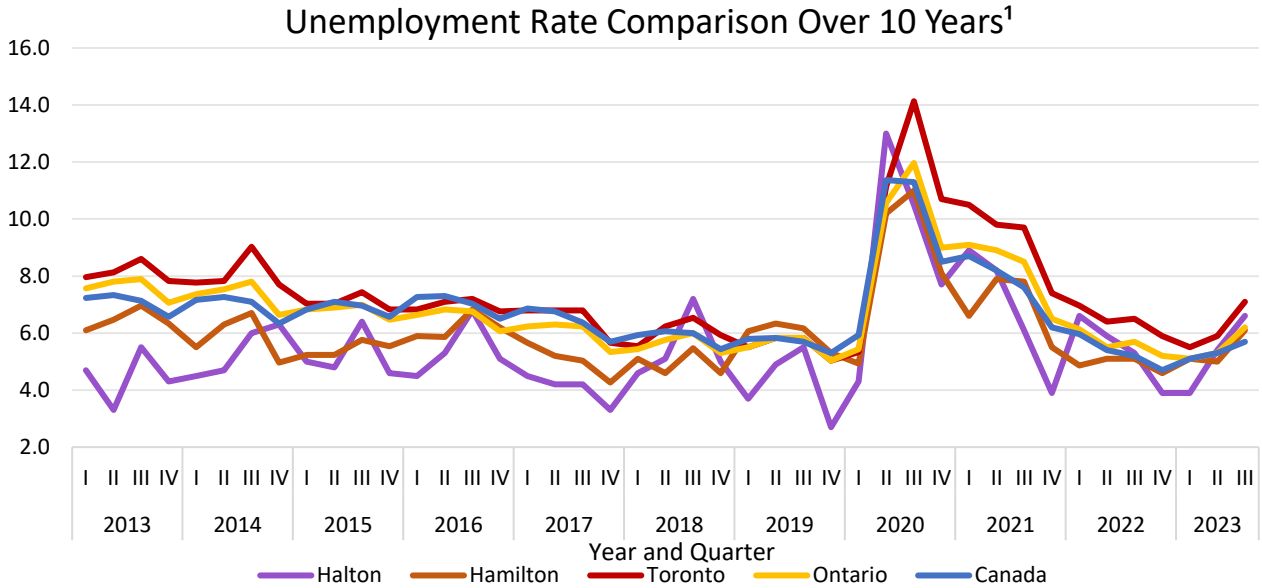


# Halton Region – Labour Market Highlights (Q3 2023)

## Unemployment Rate



**396,100** individuals in Halton's labour force in Q3 2023  
**370,100** individuals employed in Q3 2023

Halton's labour force unemployment rate climbed from 5.4% in Q2 to **6.6%** in Q3 2023. This represents the second consecutive increase since 2022, when unemployment in Halton was 3.9%. Unemployment in Halton currently sits slightly higher than both the provincial and national rates, but is below that of the overall Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

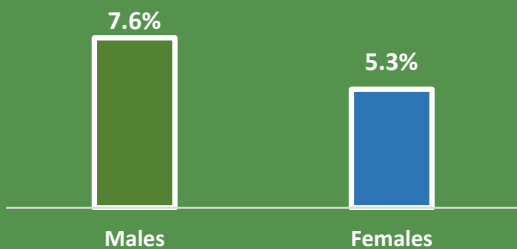
Halton Region's labour force saw a decline of **22,700** employed individuals in Q3 over the previous quarter. A decrease in full-time employment accounted for much of this decline; dropping **19,100** jobs over Q2 2023.



