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Ministry of Economic Development and Growth

Ontario Adds XX Jobs in May

Province Focused on Supporting Economic Growth and Job Creation

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Ontario's economy continues its strong performance, adding XX jobs in May.

As well, the province's unemployment rate was XX per cent in May – the lowest it has been since YY. This employment increase was led by gains in XX and XX sectors.

Over the past three years, Ontario's economy has outperformed all G7 countries in terms of real GDP growth, supported by the government's strategic investments. Exports and business investments are increasing and the unemployment rate is at a 16-year low.

As a leader in economic growth, the province is balancing the budget this year and maintaining a balanced budget for the next two years. A balanced budget means more funding for the programs and services people rely on most.

Growing Ontario's workforce is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

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"Our government is committed to supporting economic growth and job creation across the province. We have worked hard to foster an economic environment that is positive for businesses, and allows the private sector to create good jobs and drive growth. I look forward to seeing jobs being created across various sectors, and continued economic growth in our future."
— Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development and Growth

"Ontario continues to be an economic leader, outpacing Canada and all G7 countries in growth. The increases in employment we are seeing are a reflection of our dynamic, vibrant, and innovative economy. Our key investments are creating opportunities for businesses and families, paving the way for an even brighter future for our province."
— Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance

QUICK FACTS

- Employment growth has occurred in many economic regions across the province, including XX (YY per cent) and ZZ (YY per cent).

- Retail sales in Ontario increased 6.6 per cent over the first three months of 2017, compared to the same period in 2016.

- Ontario is taking historic action to create more opportunity and security for workers with a plan for Fair Workplaces and Better Jobs. This includes hiking the minimum wage, ensuring part-time workers are paid the same hourly wage as full-time workers, introducing paid sick days for every worker and stepping up enforcement of employment laws.

- Employment in 2017 is forecast to increase by 1.3 per cent or 94,000 net new jobs. In 2016, Ontario employment increased by 76,400 jobs, representing a 1.1 per cent growth in the year.

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