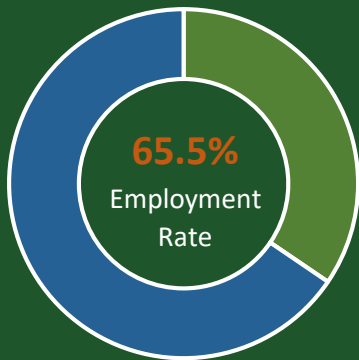
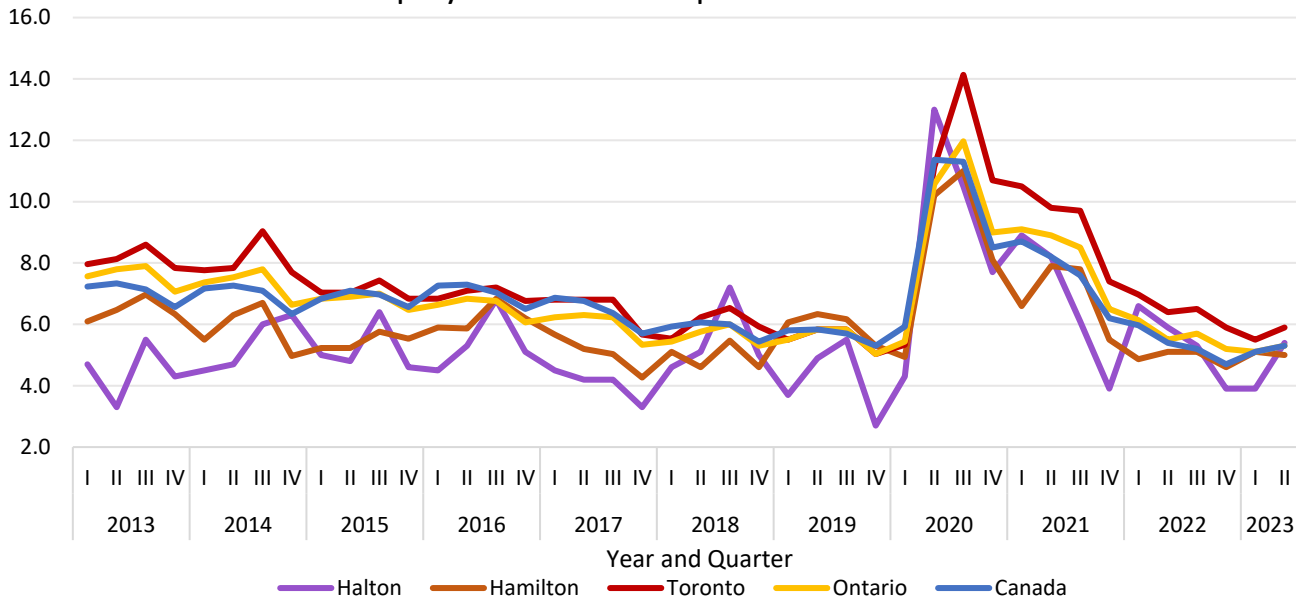


Halton Region – Labour Market Highlights (Q2 2023)

Unemployment Rate

Unemployment Rate Comparison Over 10 Years¹



415,300 individuals in Halton’s labour force in Q2 2023
392,800 individuals employed in Q2 2023

Halton's labour force unemployment rate climbed from 3.9% in Q1 to **5.4%** in Q2 2023. This rate sits slightly higher than the Hamilton CMA rate of 5.0%, but remains lower than the Toronto CMA rate of 5.9%. The unemployment rate in Halton was similar to both the provincial and national rates of 5.3%.

Halton Region’s labour force saw approximately **17,100** more employed individuals than in Q1 2023. Full-time job creation accounted for this growth with an increase of **13,900** full-time jobs, and an increase of **3,100** part-time jobs.



