

2023 Municipal Snapshot

FORT ERIE

A Supplement to the Annual Labour Market Report

POPULATION TRENDS

According to the 2021 Census, Fort Erie was home to 32,901 people. From 2016-2021, Fort Erie's population grew by 7.1%, welcoming 2,191 new residents (see **Table 1**). Men made up 48.9% of the population, while women accounted for 51.1% in 2021 (**Figure 1**).

Table 1: Population Count, Census 2016 vs. Census 2021

Fort Erie	2016	2021	Change 2016-2021	% Change 2016-2021
Total	30,710	32,901	2,191	7.1%

Figure 1: Population Breakdown, By Gender, Census 2016 vs. 2021

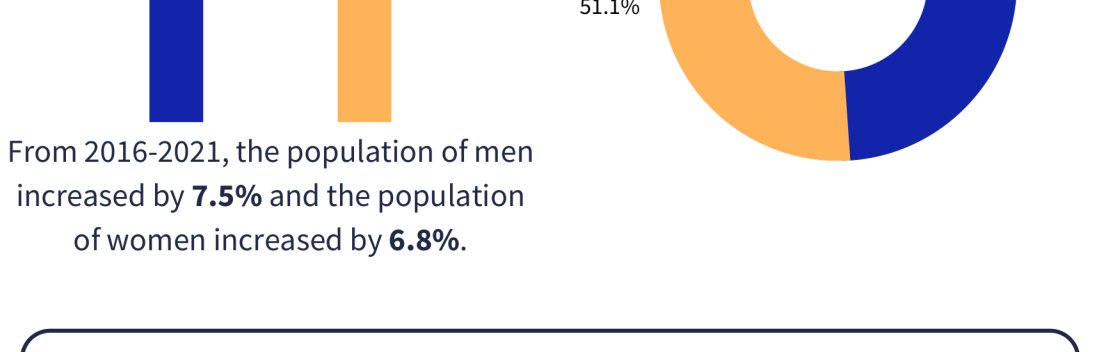


Table 2 presents Fort Erie's population by age group. All age groups increased between 2016 and 2021, except for the 15-24 age cohort which saw a decrease of 1.9%. The 65 and older age group experienced the largest increase (23%) followed by the 0-14 age cohort (3.4%).

Table 2: Population Changes By Age Group, Census 2016 vs. 2021

Age	2016	2021	% Change
0-14	4,260	4,405	3.4%
15-24	3,195	3,135	-1.9%
25-64	15,975	16,390	2.6%
65+	7,290	8,970	23.0%

INCOME

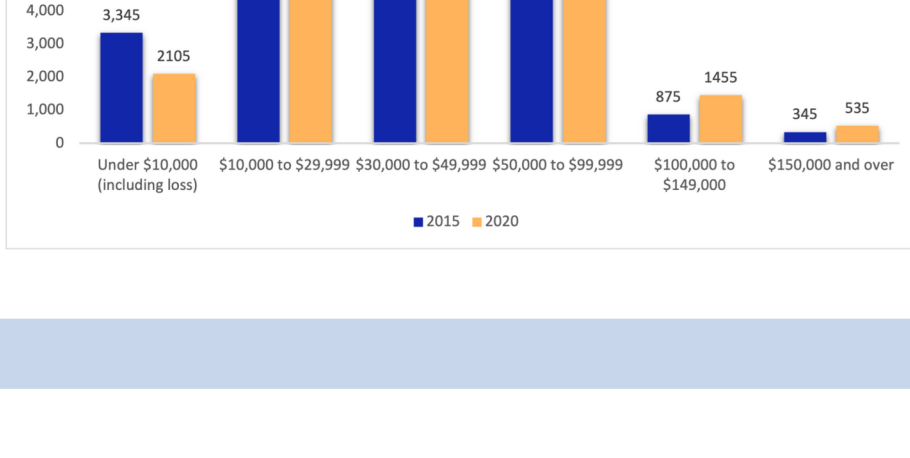
Table 3 shows the median total income for individuals living in Fort Erie for the year 2020. Women reported a median income of \$33,200 compared with \$43,200 for men.

Table 3: Median Total Income in 2020 Among Recipients

2020 Income		
Total	Men	Women
\$37,600	\$43,200	\$33,200

In 2020, the plurality of Fort Erie's residents was in the income group of \$10,000 to \$29,999, which decreased by 6% since 2015. The income group of \$100,000 to \$149,000 saw the largest percentage increase of 66% between 2015 and 2020, whereas the income group under \$10,000 saw a decrease of 37% (**Figure 2**).

Figure 2: Income Group Statistics



JOB DEMAND

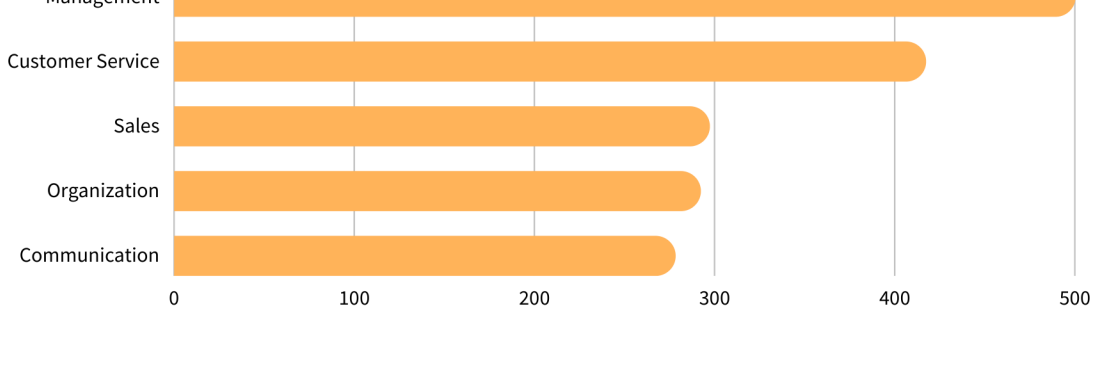
We estimate job demand through the aggregation of public-facing, online job postings. Between January 2023 and August 2023, there were **1,689 new job postings** listed in Fort Erie. The five most common occupations listed in Fort Erie's job postings are shown in **Figure 3**.

