

Central Ontario

Key Statistics (2019)

Population (Thousands)	2,473
Population share of Ontario	17.0%
Employment (Thousands)	1,276
Employment share of Ontario	17.1%
Median age	41.0



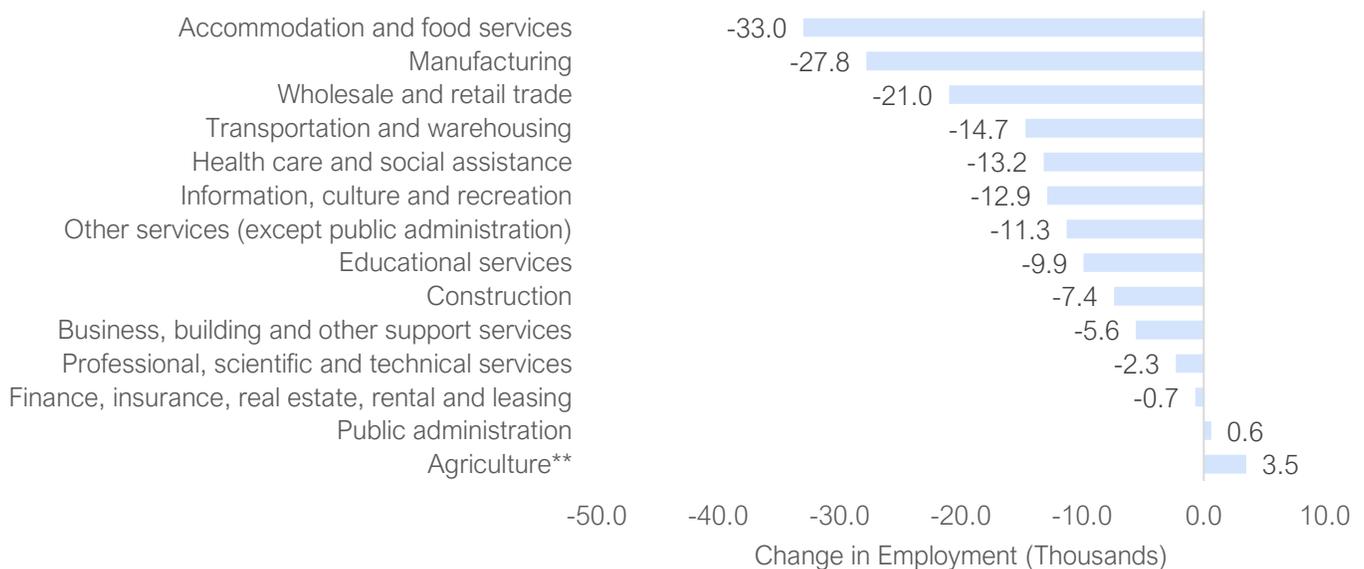
Top Five Industries by Employment (2019)

	 Wholesale and retail trade	 Manufacturing	 Health care and social assistance	 Educational services	 Construction
Employment	197,400	171,000	159,000	105,600	101,600
(Share of Total Employment)	(15.5%)	(13.4%)	(12.5%)	(8.3%)	(8.0%)

Key Labour Market Indicators

	2018	2019	2020					Feb to May 2020
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	
Employment Change (Thousands)	1.5	31.4	-4.9	5.0	-20.7	-56.9	-69.9	-147.5 (-11.4%)
Unemployment Rate (Per Cent)	5.4	5.0	5.1	5.1	6.1	8.3	11.0	5.9
Participation Rate (Per Cent)	65.9	66.2	66.1	66.3	65.9	64.3	62.4	-3.9

Industry Breakdown of Job Losses During the Pandemic (February to May 2020)*



*Not seasonally adjusted.

**Includes Hamilton, St. Catharines-Niagara, and Brantford only.

Source: Statistics Canada and FAO.