

Workforce Focus

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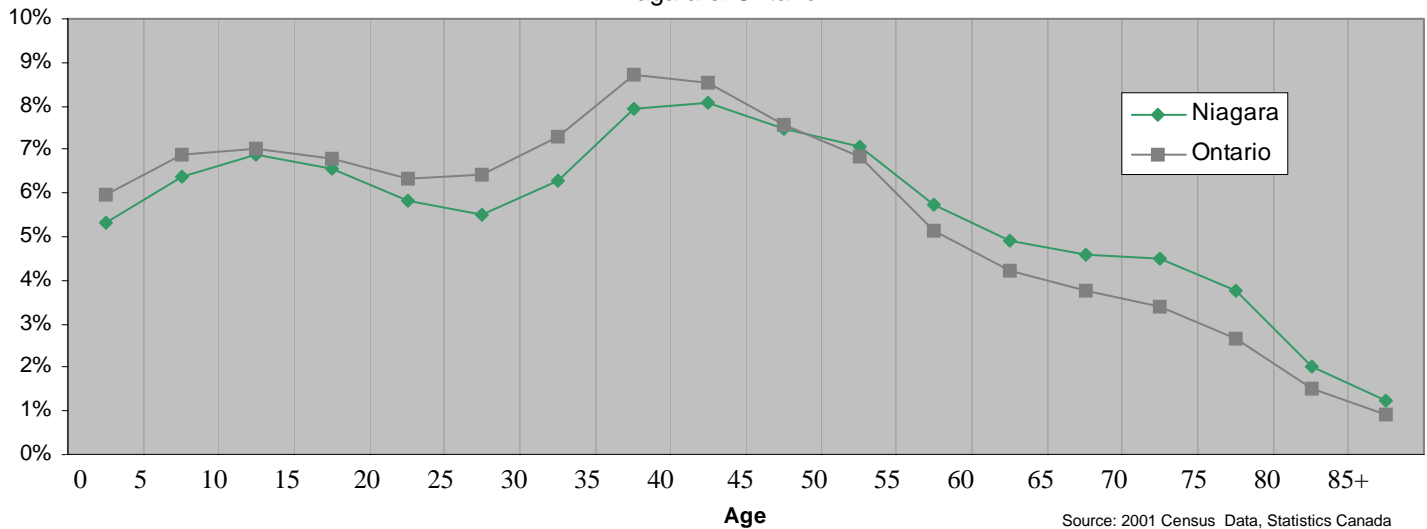
A profile of the
Niagara Region
workforce

Size of Niagara's workforce: **210,360**

Share of Ontario's workforce: **3.5%**

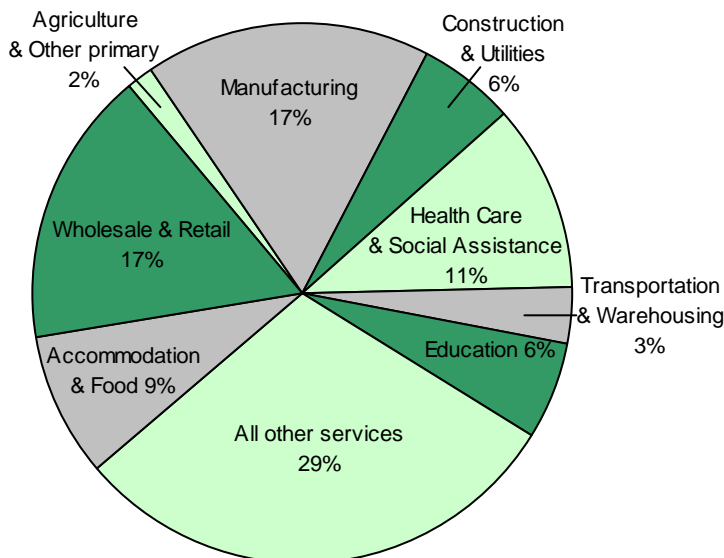
Population Distributions

Niagara & Ontario



Employment by Sector

St. Catharines-Niagara
Census Metropolitan Area, 2005



A Slightly Older Population

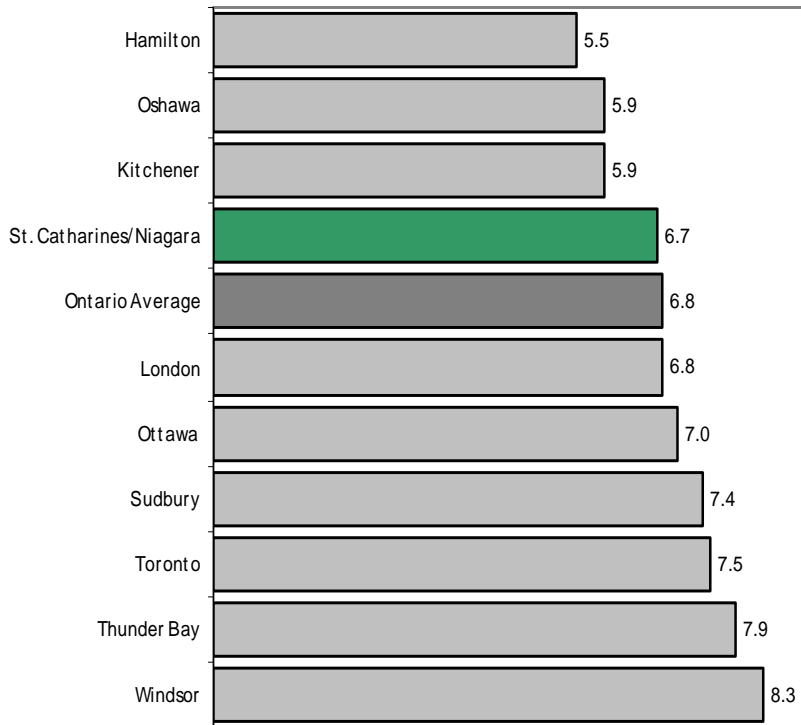
The shape of Niagara's population follows the normal boom-bust-echo pattern, but is slightly further aged than the provincial average. The provincial population will look more like the Niagara Region in five years time. The share of Niagara's population under the age of 50 is less than the provincial average, and subsequently a greater share than average is over 50.

Where Niagara Works

Some regional strengths are reflected in the composition of Niagara's workforce. Accommodation and food services employ nearly 3% more people per workforce than the provincial average, while health care and social services employs just over a percent more than average. After these, the composition of Niagara's workforce is quite similar to Ontario's as a whole. 28.4% of the workforce is employed in the goods producing sector, and 72.6% in the service sector.

Unemployment Rates for Census Metropolitan Areas

June 2005



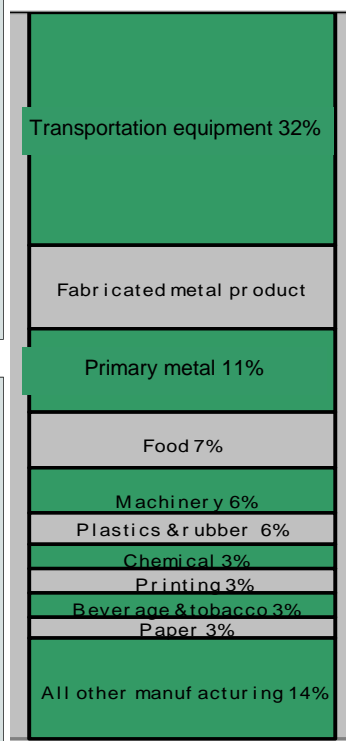
Source: 2005 Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada

Industrial Composition

Manufacturing employment share

Lower Unemployment
The unemployment rate for the Niagara region was less than that of the province, and a majority of the census metropolitan areas this past summer.

Industrial Strengths
The greatest share of the regions manufacturing jobs are in the production of transportation equipment at 32%, while two levels of metal production make up 23%.



Source: 2001 Census Data, Statistics Canada

Educational Attainments

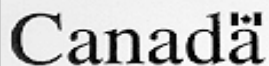
% distributions by select highest education level obtained in Niagara

Source: 2001 Census Data, Statistics Canada

* The first number is for Niagara; the number in brackets represents Ontario.	Visible Minorities	Aboriginal Peoples	French	Recent Immigrants (1996-2001)	All Females	All Males
Less than Grade 9	28% (27)	39% (42)	43% (33)	23% (23)	32% (29)	32% (28)
Secondary School Graduation	11% (13)	15% (12)	16% (15)	10% (12)	18% (16)	15% (13)
Trades Certificate	2% (2)	3% (4)	5% (4)	3% (2)	2% (2)	6% (5)
College Diploma	22% (20)	30% (28)	23% (25)	21% (14)	29% (27)	28% (26)
University Degree or Higher	39% (38)	13% (13)	14% (23)	43% (50)	19% (27)	20% (29)

Comparing Credentials

Educational attainments in this region differ significantly from provincial patterns in several areas (highlighted by shaded areas). The french population, all females, and all males, have a greater than average share without grade nine, and a lesser share with university degrees. Recent immigrants to the area have a much greater share of college diplomas, though less university degrees.



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