

# CENSUS 2001 BULLETIN

## Peel's Labour Force Activity

This bulletin examines labour force data from the 2001 Census for Peel and its area municipalities.

In 2001, Peel's total labour force 15 years of age and over was 564,190. The participation rate<sup>1</sup> in Peel was 73.5%, down from 77.0% in 1991. Amongst men, the rate declined from 83.7% in 1991 to 79.3% in 2001, while women's participation in the labour force fell from 70.4% to 67.9%. The National participation rate in 2001 was 72.7% for men and 60.5% for women.

Because the participation rate has been dropping more slowly for women than for men, women now make up a greater proportion of the labour force than in the past. In 1991, women made up 46.1% of the labour force and by 2001 this had increased to 47.2%.

In 1996, the most popular job groups for persons in Peel were business, finance and administration (24.8%), sales and service (23.2%) and transportation, transport and equipment operators (13.8%). In 2001, the top occupation groups remained the same, but their percentages of the labour force had changed. Business, finance and administration decreased to 22.6% while sales and service dropped to 20.6%. Meanwhile, transportation, transport and equipment operators increased during the same time period to 14.9% of the total labour force.

Similar to GTA-wide and National trends, a greater proportion of Peel's male labour force is employed in the transportation industry than was the case five years ago. Women in Peel are also following National trends in that they have seen growth in all classifications of managerial positions.

Unemployment rates in Peel were considerably lower in 2001 (5.1%) than in 1991 (7.8%). The National unemployment rate in 2001 was 7.4% as compared to 10.2% in 1991.

In 2001, 5.3% (28,360) of Peel residents reported that they worked at home. This was up from 4.5% in 1991. Growth in work at home numbers was greater amongst women than men.

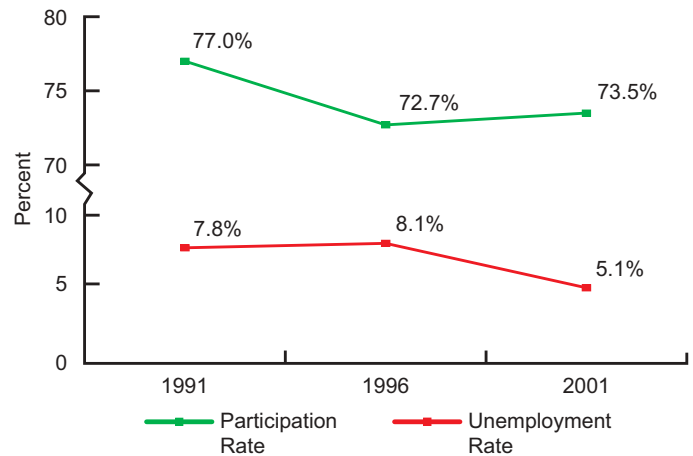
Self-employment (including both incorporated and unincorporated) rose from 7.4% to 9.7% of the labour force in Peel between 1991 and 2001. In 2001, only 6.4% of women were self employed, as compared to 12.6% of men. This difference has remained virtually unchanged since 1991.

New in the 2001 Census is a question about languages used at work. Of those reporting speaking a single language at work, English accounted for the vast majority at 98.8%. However, 6,540 persons reported speaking a language other than English at work. Punjabi was the second most common language at work with 1,730 persons, followed by Chinese<sup>2</sup> (1,205), Portuguese (545) and French (530).

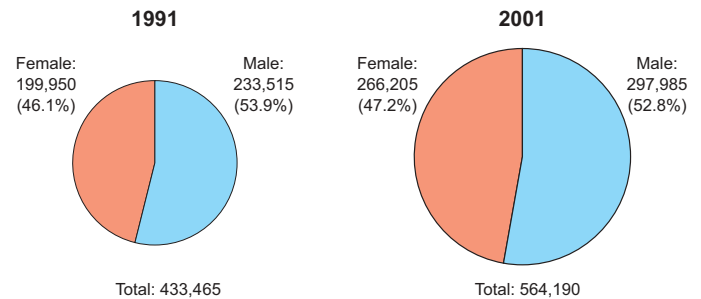
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### Unemployment & Participation Rates in Peel 1991, 1996 & 2001



### Peel's Labour Force by Gender, 1991 & 2001



### Peel's Labour Force by Occupation 1996 & 2001

	1996		2001	
	Total	% of All Occupations	Total	% of All Occupations
Total labour force 15 years and over by occupation	476,445		564,190	
Occupation - Not applicable <sup>3</sup>	13,930		6,400	
All occupations	462,515		557,790	
Management	50,415	10.9%	69,820	12.5%
Business, finance and administration	114,550	24.8%	126,150	22.6%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	26,890	5.8%	42,505	7.6%
Health	15,785	3.4%	19,525	3.5%
Social science, education, government service and religion	22,915	5.0%	32,020	5.7%
Art, culture, recreation and sport	9,190	2.0%	11,275	2.0%
Sales and service	107,305	23.2%	114,885	20.6%
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	63,975	13.8%	82,975	14.9%
Primary industry	4,215	0.9%	4,945	0.9%
Processing, manufacturing and utilities	47,275	10.2%	53,690	9.6%

<sup>1</sup> The 'Participation Rate' for a particular group is the labour force in that group, expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over, in that group.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Cantonese, Mandarin, and Chinese not otherwise specified.

