

July 2018 Labour Force Survey

Metrics for Sault Ste. Marie

Each month Statistics Canada releases Labour Force Estimate Census Agglomeration data for Sault Ste. Marie. The Labour Force Survey estimates are based on a sample, and are therefore subject to sampling variability.

Sault Ste. Marie	July 2018	July 2017	July 2016
Population ('000)	66.6	66.7	67.1
Labour force ('000)	42.0	37.8	38.7
Employed ('000)	39.8	35.7	36.0
Unemployed ('000)	2.2	2.1	2.6
Not in labour force	24.5	28.8	28.4
Participation rate	63.1	56.7	57.7
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.6	6.7
Employment rate	59.8	53.5	53.7

Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada

Population for the purpose of the Labour Force Survey, defines the number of people 15 years of age and over.

Labour Force is the total number people who are employed or actively looking for employment.

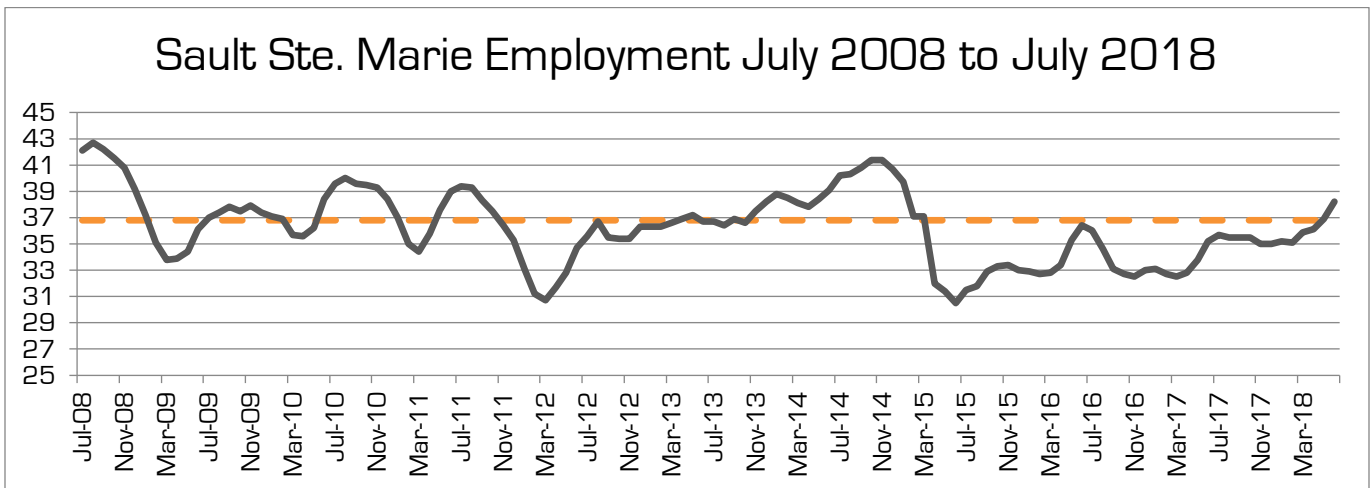
Participation rate is the number of employed and unemployed as a percentage of the population. People who are not included in the participation rate are those who do not work or cannot work (students, homemakers, incarcerated people, and retirees).

Unemployment rate is the measure of people actively searching for work who cannot find any divided by the number of people in the labour force. Unemployment can be further broken down into voluntary (searching for other means of employment) or involuntary (fired or laid off).

Employment rate is the number of employed persons as a percentage of the population that are 15 years of age or over.

What can we tell from the Employment Numbers?

With more people searching for work, the unemployment rate increased to 5.2%, up 0.5 percentage points from June. Employment rose by 1,600 in July from June. On a year-over-year basis, employment has increased 4,100.



With a steady increase in employment in the area and a lower unemployment rate, employers may find it challenging to find available or qualified workers in specific industries.