. plans to open a sales office in Toronto and create at least 300 jobs in Canada as part of a five-year expansion plan.<sup>30</sup> Salesforce Inc. also announced that it will be making investments in its Canadian operations.<sup>31</sup> Seasonal hiring has also begun at Canada's Wonderland theme park in Vaughan<sup>32</sup> and Wet 'n' Wild Toronto water park in Brampton.<sup>33</sup>

The **Hamilton–Niagara Peninsula** economic region also continued to register employment gains and demonstrate improved labour market conditions. Regional unemployment declined and participation increased between February 2017 and February 2018, and gains were made in both full-time and part-time employment. A couple of construction announcements were made in the region in the past month, including the start of construction on a new \$25.82M Hamilton Police Service investigative services building.<sup>34</sup>

Employment grew by 6,800 in the **Windsor–Sarnia** economic region and the regional unemployment rate fell from 6.1% to 4.8% over the year. Local contractor TCI Titan secured a \$50M contract to build the customs plaza on the Canadian side of the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor. The project is estimated to require up to 1,000 skilled workers.<sup>35</sup>

The **Stratford–Bruce Peninsula** economic region also saw sizeable employment gains. However, Compass Minerals laid off 50 workers at its Goderich salt mine in February due to restructuring efforts.<sup>36</sup>

Employment also grew in the **Northwest** economic region.

#### Employment declined in six economic regions in Ontario

The **Kingston–Pembroke** economic region posted the largest employment decrease (-18,000) in Ontario between February 2017 and February 2018. Growth in part-time work was offset by a loss in full-time employment. However, the regional manufacturing industry received a boost thanks to the announcement that Bombardier Inc. will establish a new production line at its Millhaven facility in Kingston, resulting in approximately 100 new

<sup>29</sup> Paddon, D. (2018, February 1). Trend Micro setting up Toronto research lab. *The Canadian Press*. Retrieved from <https://www.bramptonguardian.com/news-story/8104762-trend-micro-setting-up-toronto-research-lab/>

<sup>30</sup> Greenwood, M. (2018, February 9). AppDirect Plans to Double Canadian Presence with 300 New Jobs. *Techvibes*. Retrieved from <https://techvibes.com/2018/02/09/appdirect-plans-to-double-canadian-presence-with-300-new-jobs>

<sup>31</sup> The Canadian Press. (2018, February 9). Salesforce to invest \$2.5B to expand its Canadian footprint, hire more workers. *Canadian Manufacturing*. Retrieved from <https://www.canadianmanufacturing.com/sales-and-marketing/salesforce-invest-2-5b-expand-canadian-footprint-hire-workers-207902/>

<sup>32</sup> Queen, L. (2018, February 15). Looking for a summer job? Canada's Wonderland hiring 4,000 seasonal staff. *Vaughan Citizen*. Retrieved from <https://www.yorkregion.com/community-story/8136942-looking-for-a-summer-job-canada-s-wonderland-hiring-4-000-seasonal-staff/>

<sup>33</sup> Douglas, P. (2018, February 12). 500 summer jobs up for grabs at Brampton's Wet'n'Wild waterpark. *Brampton Guardian*. Retrieved from <https://www.bramptonguardian.com/news-story/8130894-500-summer-jobs-up-for-grabs-at-brampton-s-wet-n-wild-waterpark/>

<sup>34</sup> O'Reilly, N. (2018, February 28). Construction of \$25.8-million Hamilton police investigative services building underway. *Hamilton Spector*. Retrieved from <https://www.thespec.com/news-story/8290486-construction-of-25-8-million-hamilton-police-investigative-services-building-underway/>

<sup>35</sup> CBC News Staff. (2018, March 1). Skilled workers needed to fill \$50M bridge plaza job awarded to local contractor. *CBC News*. Retrieved from <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/skilled-workers-needed-to-fill-50m-bridge-plaza-job-awarded-to-local-contractor-1.4557354>

<sup>36</sup> Smith, K. (2018, February 22). U.S.-based Compass Minerals chops 50 jobs at Goderich salt mine as world's largest operation of its kind restructures. *The London Free Press*. Retrieved from <http://www.chathamdailynews.ca/2018/02/22/goderich-salt-mine-cutting-about-50-jobs>

positions.<sup>37</sup> The City of Kingston is also looking to hire more than 165 full-time secondary and post-secondary students as part of its summer student program.<sup>38</sup>

Employment also fell in the **London** economic region, and the regional unemployment rate rose from 5.0% to 6.2%. Labour force participation also dropped over the year. In the transport industry, Doug Coleman Trucking shuttered its trucking depot in Ingersoll, affecting 57 unionized workers.<sup>39</sup> There is some good news for the manufacturing industry however, as Dr. Oetker Canada Ltd. is hiring 100 workers at its London frozen pizza facility.<sup>40</sup>

The **Muskoka–Kawarthas**, **Kitchener–Waterloo–Barrie**, **Ottawa**, and **Northeast** economic regions also registered year-over-year employment losses in February.

### Ontario Monthly Labour Force Statistics, by Economic Region

3-Month Moving Averages Seasonally Unadjusted Data	Employment			Unemployment Rate		
	February 2018 ('000)	February 2017 ('000)	Yearly Variation (%)	February 2018 (%)	February 2017 (%)	Yearly Variation (% points)
<b>Ontario</b>	7,125.8	6,996.0	1.9	5.4	6.2	-0.8
<b>Economic Regions</b>						
Ottawa	701.8	702.2	-0.1	5.2	5.0	0.2
Kingston—Pembroke	201.8	219.8	-8.2	4.0	4.5	-0.5
Muskoka—Kawarthas	173.2	185.8	-6.8	6.1	5.6	0.5
Toronto	3495.4	3361.3	4.0	5.4	6.8	-1.4
Kitchener—Waterloo—Barrie	692.6	696.5	-0.6	5.0	5.6	-0.6
Hamilton—Niagara Peninsula	748.2	726.2	3.0	5.3	5.9	-0.6
London	322.8	327.9	-1.6	6.2	5.0	1.2
Windsor—Sarnia	298.5	291.7	2.3	4.8	6.1	-1.3
Stratford—Bruce Peninsula	155.1	148.7	4.3	4.5	6.3	-1.8
Northeast	236.4	236.5	0.0	6.7	7.5	-0.8
Northwest	100.1	99.3	0.8	5.5	6.1	-0.6

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – CANSIM Table 282-0122

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