<sup>3</sup> 'Occupation - Not Applicable' includes unemployed persons 15 years and over who have never worked for pay or in self-employment or who had last worked prior to January 1, 2000 only.

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## Area Municipal Distinctions:

In 2001, among the area municipalities, Caledon had the highest participation rate (76.9%). Brampton (74.8%) and Mississauga (72.6%) were close behind. This breakdown was slightly different in 1991 when Brampton (78.4%) had a marginally higher participation rate than Caledon (77.3%) and Mississauga (76.3%).

As in Peel, women have been making up an increasing portion of the labour force in all of the area municipalities.

The top two occupational groups in 2001 in Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon were the same as in Peel as a whole (business finance and administrative services and sales and service occupations). Management occupations were third in Mississauga and Caledon, although they were only slightly ahead of transport and equipment operators in both cases. In Brampton, as in Peel, transportation and equipment operators ranked third.

In 1991, the top three occupational groups for all three area municipalities were the same as in Peel: business finance and administrative services, sales and service occupations and transport and equipment operators.

Among the area municipalities in 2001, unemployment rates ranged from 3.3% in Caledon to 5.3% in Mississauga. In every case, unemployment rates are lower than they were in 1991 and 1996.

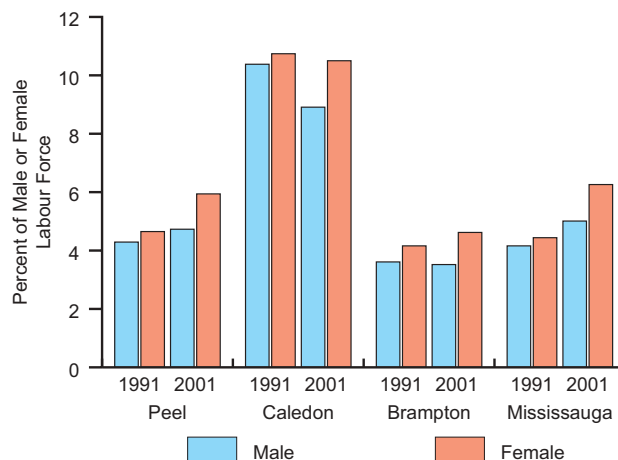
Work at home percentages increased in the last decade for both Brampton and Mississauga, while Caledon, which had the largest percentage of their labour force working at home in both 1991 (10.5%) and 2001 (9.6%), saw a slight decline. In all three municipalities, a greater percentage of women than men worked at home in 2001.

The percentage of the labour force engaged in self employment was highest in Caledon in both 2001 (15.8%) and 1991 (13.7%). Mississauga was a close second in both time periods.

## Unemployment and Participation Rates in Peel 1991, 1996 & 2001

	1991	1996	2001
<b>Caledon</b>			
Participation rate	77.3	74.5	76.9
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.2	3.3
<b>Brampton</b>			
Participation rate	78.4	74.3	74.8
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.0	5.1
<b>Mississauga</b>			
Participation rate	76.3	71.9	72.6
Unemployment rate	7.9	8.3	5.3

## Peel's Work at Home Labour Force by Gender, 1991 & 2001



## Area Municipal Labour Force by Occupation 1996 & 2001

	Caledon				Brampton				Mississauga			
	Total	% of All Occupations	Total	% of All Occupations	Total	% of All Occupations	Total	% of All Occupations	Total	% of All Occupations	Total	% of All Occupations
<b>Total labour force 15 years and over by occupation</b>	<b>22,755</b>		<b>29,800</b>		<b>151,195</b>		<b>186,245</b>		<b>302,495</b>		<b>348,145</b>	
Occupation - Not applicable	320		130		3,970		1,980		9,640		4,295	
All occupations	22,435		29,670		147,230		184,270		292,850		343,850	
Management	3,245	14.5%	5,190	17.5%	13,070	8.9%	18,570	10.1%	34,100	11.6%	46,055	13.4%
Business, finance and administration	4,905	21.9%	6,210	20.9%	36,405	24.7%	41,875	22.7%	73,235	25.0%	78,065	22.7%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	1,135	5.1%	1,670	5.6%	7,460	5.1%	11,290	6.1%	18,290	6.2%	29,540	8.6%
Health	800	3.6%	880	3.0%	4,140	2.8%	5,375	2.9%	10,840	3.7%	13,275	3.9%
Social science, education, government service and religion	1,535	6.8%	2,130	7.2%	6,595	4.5%	9,610	5.2%	14,790	5.1%	20,280	5.9%
Art, culture, recreation and sport	475	2.1%	790	2.7%	2,635	1.8%	3,005	1.6%	6,085	2.1%	7,480	2.2%
Sales and service	4,765	21.2%	5,510	18.6%	32,825	22.3%	36,065	19.6%	69,720	23.8%	73,305	21.3%
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	3,270	14.6%	4,685	15.8%	23,530	16.0%	34,370	18.7%	37,165	12.7%	43,925	12.8%
Primary industry	965	4.3%	1,255	4.2%	1,390	0.9%	1,665	0.9%	1,860	0.6%	2,030	0.6%
Processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,330	5.9%	1,355	4.6%	19,180	13.0%	22,445	12.2%	26,770	9.1%	29,885	8.7%

Source: 2001 Census, Statistics Canada

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