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Labour market report, October 2019

Employment in Ontario declined in October. Get the details in this report.

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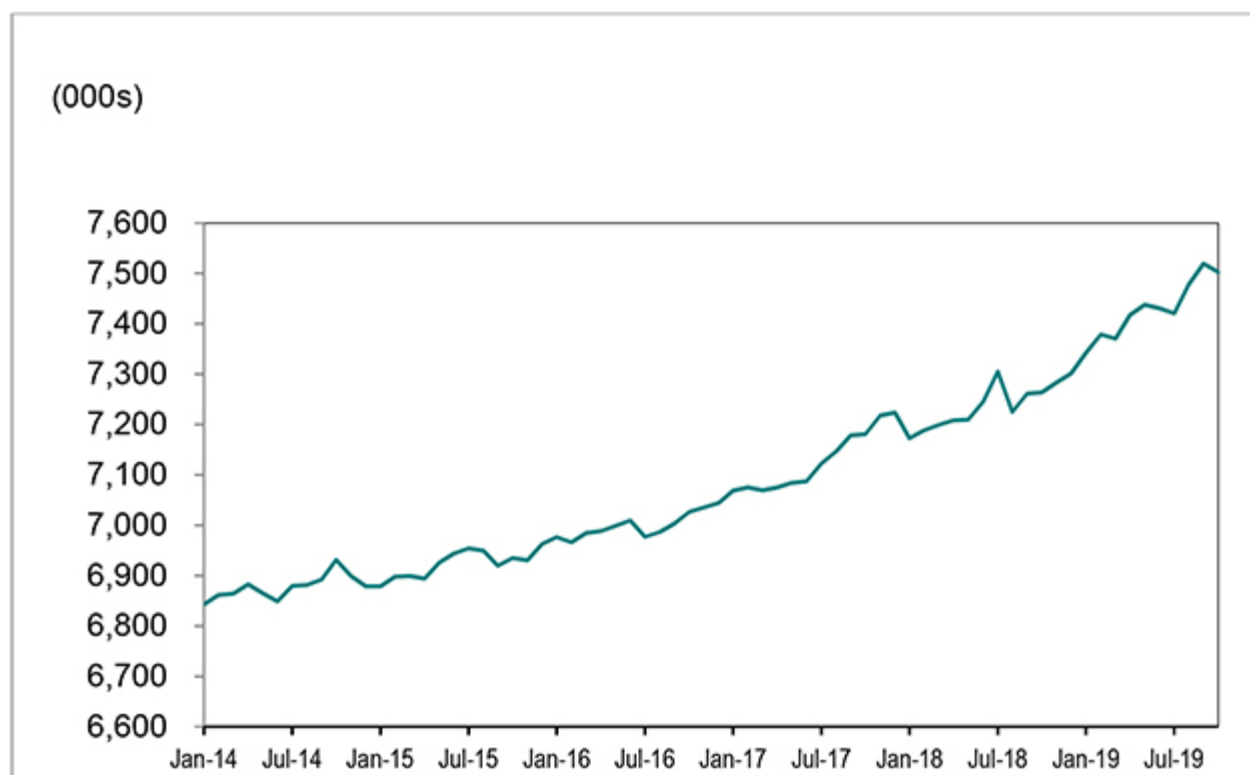
In October 2019:

- There were 12.2 million people in Ontario aged 15 years or older
 - 7.9 million (65%) were either working or actively looking for work
 - 7.5 million (62%) were employed and 81% of them had a full-time job
- Ontario's unemployment rate was 5.3% (422,200 unemployed people)

Employment declined in October

Employment in Ontario declined by 16,200 in October after increasing by 41,100 jobs in September.

Chart 1 shows employment in Ontario from January 2014 to October 2019.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Table 14-10-0287-01, (seasonally adjusted data).

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Full-time vs. part-time

Full-time employment declined by 24,200 while part-time employment rose by 8,000.

