

An overview of the Northeast Ontario Economic Region. It includes the census division of Greater Sudbury and the districts of Nipissing, Parry Sound, Manitoulin, Sudbury, Timiskaming, Cochrane and Algoma. The Labour Market Monitor is a monthly report focusing on labour market information produced by Ontario Region, Service Canada Labour Market and Socio-Economic Information Directorate. For further information contact:
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Labour Force Trends

Employment in the Northeast Ontario economic region increased by 2,300 from June 2010 to June 2011. All job gains were in full-time employment (+4,200), partially offset by losses in part-time employment. This rise in employment caused the employment rate to increase by 0.6 percentage points year-over-year to 57.0%. During this period, the number of unemployed people fell (-1,100), lowering the unemployment rate from 9.1% in June 2010 to 8.7% in June 2011. Over the same period, the provincial unemployment rate declined from 8.8% to 7.9%.

For more information, please visit the Statistics Canada website at:
<http://www40.statcan.gc.ca/l01/cst01/lfs05d-eng.htm>

Labour Market News by Industry

Construction

Finlandia Village in Sudbury received \$6.9 million in funding from the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program to start the second phase of construction on the senior housing this month. The new housing complex, which will house a common eating area, housekeeping services and access to health-care professionals, will create approximately 190

construction jobs. The estimated completion date is December 2012.

Miller Paving Ltd. was awarded a \$6.9-million contract from the Government of Ontario to make improvements to Highway 11 near Kirkland Lake. The project, which includes replacing the White Clay River Bridge, will create 50 jobs. Construction is expected to be completed in 2013.

The Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board received \$14.6 million in funding from the Government of Ontario for extensive renovations to the St. Patrick Elementary School in Sault Ste. Marie. The infrastructure upgrades, which began this month, will allow for the consolidation of St. Hubert, Sister Mary Clare, St. Mark and St. Patrick schools and create 36 jobs. The new school, to be named Holy Cross, is expected to open in September.

A modern Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) forensic identification unit is being constructed in South Porcupine. The new centre, which will be completed by September 2012, is expected to create 50 local construction jobs.

Pioneer Construction Inc. was awarded a \$5.3-million contract from the Government of Ontario to resurface 23 kilometres of Highway 6 on Manitoulin Island. The project, which is expected to be completed by October 2011, will create 38 jobs.

Manitoulin Island received \$2.7 million from the Government of Ontario through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) to fund seven projects across the island. The projects, which include improvements to the airport, Gore Bay Wharf Centre, Meldrum Bay waterfront and construction of a new business centre and manufacturing facility, will create 27 jobs.

A nurse practitioner clinic in Capreol is being constructed. The Capreol Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic is expected to start admitting patients in

the fall. Once operational, the clinic will employ nurse practitioners, registered nurses, social workers and a pharmacist.

Manufacturing

Olav Haavaldsrud Timber Company Ltd. of Hornepayne accepted a wood supply offer from the Government of Ontario, protecting 100 existing jobs. The wood allocation will be used to expand lumber and residual wood production.

Jennmar Corporation, a U.S. based manufacturer, received a \$1.76-million loan from the Government of Ontario to start production of specialized materials used to reinforce underground mine and tunnel roofs in Sturgeon Falls. The provincial contribution will help create 80 jobs.

Niska North Inc. accepted a wood supply offer from the Province that will create 27 jobs and secure 19 existing jobs. The Chapleau sawmill will purchase new equipment as a result of the wood allocation.

Rosko Forestry Operations Ltd. in Kirkland Lake accepted a wood supply offer from the Government of Ontario. The offer will be used to

expand its operations. About 24 jobs will be created and an additional 24 current jobs will be protected.

Public Administration

Greater Sudbury received \$100,000 in funding from the NOHFC to help host the Canadian Francophone Games that will take place in July. The games are expected to bring 1,200 participants and approximately 30,000 spectators to the region. About 23 jobs will be created.

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