



Central Ontario

Key Statistics (2019)

Population (Thousands)	2,473
Population share of Ontario	17.0%
Employment (Thousands)	1,276
Employment share of Ontario	17.1%
Median age	41.0

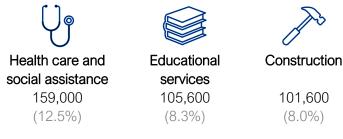


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Top Five Industries by Employment (2019)

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	Wholesale and retail trade	Manufacturing	Health care and social assistance		
Employment	197,400	171,000	159,000		
(Share of Total	(15.5%)	(13.4%)	(12.5%)		



Key Labour Market Indicators

Employment)

	2018	2019			2020			Feb to May 2020
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	
Employment Change (Thousands)	1.5	31.4	-4.9	5.0	-20.7	-56.9	-69.9	-147.5 (-11.4%)
Unemployment Rate (Per Cent)	5.4	5.0	5.1	5.1	6.1	8.3	11.0	5.9
Participation Rate (Per Cent)	65.9	66.2	66.1	66.3	65.9	64.3	62.4	-3.9

Industry Breakdown of Job Losses During the Pandemic (February to May 2020)*

Accommodation and food services -33.0 Manufacturing -27.8 Wholesale and retail trade -21.0 Transportation and warehousing -14.7 Health care and social assistance -13.2 Information, culture and recreation -12.9 Other services (except public administration) -11.3 Educational services -9.9 Construction -7.4 Business, building and other support services -5.6 Professional, scientific and technical services -2.3 Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing -0.7 Public administration Agriculture** 3.5 -50.0-40.0 -30.0 -20.0-10.00.0 Change in Employment (Thousands)

^{*}Not seasonally adjusted.

^{**}Includes Hamilton, St. Catharines-Niagara, and Brantford only. Source: Statistics Canada and FAO.