Employment increase/decrease by age

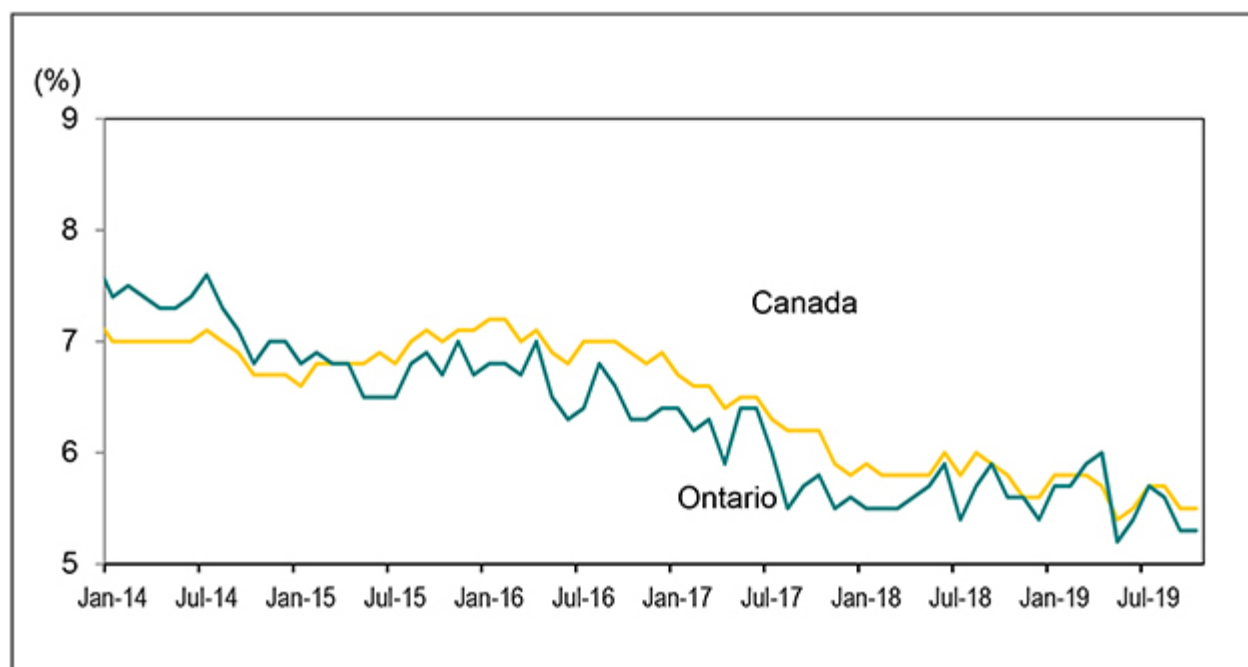
Youth employment (those aged 15 to 24) decreased by 5,400 in October, after decreasing by 10,800 jobs in September.

Employment for people aged 25 to 54 decreased by 19,600 in October, compared to September.
Employment for those aged 55 and older increased by 8,700 jobs.

Employment in Canada was unchanged in October, after increasing by 53,700 jobs in September.

Unemployment rate remained at 5.3%

Chart 2 shows unemployment rates, Ontario and Canada, January 2014 to October 2019.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Table 14-10-0287-01, (seasonally adjusted data).

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Ontario's unemployment rate remained at 5.3% in October compared to September. Ontario's unemployment rate has remained at or below 6.0% since October 2017.

Canada's unemployment rate remained at 5.5% in October, unchanged from September.

