

Labour Force

This section describes labour force characteristics for the City of Welland and the Regional Municipality of Niagara. Statistics included in this section: number of persons employed, unemployment rates, educational attainment, occupations, employment insurance claims and payouts, and number of persons receiving social assistance.

The City of Welland lies in the centre of the Region, which provides easy commuting to and from all corners of the Region via excellent highways.

St. Catharines-Niagara Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) Labour Force by Age

Age	Number of Persons Employed 2005	Number of Persons Employed 2006
15+	191,900	190,200
15-24	32,500	31,300
25-54	128,400	128,300
55+	30,900	30,500

Source: Service Canada, 2007

Labour Force By Month, For Age 15 and Over In St. Catharines-Niagara CMA

	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Participation Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Employment Rate (%)
June '07	204,700	192,500	12,300	62.7	6.0	58.9
July '07	209,900	197,400	12,500	64.2	6.0	60.4
Aug '07	213,600	201,200	12,300	65.3	5.8	61.5
Sept '07	212,600	200,200	12,400	65.0	5.8	61.2
Oct '07	209,600	198,200	11,400	64.0	5.4	60.5
Nov '07	203,400	191,800	11,600	62.1	5.7	58.6
Dec '07	200,800	189,200	11,600	61.3	5.8	57.8
Jan '07	197,800	184,800	13,000	60.4	6.6	56.4
Feb '07	197,700	183,700	14,000	60.3	7.1	56.1
Mar '07	198,600	183,800	14,900	60.6	7.5	56.1
Apr '07	202,400	187,900	14,500	61.7	7.2	57.3
May '07	205,500	192,600	12,900	62.7	6.3	58.8
June '07	207,700	195,000	12,700	63.3	6.1	59.5

Source: Service Canada, 2007

Labour Force by Education

Level of education	Welland (#)	Niagara (#)	Ontario (#)	Canada (#)
Less than grade 9	4,740	28,410	737,375	2,350,495
Grade 9 to 13	13,615	109,580	3,249,920	8,494,305
with a certificate	6,020	48,190	1,303,960	3,367,900
without a certificate	7,595	61,390	1,945,960	5,126,405
Trade	4,470	36,740	287,540	836,250
University with a degree	3,040	36,670	1,587,330	3,687,650
University without a degree	1,530	17,335	894,065	2,485,580

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 Census

Labour Force Sectors: St Catharines-Niagara CMA

	2005	2006
Total Employed	191,900	190,200
Goods-Producing Sector	45,100	48,200
Agriculture	5,100	7,300
Construction	12,100	12,500
Manufacturing	26,400	26,800
Services-Producing Sector	146,800	142,000
Trade	30,900	31,400
Transportation and Warehousing	7,500	8,200
Finance, insurance, real estate, and leasing	9,000	7,800
Professional, scientific and technical services	7,600	6,900
Business, building and other support services	11,200	12,100
Educational Services	11,900	11,300
Health Care and Social Assistance	21,200	19,300
Information, culture, and recreation	12,200	12,300
Accommodation and Food Services	20,100	18,200
Other Services	8,300	6,700
Public Administration	7,000	7,700

Source: Service Canada, 2007

Unemployment Rates – St. Catharines-Niagara CMA, Ontario & Canada - Seasonally Adjusted

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2004												
Niagara CMA	6.9	7.2	7.8	7.8	7.9	8.1	7.8	7.6	7.0	6.6	6.5	6.6
Ontario	6.7	6.7	6.9	6.8	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.6	6.8	6.9
Canada	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.1
2005												
Niagara CMA	6.4	6.1	6.2	7.1	6.9	6.5	6.5	8.0	8.3	7.9	7.0	7.0
Ontario	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.7	6.9	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.3	6.4	6.0	6.3
Canada	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.3	6.5
2006												
Niagara CMA	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.2	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.5	6.5	6.7	6.3
Ontario	6.5	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.0	6.0	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.3	6.4	6.1
Canada	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.1	6.2	6.1
2007												
Niagara CMA	6.3	6.5	6.3	6.3	5.7	6.0						
Ontario	6.4	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.3	6.5						
Canada	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1						

Source: Statistics Canada, 2007

Welfare Caseload - Niagara Region

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.	Year to Year
2003	7,092	7,125	7,016	6,891	6,800	6,651	6,564	6,509	6,506	6,392	6,512	6,789	6,737	-2.1%
2004	7,146	7,201	7,311	7,256	7,103	6,944	6,725	6,637	6,469	6,275	6,428	6,698	6,849	+1.6%
2005	7,092	7,212	7,315	7,212	6,984	6,893	6,707	6,774	6,809	6,669	6,887	7,053	6,967	+1.2%
2006	7,345	7,419	7,482	7,336	7,243	6,961	6,751	6,673	6,718	6,577	6,867	7,078	7,038	+1.0%
2007	7,522	7,503	7,533											

Source: Service Canada, 2007

Employment Insurance Regular Claims - Niagara Region

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
2003	11,178	11,848	11,342	9,191	7,512	6,566	7,184	7,908	6,965	6,561	8,085	9,581	8,658
2004	11,897	12,010	11,000	9,478	7,692	7,020	7,898	7,606	6,224	6,052	7,128	8,508	8,543
2005	10,294	11,589	11,843	9,528	8,409	6,577	7,239	7,222	6,422	5,750	7,630	8,601	8,425
2006	11,107	11,375	11,300	9,264	7,029	5,899	7,260	7,166	6,348	5,555	6,666	7,939	8,076
2007	10,274	10,104	10,031										

Source: Service Canada, 2007

Commuting Pattern of Employed Labour Force in Welland 2001

Based on an Employed Labour Force of 22,490 in 2001 and 20,915 in 1996
11,295 people both reside and work in Welland in 2001 and 11,095 in 1996

Welland Residents that Commute out of Welland for Work

To Work in Municipality:	Leave Welland in 1996	Leave Welland in 2001	% change 1996 to 2001
Fort Erie	375	355	-5.33%
Port Colborne	870	855	-1.72%
Wainfleet	95	75	-21.05%
Pelham	485	590	21.65%
Thorold	875	955	9.14%
Niagara Falls	1,105	1,555	40.72%
Niagara-on-the-Lake	160	225	40.63%
St. Catharines	2,610	2,930	12.26%
Lincoln	130	290	123.08%
Outside CMA	1,070	1075	0.47%
Outside Canada	80	150	87.50%

Source: Statistics Canada Census 2001 and 1996

Outside Residents that Commute into Welland for Work

Come from Municipality:	Come to Welland in 1996	Come to Welland in 2001	% change 1996 to 2001
Fort Erie	350	460	31.43%
Port Colborne	1,260	1,370	8.73%
Wainfleet	565	490	-13.27%
Pelham	1,500	1,530	2.00%
Thorold	390	570	46.15%
Niagara Falls	1,060	930	-12.26%
Niagara-on-the-Lake	85	55	-35.29%
St. Catharines	1,230	1,415	15.04%
Lincoln	100	115	15.00%
Outside CMA	720	650	-9.72%
Outside Canada	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: Statistics Canada Census 2001 and 1996