

Workforce Focus

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Industrial Diversity

Urban economies with more diverse industrial bases are thought to be more stable and more dynamic. Because of this, increasing industrial diversity has been a goal of policy makers.

Source: Beckstead and Brown, 2003

**Top 5 Manufacturing Sectors
Elgin-Middlesex-Oxford, 2001**

	Employment	% of Workforce
Transportation equipment	17,810	6.1%
Food	5,765	2.0%
Fabricated metal products	4,950	1.7%
Machinery	3,760	1.3%
Plastics and rubber products	2,925	1.0%
All Manufacturing	52,010	17.8%

Source: 2001 Census Data, Statistics Canada

Skill Shortages

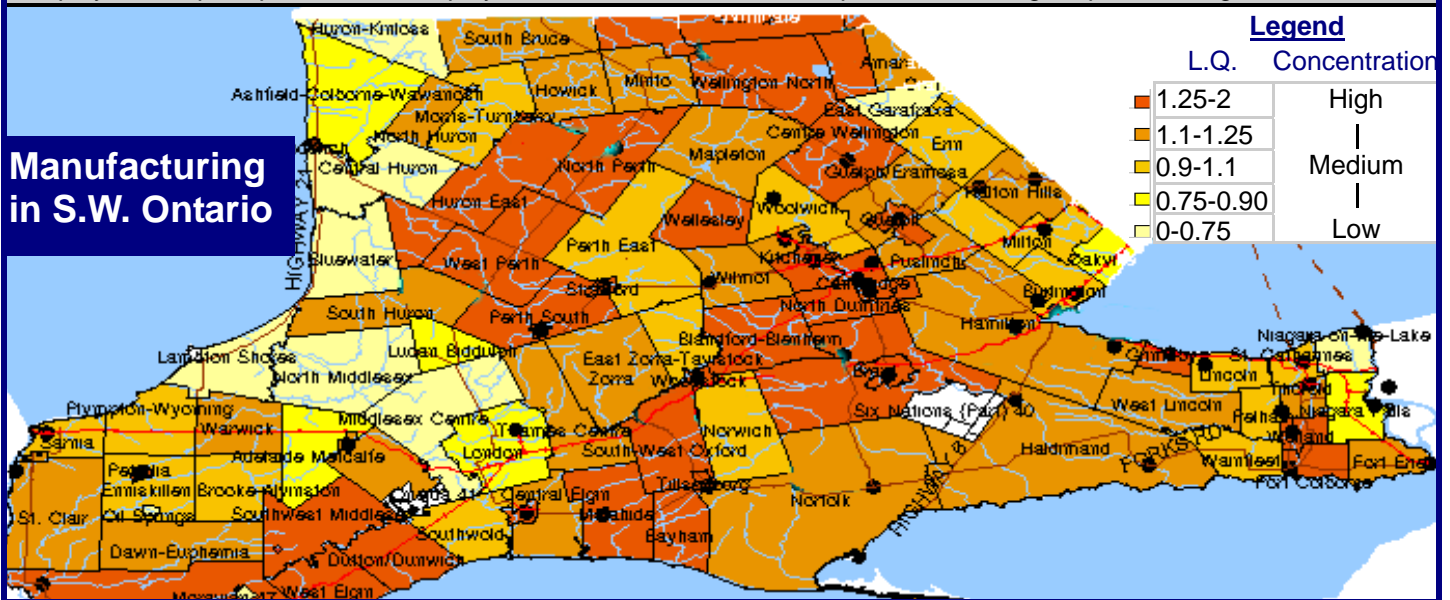
There is an emerging over-supply of basic labour but a growing shortage of highly skilled, technically savvy production workers. Shortages are less pronounced in Ontario than in other provinces and there are greater shortages of skilled workers in areas outside major urban centres.

Source: Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, 2005

Manufacturing Concentrations

Location Quotients (LQ) measure a regions concentration in a sector. They are calculated by dividing the percentage of local employment in a sector by the percentage of provincial employment in that sector. A L.Q. of 1.0 results if local % employment equals provincial % employment for a sector. On this map, the dark orange represents high concentration.

Manufacturing in S.W. Ontario



Source: Rural Economic Development and Intelligence, 2001 Census Data, Statistics Canada

Top Skill Shortages

Ontario Manufacturing, 2005

- Engineers
- Sales & Marketing
- Entry Level Production Workers
- Electricians

Source: Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, 2005

Manufacturers Need:

- People with a mix of creative problem-solving capabilities, technical know-how, business skills, and an ability to interact with colleagues and customers.
- Skilled trades are still relied on heavily, but in combination with other technical and business skills.
- People willing and able to continuously upgrade their knowledge and skills on a path of life-long learning.

Source: Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, 2005

Addressing labour needs

Top Manufacturers Strategies

- Upgrade skills of current workers
- Increase emphasis on recruiting qualified workers
- Automate to replace labour