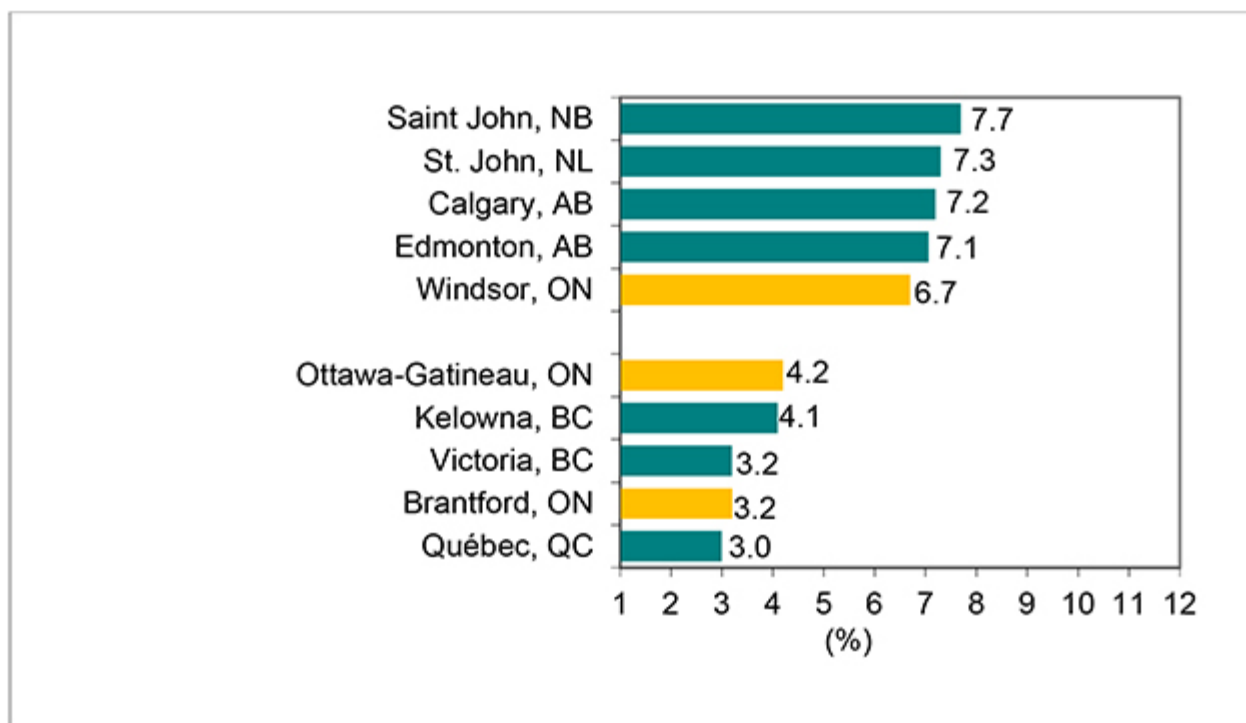
Unemployment rate by age

For people aged 15 to 24, the unemployment rate was 12.2% in October, down from 12.7% in September.

The unemployment rate for people aged 25 to 54 increased to 4.4% in October from 4.1% in September and decreased to 3.8% from 4.0% for those aged 55 and older.

Lowest and highest unemployment rates

Chart 3 shows Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs) with highest and lowest unemployment rates in Canada, October 2019.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Table 14-10-0294-01, (seasonally adjusted data three-month moving average to reduce volatility caused by small sample size).

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Windsor recorded the highest unemployment rate in Ontario in October (6.7%), while Saint John, New Brunswick recorded the highest unemployment rate in Canada (7.7%).

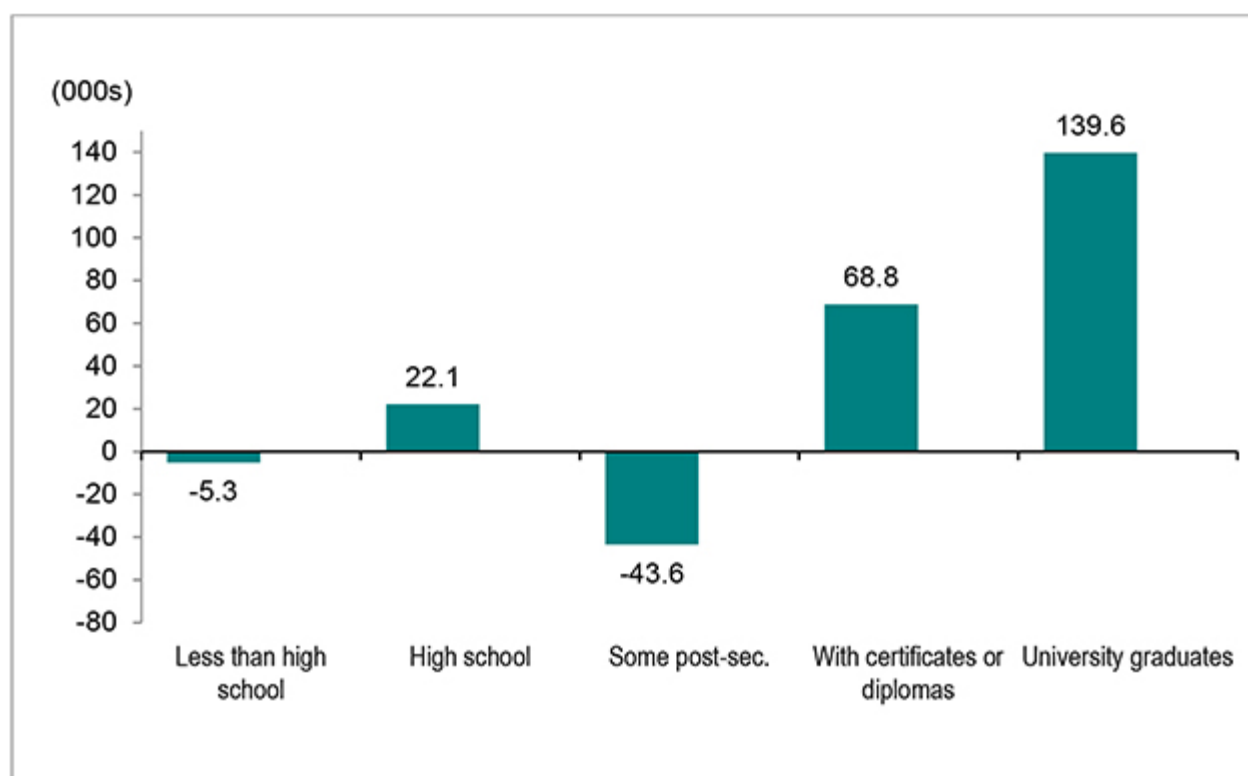
Brantford recorded the lowest unemployment rate in Ontario in October (3.2%), while Québec City recorded the lowest unemployment rate in Canada (3.0%).