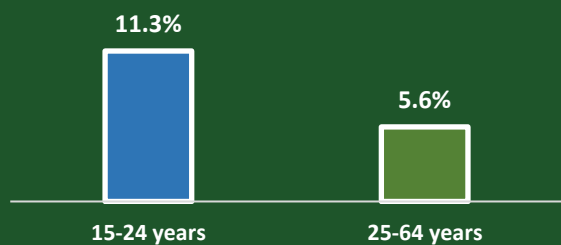
**6.6%** Halton's unemployment rate in Q3 2023

Hamilton: 6.1%	Ontario: 6.2%
Toronto: 7.1%	Canada: 5.7%

### Unemployment Rate by Gender, Q3 2023

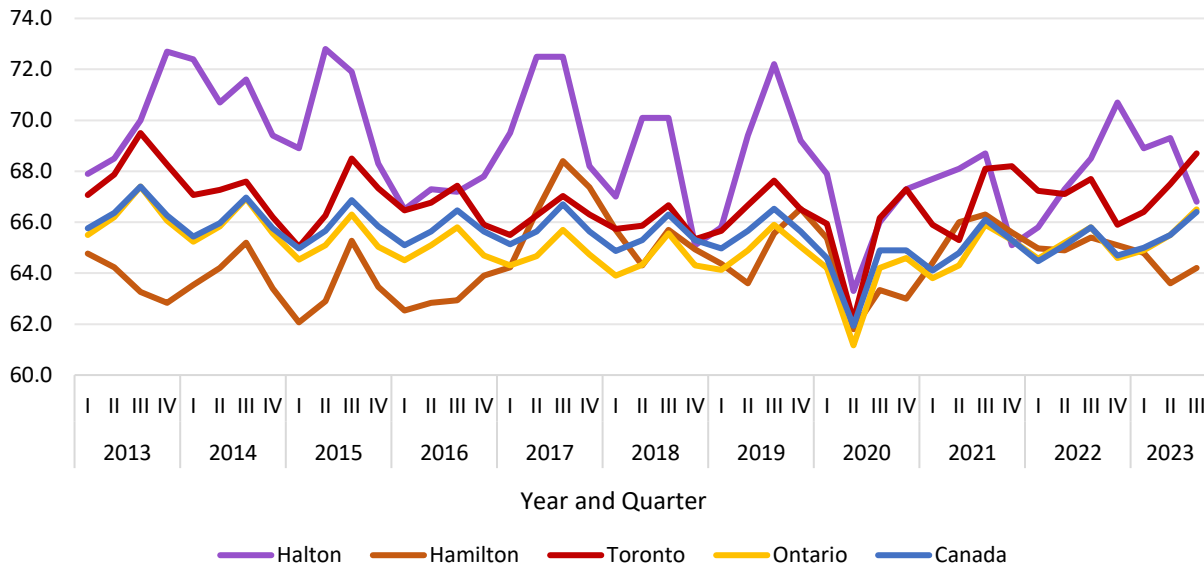


### Unemployment Rate by Age Group, Q3 2023



## Participation Rate

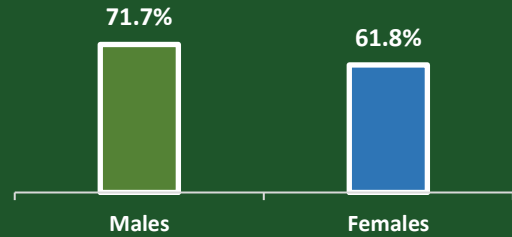
Participation Rate Comparison Over 10 Years<sup>1</sup>



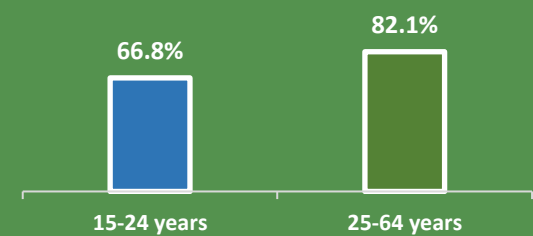
The labour force participation rate in Halton averaged 66.8% in Q3 2023, which is consistent with the average provincial and national rates but slightly below the overall Greater Toronto Area (GTA) level.

Halton’s participation rate declined 2.5 percentage points over the previous quarter and is also slightly below the participation rate of 68.5% in Halton during the same quarter in 2022.

Participation Rate by Gender, Q3 2023



Participation Rate by Age Group, Q3 2023



**66.8%** Halton’s participation rate in Q3 2023

Hamilton: 64.2%	Ontario: 66.5%
Toronto: 68.7%	Canada: 66.4%

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.

<sup>1</sup>Statistics 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.