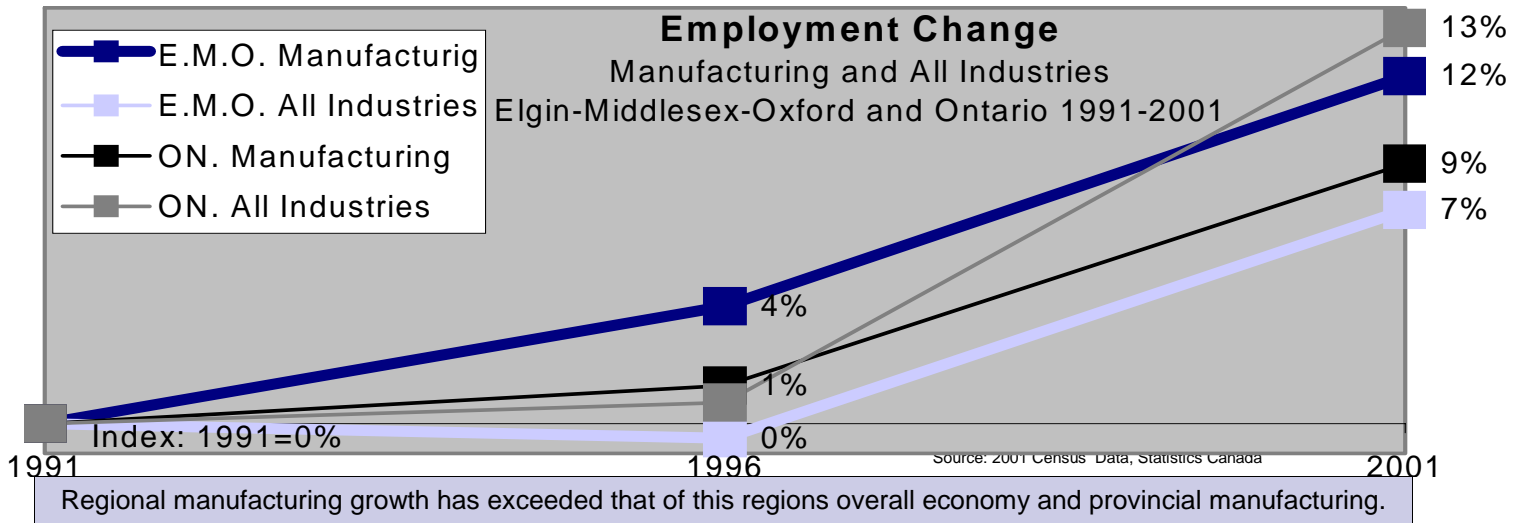
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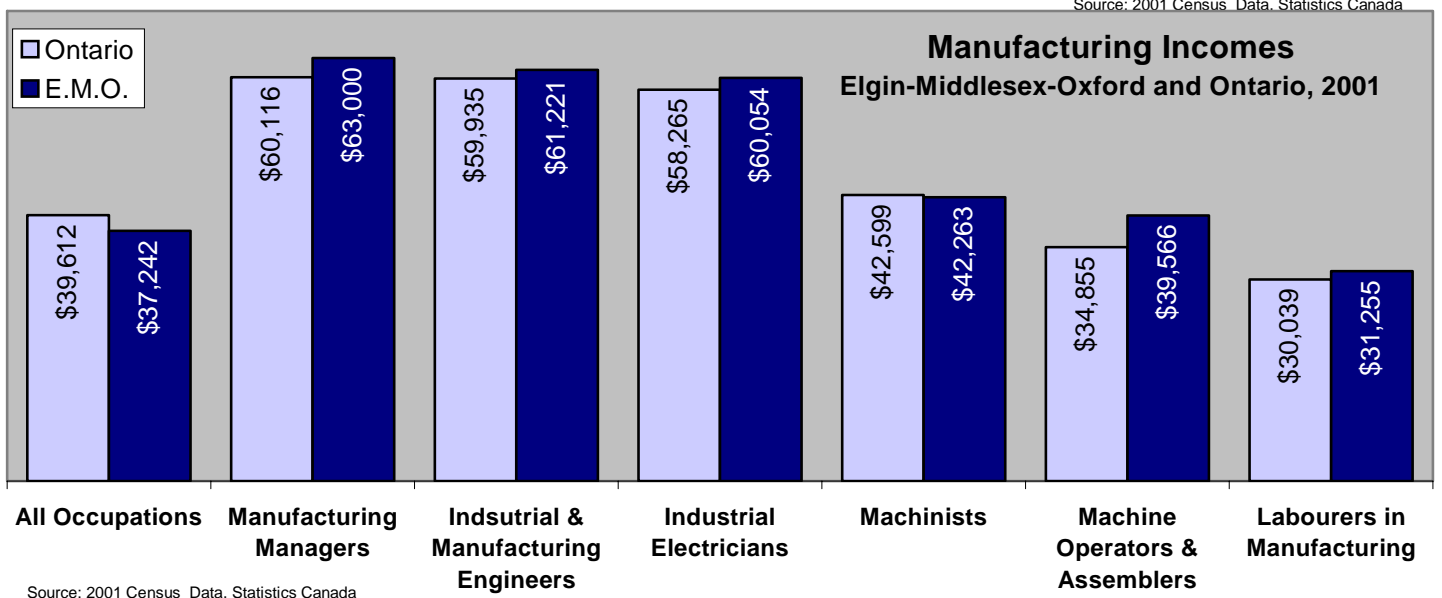


Manufacturing Educational Attainments

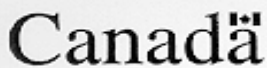
% distributions by highest education level obtained
Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, and Ontario 2001

	All Occupations	Manufacturing Managers	Industrial & Manufacturing Engineers	Industrial Electricians	Machinists	Machine Operators & Assemblers	Labourers in Manufacturing
* The first number is for this region; the number in brackets represents Ontario.							
No high school graduation	21% (19)	15% (14)	6% (3)	3% (4)	19% (17)	33% (36)	39% (42)
High school and/or some post-secondary	29% (27)	25% (24)	5% (8)	14% (12)	33% (27)	41% (36)	42% (37)
Trades certificate	3% (3)	3% (4)	6% (3)	8% (10)	11% (8)	3% (3)	2% (2)
College diploma	31% (29)	34% (32)	39% (30)	73% (70)	37% (43)	21% (19)	15% (14)
University degree	17% (22)	23% (26)	45% (57)	3% (4)	0% (4)	3% (6)	3% (5)

Source: 2001 Census Data, Statistics Canada



Most manufacturing occupations in this region pay better than the provincial median for that job.



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