Year-over-year comparisons

Over the first ten months of 2019, employment in Ontario increased by 181,600 net jobs for adults 25 years and older compared to the first ten months of 2018.

Employment increase and decrease by education level

Chart 4 shows Ontario employment change by highest level of education attained, aged 25 and older, October 2018 year-to-date to October 2019 year-to-date.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Table 14-10-0019-01, unadjusted data

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Adults with a university degree led gains with 139,600 net new jobs, followed by those with a postsecondary certificate or diploma, which includes trades-related credentials (68,800).

Individuals with some postsecondary education recorded job losses of 43,600.

People with less than high school education also recorded job losses (5,300), while those with high school education recorded job gains of 22,100.

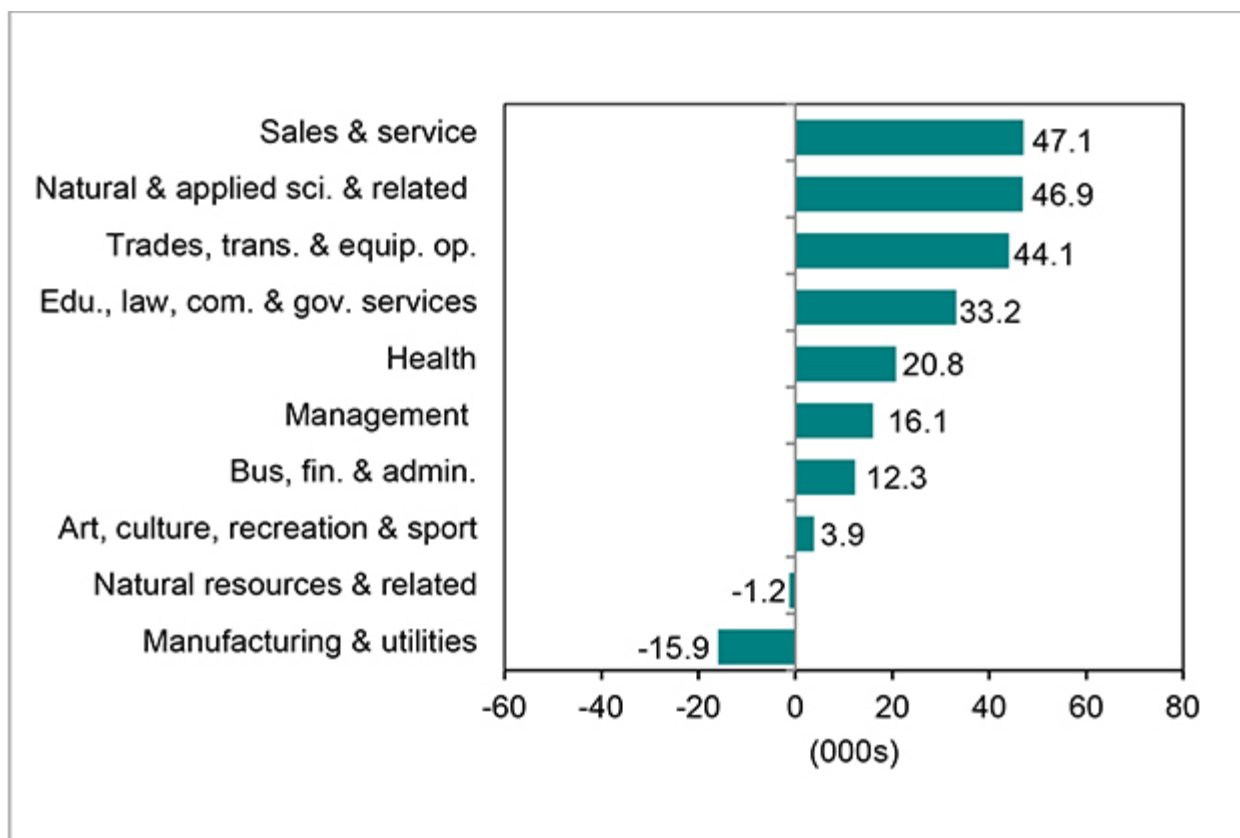
Unemployment rate by education level

The unemployment rate for adults aged 25 and older with postsecondary education credentials was 4.1% in the first ten months of 2019, down from 4.3% a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for adults without postsecondary education credentials was 5.9%, up from 5.8% a year ago.

