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Durham Labour Force Report June 2020

Oshawa - The Durham Workforce Authority is releasing the June 2020 edition of the Durham Labour Force Report. This report provides accurate, timely, and easy to understand labour market information for the stakeholders of Durham Region. It is updated on a monthly basis with information that enables businesses, policy makers and our community at large to better understand the evolving impact that the COVID-19 pandemic is having on the labour force in Durham Region.

The June 2020 report revealed some interesting numbers, including;

- a decrease of 1,900 individuals not participating in the labour force,
- an increase of 2,200 individuals in Durham's total labour force,
- an increase of 3,600 unemployed residents.

The Labour Force Report is informed by data from Statistics Canada on the Oshawa CMA, which includes Clarington, Whitby, and Oshawa. The Oshawa CMA includes the most Durham Region residents and provides the best depiction of the labour market in the Region as a whole. View the June 2020 report here; <https://durhamworkforceauthority.ca/labour-force-report/>

Quotes:

"The June 2020 report confirms that the supply of available labour in Durham has begun gradually recovering from the initial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The overall labour force has increased, and non-participation rates are decreasing. However, falling employment rates and the increase in the unemployment rate indicate a continuing weakness in the demand for labour in the local market. It will be fascinating to see how these rates are impacted as public policy evolves and reopening continues."

Paige Lewer, Director of Research

"These numbers are interesting because they reveal the impact the staged reopening of our economy is having on the labour force. While we are seeing the supply side of the labour force begin to increase, the demand side is having a tempered recovery, likely due in part to staged reopening, heightened health and safety measures and changes in consumer behaviour. It will be critical to continue to watch the supply and demand trends related to the labour force as decision makers across the Region continue to develop public health and return to work policies."

Heather McMillan, Executive Director

About the Durham Workforce Authority

Created over twenty years ago as part of a government initiative aimed at building a network of locally-focused labour market organizations, the Durham Workforce Authority ([DWA](#)) has evolved to become the premier source of labour market information in Durham Region. The DWA has successfully engaged Durham's business and labour communities to provide critical locally focused labour market analysis to the Province of Ontario, the Region of Durham, and many other local stakeholders.

About Jobs First Durham

The DWA is proud to provide *Jobs First Durham (JFD)*, a searchable web aggregator of Durham Region Jobs from national, provincial, and local job boards. This powerful tool makes searching for your next job in Durham Region faster and easier. Visit our job board here:

<https://durhamworkforceauthority.ca/jobs/>

JFD also provides custom data reports and tools that incorporate existing DWA and Statistics Canada data and enhances the information available with features such as labour market graphs, tables, a career explorer and jobs map. These reports and tools help better understand employer needs, making them invaluable for community and government organizations supporting economic and workforce development in the region and job seekers alike. Visit: <https://durhamworkforceauthority.ca/jobs-first-durham/>

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