

Labour Force Characteristics

Tillsonburg possesses a strong and diversified workforce and is the largest net producer of jobs within Oxford County. Tillsonburg has an estimated workforce of 7,430 persons with 50% having some form of post-secondary education. Within Oxford County, the work force is projected to grow from an estimated 53,000 persons to 71,000 by 2031.

Tillsonburg offers a diversified economy with strengths in the manufacturing, retail, accommodation and food services, health care, and agricultural sectors. The Town continues to see employment growth across all sectors and provides an available and skilled workforce.

Labour Force by Industry		
	2001	2006
Agriculture and Other Resource-Based Industries	240	220
Manufacturing and Construction Industries	2,350	2,445
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,125	1,125
Finance and Real Estate	295	285
Health and Education	825	940
Business Services	815	850
Other Services	995	1,085
Total	6,645	6,950

Labour Force by Occupation		
	2001	2006
Total Labour Force 15 years and over by occupation	6,775	7,430
Occupation – Not Available	90	100
All Occupations	6,685	7,330
Management	680	670
Business, Finance and Administration	970	1,050
Natural and Applied Sciences and Related	215	180
Health Occupations	350	375
Social Science, Education, Government Service and Religion	375	370
Art, Culture, Recreation and Sport	80	110
Sales and Service	1,590	1,685
Trades, Transport and Equipment Operators and Related	1,090	1,265
Occupations Unique to Primary Industry	260	285
Occupations Unique to Processing; Manufacturing and Utilities	1,075	1,330

Commute Times Out			Commute Times In		
	Number	Percent		Number	Percent
Less than 15 Minutes	260	4.8%	Less than 15 Minutes	1,895	22.4%
15 – 29 Minutes	1,075	19.9%	15 – 29 Minutes	2,485	29.4%
Over 30 Minutes	320	5.9%	Over 30 Minutes	335	4.0%
Total	1,655	30.6%	Total	4,715	55.7%

Labour Force by Industry & Gender (2006 Census)		
	Male	Female
Total – Experienced Labour Force	3605	3075
Agriculture and Other Resource-Based Industries	150	125
Manufacturing and Construction Industries	1630	720
Wholesale and Retail Trade	545	585
Finance and Real Estate	135	160
Health and Education	200	625
Business Services	500	315
Other Services	450	545

Labour Force by Gender vs. Ontario (2006 Census)			
	Male	Female	Ontario
Total – Experienced Labour Force	53.97%	46.03%	100.00%
Agriculture and Other Resource-Based Industries	4.16%	4.07%	3.19%
Manufacturing and Construction Industries	45.21%	23.41%	21.97%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	15.12%	19.02%	15.86%
Finance and Real Estate	3.74%	5.20%	6.70%
Health and Education	5.55%	20.33%	15.07%
Business Services	13.87%	10.24%	19.12%
Other Services	12.48%	17.72%	18.09%

Employed Number of Residents		
Employed Residents in 2001	Number	Percent of Employed Residents
In Tillsonburg	3,745	69.4%
Outside Tillsonburg but Within Community	515	9.5%
Outside the County of Residence	1,140	21.1%
		100.00%

Unemployment Rates			
	Economic Region 560*	Provincial	National
2006	6.1%	6.3%	6.3%
2007	6.0%	6.4%	6.0%
2008	6.8%	6.5%	6.1%
2009	9.8%	8.9%	8.1%
2010 June YTD	9.0%	9.1%	8.5%

*Economic Region 560 consists of the tri-counties of Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford.

Source: Statistics Canada 2001, 2006; Labour Force Survey 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, & 2010