Figure 3: Top Five Occupations Found in Job Postings, Fort Erie



Figure 4 shows the most required skills across job postings between January 2023 and August 2023.

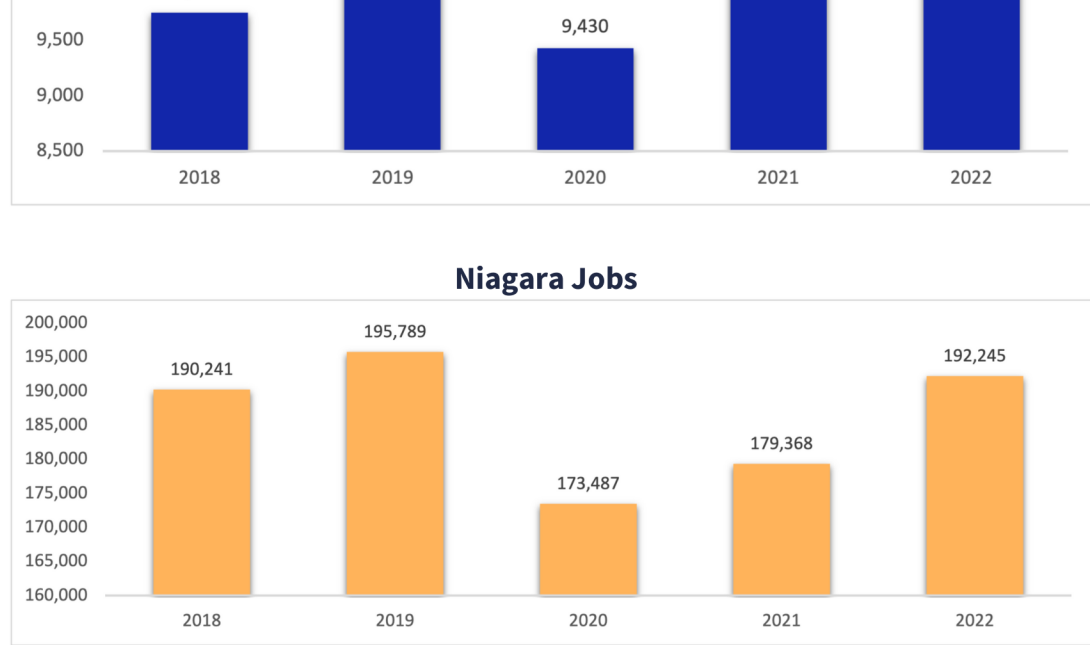
Figure 4: Top In-Demand Skills Based on Posting Count



JOBS PROFILE

In 2022, there were 10,809 jobs in Fort Erie, which represented 5.6% of all jobs in Niagara. Fort Erie saw an estimated increase of 720 jobs (or 7.1%), between 2021 and 2022. This level of job growth was slightly lower than the regional job growth of 7.2% during the same time (see **Figure 5**).

Figure 5: Number of Jobs in Fort Erie and Niagara Region, 2018-2022



INDUSTRY, OCCUPATIONS AND WAGES, 2022

Tables 4 and 5 present occupation and industry job counts, wages, and location quotients (LQ). An LQ greater than 1.0 indicates that an occupation/industry is more concentrated in Fort Erie relative to Ontario as a whole.

Table 4 shows the top occupations in Fort Erie by the number of jobs in 2022.

Table 4: Top 5 Occupations By Number of Jobs, 2-Digit NOC, Fort Erie, 2018-2022

Occupation	2018 Jobs	2022 Jobs	% Change	2022 LQ	Median Wages Per Job
Sales and service support occupations	1,210	1,356	12%	1.36	\$32,237
Sales and service representatives and other customer and personal services occupations	899	965	7%	1.09	\$41,150
Technical trades and transportation officers and controllers	752	919	22%	1.33	\$66,637
Professional occupations in law, education, social, community and government services	553	685	24%	0.85	\$89,053
Administrative and financial support and supply chain logistics occupations	558	522	-6%	0.91	\$46,532

Table 5 presents the top 5 largest industries in Fort Erie by number of jobs in 2022. These jobs make up 23.4% of all jobs in Fort Erie.

Table 5: Top 5 Industries By Number of Jobs, 4-Digit NAICS, Fort Erie, 2018-2022

Industry	2018 Jobs	2022 Jobs	% Change	2022 LQ	Average Wages Per Job
Full-service restaurants and limited-service eating places	770	927	20%	1.60	\$20,669
Elementary and secondary schools	416	510	23%	1.09	\$64,704
Other federal services (9112-9119)	365	397	9%	1.52	\$85,050
Freight transportation arrangement	388	359	-8%	11.88	\$64,412
Local, municipal and regional public administration	357	334	-7%	1.11	\$70,146

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