

# June 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	June 2018	June 2017	June 2016
Population ('000)	66.6	66.7	67.1
Labour force ('000)	40.1	37.1	39.3
Employed ('000)	38.2	35.2	36.4
Unemployed ('000)	1.9	1.9	2.8
Not in labour force	26.5	29.6	27.8
Participation rate	60.2	55.6	58.6
Unemployment rate	4.7	5.1	7.1
Employment rate	57.4	52.8	54.2

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.

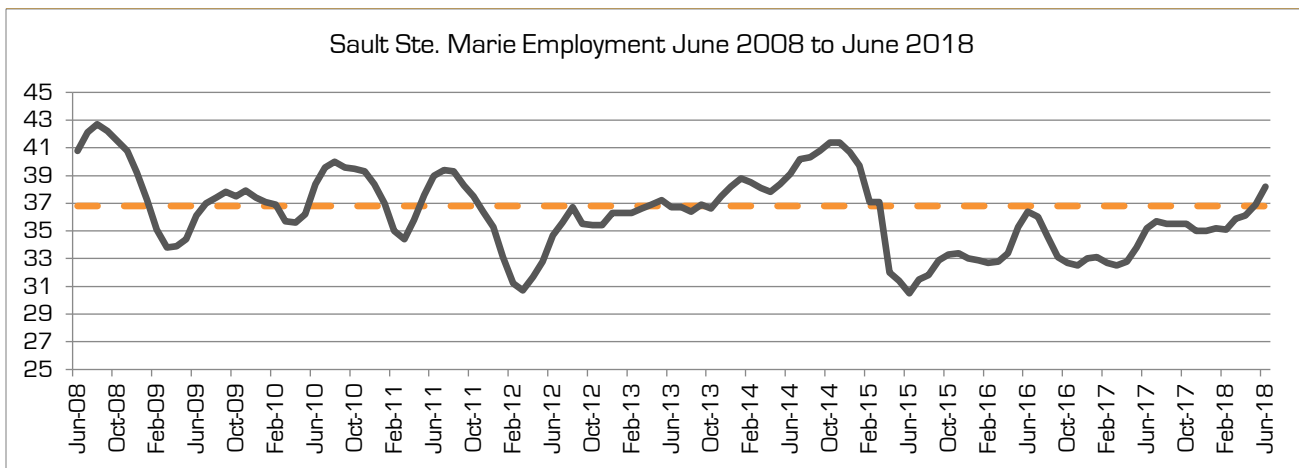
**Participation rate** is the number of employed and unemployed as a percentage of the population. People who are not included in the participation rate are those who do not work or cannot work (students, homemakers, incarcerated people, and retirees).

**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?

Sault Ste. Marie's unemployment in June 2018 was 4.7%. Unemployment has not been in this range since November 2017 and December 2014. You can see by the chart below that employment is above the city's 20-year average of approximately 36,800 jobs (38,200).



Since we are in a cycle of low unemployment, from an employer perspective this could potentially mean that it can be a challenge to find resources. This also means that employers will compete with other employers for resources.

