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BRANTFORD'S JOBLESS RATE DECLINES IN JUNE

BRANTFORD (July 11, 2014) – Brantford's jobless rate fell in June, bucking the national trend.

June's local seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.7%, down from 7.2% in May, according to Statistics Canada figures released Friday.

About 400 fewer people reported they were unemployed when surveyed last month by the federal agency. The number of people listed as employed remained the same, at 68,700 people, and the employment rate was virtually unchanged.

Canada's jobless rate climbed to 7.1% in June, up one-tenth of a percentage point. Statistics Canada reported mixed news. About 33,500 full-time positions were created, but 43,000 part-time jobs disappeared, for a net loss of more than 9,000 jobs. Ontario's unemployment rate stood still at 7.4%.

"Over the last six months we've seen many positive signs in the local job market," said Jill Halyk, executive director of the Workforce Planning Board of Grand Erie. "Since January, the number of people working has climbed, and the percentage of people participating in the job market has improved. But there are still many people who need help out there."

BrantJobs posted 431 jobs in June, up slightly from May and up 21% from June 2013. About half of all jobs posted were permanent and full-time, which is considered a positive sign.

The top three job categories for postings have remained consistent for the last year, with jobs in Manufacturing, Processing and Utilities leading the way (31% of all posting). This is followed by Sales and Retail (18% of postings) and Trades and Equipment Operators (13%).

Statistics Canada's figures for Brantford in June showed increased employment management, health care and industry.

[BrantJobs](#) is a service of the City of Brantford and County of Brant, providing a broad range of employment solutions to local employers and job seekers. The [Workforce Planning Board](#) is one of 25 non-profit organizations in Ontario that play a leadership role in labour force planning.

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Note: Statistics Canada's monthly Labour Force Survey provides estimates of employment and unemployment, based on a sampling of households in communities.