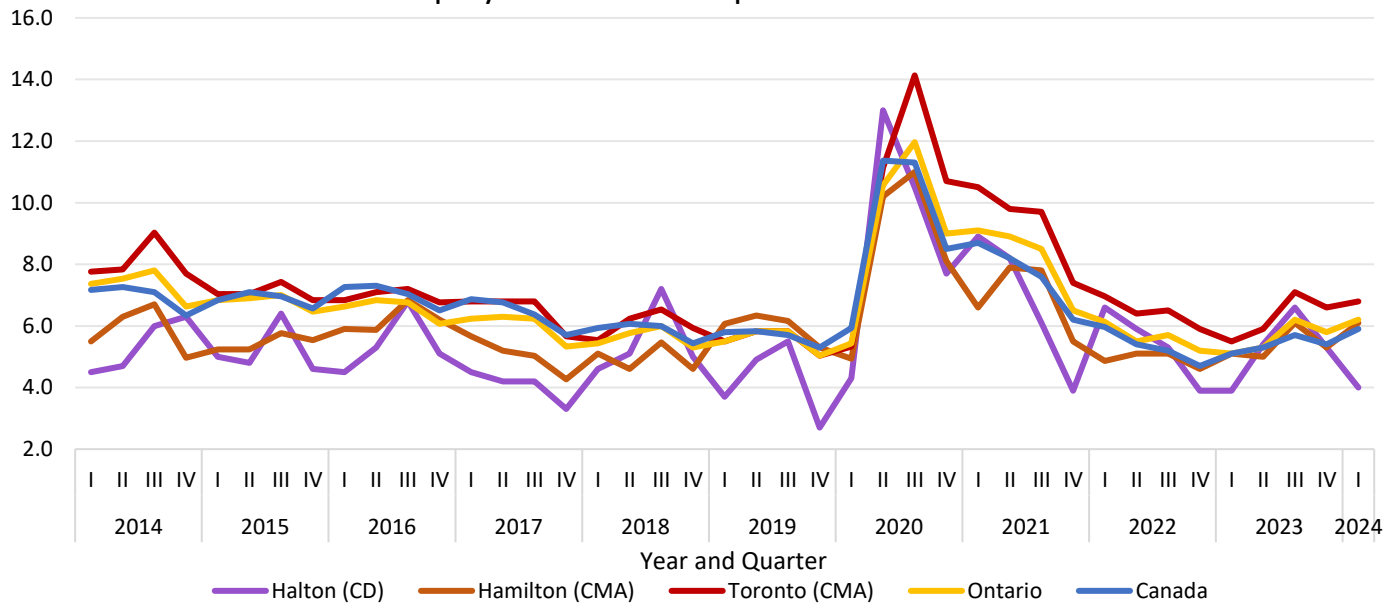


# Halton Region – Labour Market Highlights (Q1 2024)

## Unemployment Rate

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



**390,200** individuals in Halton's labour force.

**374,700** individuals employed.

In Q1 2024, the unemployment rate in Halton Region decreased 1.3 percentage points from 5.3% Q4 2023 to 4.0%. This represents the second quarterly decrease in the rate of unemployment in Halton since the fall of 2023 and illustrates an in-demand labour force within the region.

Unemployment in Halton was lower during the past quarter than the rest of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area (GTHA) and provincial and national rates.



