

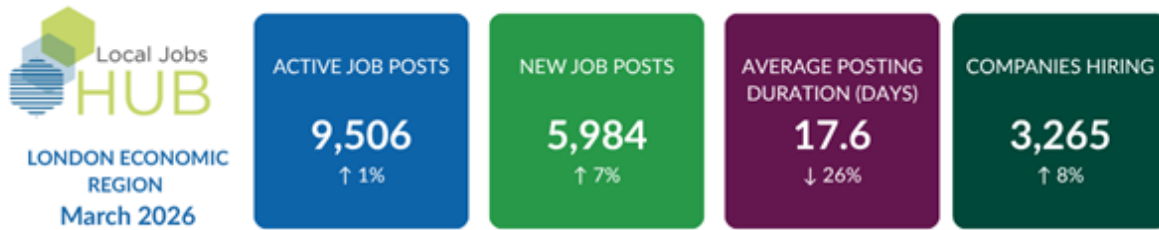
## Monthly Activity Update – (April 2026)

Prepared for the Economic Development Advisory Committee

Project Name/Reference	Status
Bridge Street Re-Imagining Task Force	Sep 22, 2025 direction from Council to salvage portions of historical bridge. Design for placement underway. Report back to Council on asset mgmt. being prepared for April 23 meeting
Boundary Adjustment	Current Status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deferred by Council until report on Town Committees brought forward by the Clerk's Dept</li> </ul>
Future Industrial Growth/Phase 2 VIP	Hwy 3 Environmental Assessment underway with Dillon Consulting with Notice circulated on April 10)  Draft Plan comments received from County Planning and being responded to.  Available lands being marketed at: <a href="https://www.loopnet.ca/Listing/Innovation-Way-Tillsonburg-ON/38703854">https://www.loopnet.ca/Listing/Innovation-Way-Tillsonburg-ON/38703854</a> The LoopNet marketing campaign is being supported by a Google Search/retargeting campaign. To date, Lead Files opened are double Q1 target.
31 Earle St Property	Excess Lands – County RFP closes April 1, 2026 with proposals under review  Building Portion of Lands – Offer to purchase being negotiated
Job Market Pulse  <a href="#">Tillsonburg Jobs Data</a>	Summary of the jobs available in Tillsonburg and Oxford for March 2026:  292 Active Job Posts (up 9%), 178 New Job Posts (up 7%), 134 Companies Hiring (up 10%). Mostly full-time and permanent.  Top Sectors Hiring: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Limited Service Eating Places</li> <li>2. Other motor vehicle parts mfg</li> <li>3. Employment placement agencies</li> <li>4. Pharmacies and drug stores</li> <li>5. Supermarkets and other grocery</li> </ol>

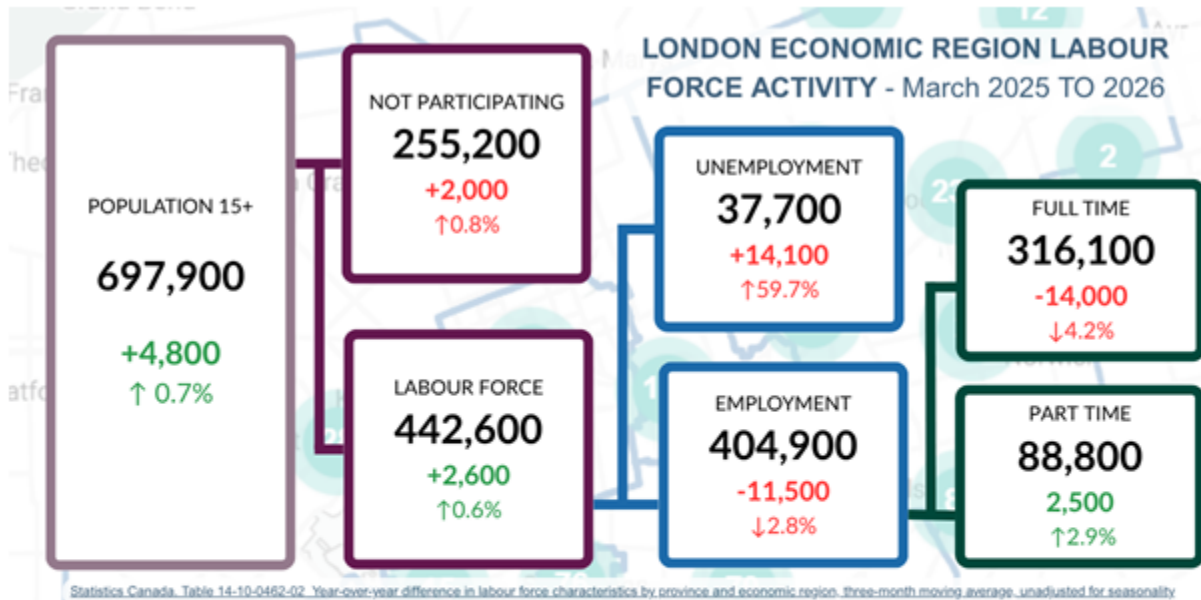
<p><a href="#">Oxford Jobs Data</a></p>	<p>Top hiring companies are: Rural Road Health Services (hospital), Shoppers Drug Mart, Marwood, Community Living Tillsonburg, Soprema Canada</p> <p>1,560 Active Job Posts (18%) with 939 New Job Posts (up 7%) and 683 Companies Hiring (up 11%).</p> <p>Top Sectors Hiring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment Placement agencies</li> <li>• Limited service eating places</li> <li>• Supermarkets and other grocery</li> <li>• Full service restaurants</li> <li>• All other miscellaneous retailers</li> </ul> <p>Top hiring companies are: Rural Road Health Services, Marwood, VDK Group, ArcelorMittal, Laidlaw</p> <p>Note: Oxford County has a labour force of approximately 75,100 jobs so the County's October job vacancy rate is estimated at 2.1%</p>
<p>Key Meetings/Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Client visits (BM*x2, Dund**, Rev'n)</li> <li>• Business Retention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wellmaster</li> </ul> </li> <li>• EmployerOne Survey Results</li> <li>• Chamber BA5 – Garden Gate, Six After 5</li> <li>• Invest Ontario Town Hall</li> <li>• Invest Canada Partner Meeting</li> <li>• Downtown BIA Board Meeting</li> <li>• Affordable/Attainable Housing Committee</li> <li>• Oxford Career Expo</li> <li>• Physician Tour</li> <li>• Oxford Connection/MP Khanna Economic Development Update</li> <li>• Western Ontario Warden's Caucus – Economic Dev't Committee</li> </ul>

## Workforce Planning & Development Board Statistics (March 2026)



Jobs available on the Local Jobs Hub experienced a modest 1% increase to 9,506 jobs. There was a decrease in job posts duration indicating jobs are being filled quicker and the job market is becoming more competitive.

Considering the twelve month trends, Manufacturing and Information & Cultural Industry sectors experienced the most growth with 24% more jobs postings from the previous twelve month period. While Healthcare jobs decreased 9% from the previous twelve months, but remains in the top five sectors with 11,458 jobs.



The year over year comparisons provide long-term figures and contextualize the monthly statistics. In March LER continues to experience a slow down in population growth leading to a modest increase of 4,800. Labour force participation increased by 2,600 people, slightly larger than the 2,000 exiting the labour force.

While the unemployed population continues to increase, the number of people employed continues to drop, driving an increase in the unemployment rate to 8.5%.