Employment increase and decrease by occupation

Chart 5 shows Ontario employment change by occupation, October 2018 year-to-date to October 2019 year-to-date.



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Table 14-10-0297-01, unadjusted data.

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Eight of the ten major occupational groups in Ontario had net employment gains over the first ten months of 2019 compared to a year earlier.

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These occupations gained the most jobs:

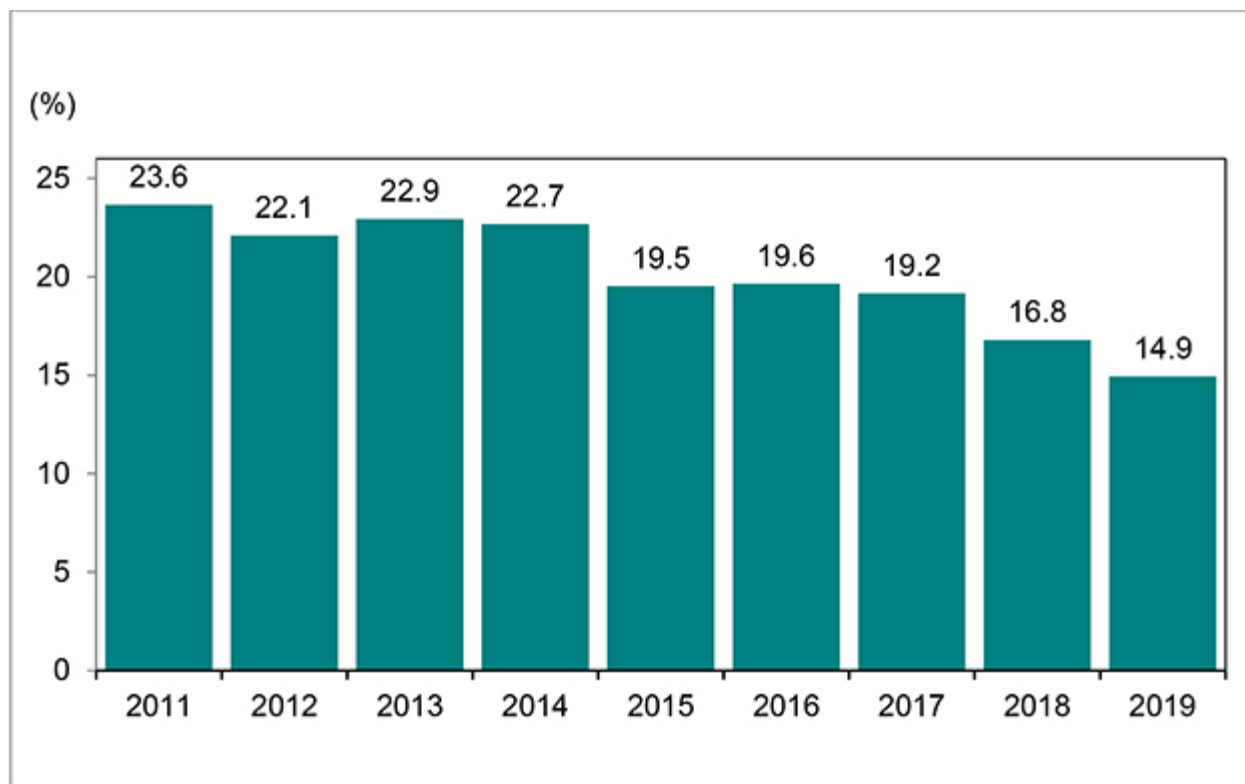
- sales and service (47,100)
- natural and applied sciences and related (46,900)
- trades, transport and equipment operators (44,100)

These occupations lost jobs:

- manufacturing and utilities (15,900)
- natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations (1,200)

Long-term unemployment decreased

Chart 6 shows Ontario's long-term unemployed (27 weeks or more) as a percentage of total unemployment, October 2011 year-to-date to October 2019 year-to-date



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Table 14-10-0056-01, unadjusted data.

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Over the first ten months of 2019, an average of 67,000 people were unemployed for 27 weeks or longer, or long-term unemployed. This was down from 74,400 a year earlier.

Long-term unemployed individuals accounted for 14.9% of the total number of unemployed people in the first ten months of 2019. This compared with 16.8% a year earlier.

Average time in long-term unemployment

The average time in unemployment decreased to 15.7 weeks over the first ten months of 2019, down from 17.2 weeks a year earlier.

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Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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