

Labour Force:

Highly skilled *and* educated

Oakville's highly-skilled labour force is a key reason businesses choose to invest in our thriving community. Approximately 79% of the population ages 25 – 64 has some form of post-secondary education – 13 percentage points higher than the provincial average. While manufacturing expertise has long been a strength in Oakville, we are now experiencing a surge in workers with backgrounds in professional or business services, real estate, finance and insurance, and health care.

Located in the economic heart of the Greater Toronto Area, Oakville businesses can also draw on the increasingly increasingly mobile Greater Toronto and Hamilton area workforce of over 3.5 million.

Oakville's Labour Force Estimates

Participation Rate - 69.2%
Unemployment rate - 7.1%
Population 15 years and over - 159,164
Total employed - 102,271
In the labour force - 110,067

Employment by Industry

Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting - 237
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction - 303
Utilities - 855
Construction - 4,409
Manufacturing - 9,094
Wholesale trade - 7,001

Retail trade - 11,459
Transportation and warehousing - 3,984
Information and cultural industries - 3,247
Finance and insurance - 11,080
Real estate and rental and leasing - 2,911
Professional, scientific and technical services - 13,591
Management of companies and enterprises - 288
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services - 3,978
Educational services - 7,974
Health care and social assistance - 9,051
Arts, entertainment and recreation - 2,163
Accommodation and food services - 6,449
Other services (except public administration) - 4,598
Public administration - 5,292

Sheridan college enhances local labour force skills.

The Oakville campus of Sheridan College, including its world renowned digital animation program, enhances the labour force skills available to local businesses. Sheridan is a world leader in training the digital media innovators of tomorrow. Its digital animation program, recently ranked #1 in the world by Animation Career Review, has launched many prominent careers, while breaking new ground in the entertainment, advertising and gaming industries.

Education

Total population aged 25 – 64 - 104,742
No certificate, diploma or degree - 4,412
High school graduate - 17,050
Apprenticeship or trade - 4,303
College certificate or diploma - 21,203
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level - 6,134
University certificate, diploma or degree - 51,640

Data Source: Environics Analytics 2015 Estimates

For Oakville residents, lifestyle choices abound in our community. Located on the Lake Ontario shoreline, the downtown area features both historic and modern architecture with buildings that house over four hundred fine shops, services and restaurants.

Visitors and residents alike are delighted with the range of business opportunities, health services, cultural activities, shopping and both public and private schools.

New residents have a great selection in housing, which covers every income bracket - from heritage homes and luxury condos, to contemporary residences and waterfront properties.



With theatres, festivals, galleries, over 2,400 acres (972 hectares) of parkland and more than 20 golf courses nearby, you'll never run out of options for leisure and recreation.

Resources

We're here to help. For more resources, click on any of the links below.

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