5.4 % Halton’s unemployment rate in Q2 2023

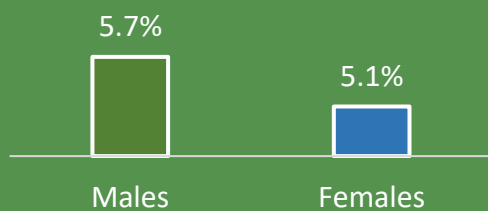
Hamilton: 5.0%

Ontario: 5.3%

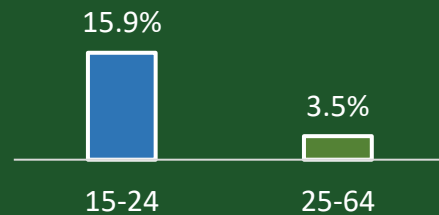
Toronto: 5.9%

Canada: 5.3%

Unemployment by Gender, Q2 2023

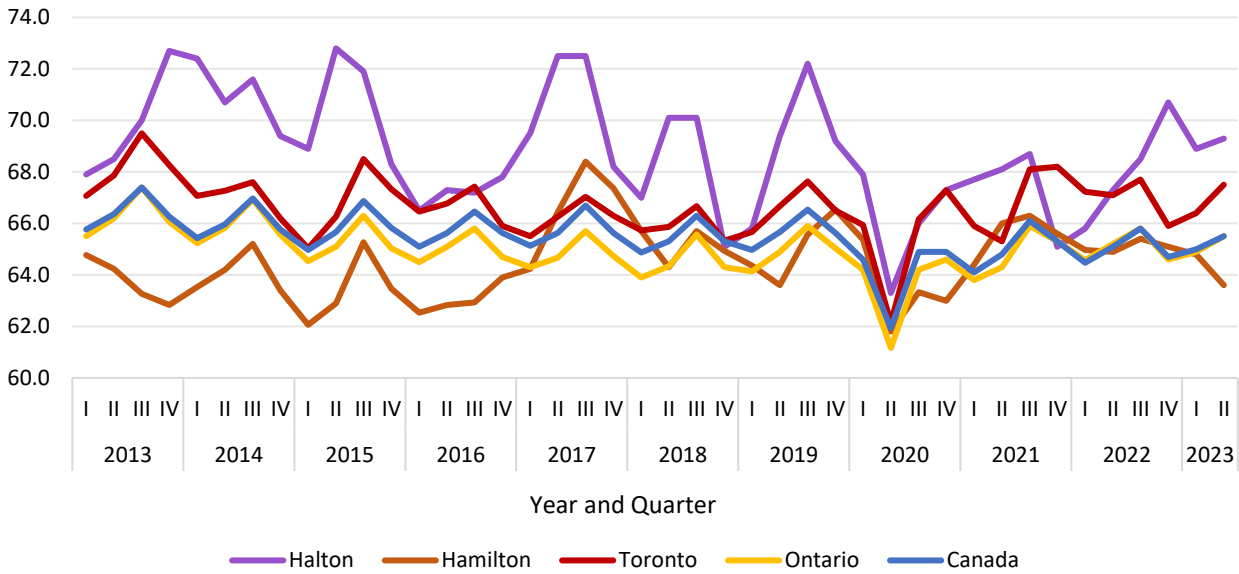


Unemployment by Age Group, Q2 2023



Participation Rate

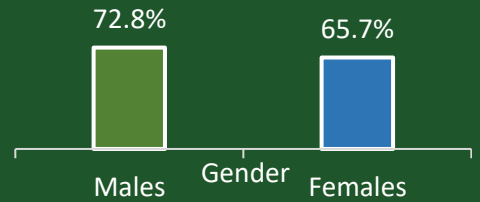
Participation Rate Comparison Over 10 Years¹



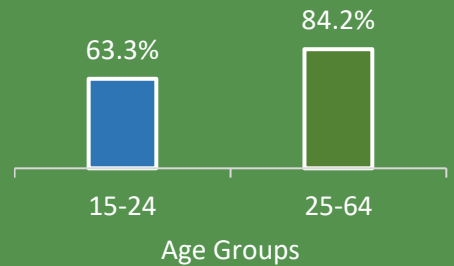
The labour force participation rate in Halton averaged 69.3% in Q2 2023, which is higher than the average rates at the national, provincial and Greater Toronto and Hamilton area (GTHA) averages. Halton’s participation rate increased 0.4 percentage points over the previous quarter.

The participation rate of Halton's labour force as of Q2 2023 now exceeds pre-pandemic levels recorded in Q4 2019 (68.8%).

Participation by Gender, Q2 2023



Participation by Age Group, Q2 2023



69.3% Halton’s participation rate in Q2 2023

Hamilton: 63.6%	Ontario: 65.5%
Toronto: 67.5%	Canada: 65.5%

Definitions. **Labour Force:** Civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who were employed or unemployed actively seeking employment. **Participation Rate:** Total labour force, either employed or seeking employment, expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years. **Unemployment Rate:** number of unemployed individuals that were without work but had looked for work in the past four weeks and were available for work, as expressed as a percentage of the labour force.

* The Labour Force Survey estimates are based on a sample and are therefore subject to sampling variability. Estimates for smaller geographic areas, including Census Divisions such as Halton Region, have more variability. Approximately 15,000 households are sampled across Ontario each month, excluding persons living on reserves and other Aboriginal settlements in the province, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces, the institutionalized population, and households in extremely remote areas with very low population density.

¹Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, custom tabulation. 3-month moving average, unadjusted for seasonal movements caused by annually-recurring fluctuations attributable to climate and regular institutional events such as vacations and holiday seasons.