



News Release

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BRANTFORD IN STABLE LABOUR MARKET

BRANTFORD (Oct. 9, 2015) - Brantford's unemployment rate fell in September, even though the number of people employed stayed the same.

September's local seasonally adjusted jobless rate was 6.4%, down from 7% in August, according to Statistics Canada figures released Friday. Brantford's unemployment rate is back below the Canadian average, which stands at 7.1%. Ontario's jobless rate was 6.9%.

Brantford's employment rate was 60.4%, as the number of people working was estimated at 67,700 people, the same as in August and the same as September 2014.

Over the last six months, the number of people working full time has remained steady, while part-time work has fallen slightly.

"The labour market in the Brantford area has been stable for the last three to four months, despite swings in the unemployment rate," said Jill Halyk, executive director of the Workforce Planning Board of Grand Erie. "Stability is good, since it's an indication that the local economy is holding its own."

Norfolk's unemployment rate was estimated at 6.9%, while its employment rate was 58.3%, according to Statistics Canada figures.

Across Canada, employment grew for people aged 55 and older, but this is mainly because more people now fall into this age group. An estimated 62,000 full-time jobs were lost, while part-time employment grew by 74,000.

BrantJobs posted 530 jobs in September, the same as August, matching its record. Jobs in manufacturing led the way, followed by sales and retail positions, trades and equipment operators, and positions in transportation and warehousing.

Of the BrantJobs postings about 13% were professional jobs, and about 24% were vacancies posted by staffing agencies. The average hourly wage for postings was \$15.41.

[BrantJobs](#) is a service of the City of Brantford and County of Brant, providing a broad range of employment solutions to local employers and jobseekers. The [Workforce Planning Board](#) is one of 26 non-profit organizations in Ontario that play a leadership role in labour force planning.