**4.0%** Halton's unemployment rate in Q1 2024 is lower than regional rates:

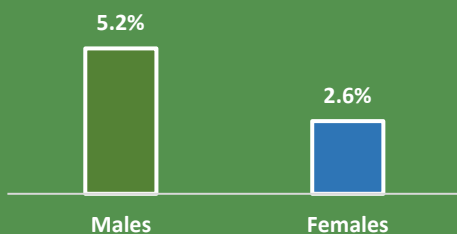
Hamilton: 6.1%

Ontario: 6.2%

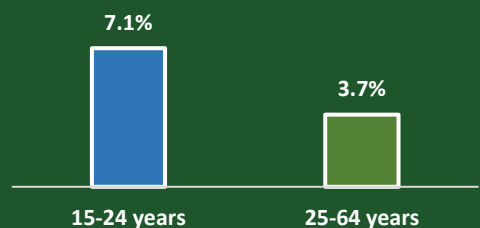
Toronto: 6.8%

Canada: 5.9%

### Unemployment by Gender, Q1 2024

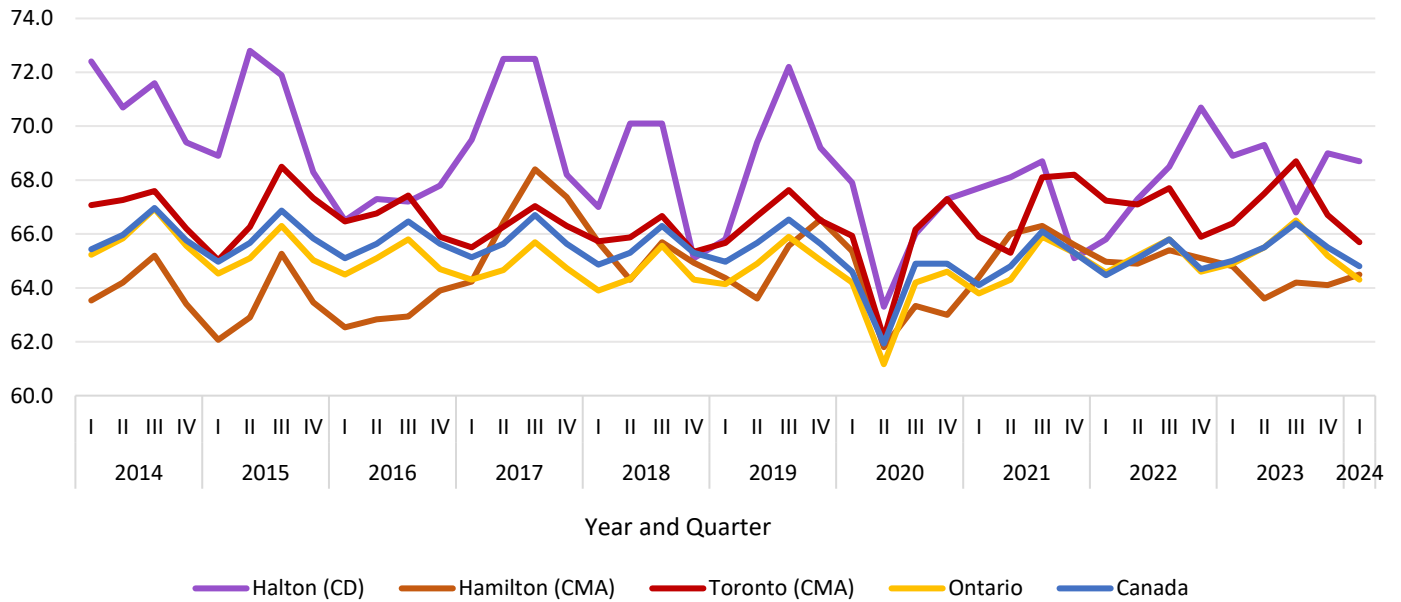


### Unemployment by Age Group, Q1 2024



## Participation Rate

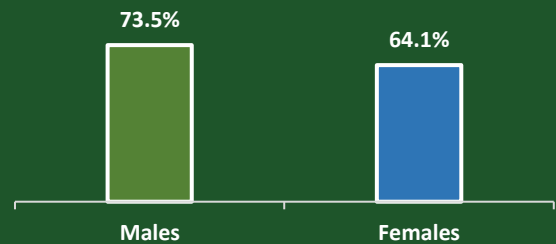
Participation Rate Comparison Over 10 Years<sup>1</sup>



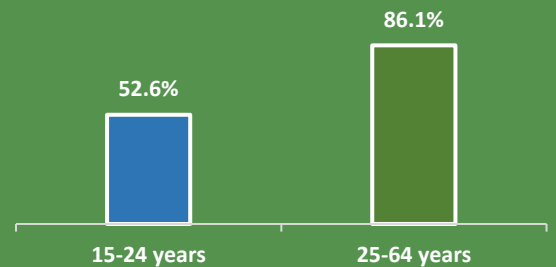
The labour force participation rate in Halton averaged 68.7% in Q1 2024, which represents a slight decrease of 0.3 percentage points over the previous quarter and a 0.2 percentage point decrease over the same quarter in 2023.

However, the rate of labour force participation in Halton exceeds that of the overall Greater Toronto and Hamilton areas (GTHA) and both provincial and federal averages by a notable margin.

### Participation Rate by Gender, Q1 2024



### Participation Rate by Age Group, Q1 2024



**68.7%** Halton's participation rate in Q1 2024 is higher than regional rates:

Hamilton: 64.5%	Ontario: 64.3%
Toronto: 65.7%	Canada: 64.8%

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. **CD:** Census Division. **CMA:** Census Metropolitan Area.

\* 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, will 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 annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods, cycles related to crops, and production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter.