

# News Release

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## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CONTINUES A SLOW RISE

**Walkerton, ON** (October 6, 2017) – The September unemployment rate for the Stratford-Bruce Peninsula economic region inched up a little higher from 3.4% to 3.8%, while the unemployment rate for the province dropped slightly from 6.3% to 6.0%.

Employment in the local economic region increased by 5,000 in September with the majority (+3,100) of the gains in full-time employment. Part-time work increased by 1,900 positions.

Employment in both the Goods-producing (+3,600) and Services-producing sectors (+1,400) saw increases in September. Every industry in the Goods-producing sector, except for Forestry, fishing, quarrying, oil and gas for which there were no statistics, with Construction (+1,900) and Agriculture (+1,200).

The Services-producing sector was led by increases in Health care and social assistance (+1,500) and Transportation and warehousing (+1,200), while Accommodation and food services and Public administration both lost (-700).

Favourable employment news includes upcoming construction on the new Hanover Veterinary Hospital. The 4900-sq- ft. expansion is expected to create future job opportunities when completed in spring 2018.

Grey Bruce Health Services welcomed 12 new physicians to the area.

Delmar Foods, a condiment manufacturer, will open a facility at the site of the former Kraft Heinz Co. factory in St. Marys this fall. Twelve employees were hired with the potential for future employment opportunities.

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**Note:** Statistics Canada's monthly Labour Force Survey provides estimates of employment and unemployment, based on a sampling of households in communities. Stratford-Bruce Peninsula figures represent a three-month moving average, unadjusted for seasonality.