

Indicator 1: Number of Employers

Introduction: Central to local labour market planning is an understanding of the characteristics of area employers. The number of employers, the size of employers and changes in the number and size of employers over time affect employment levels and employment opportunities within a local labour market. Indicator 1 quantifies the number of employers by both employee size and 3-digit NAICS industry within a local labour market. Changes in employer characteristics over the 2003 to 2007 period are also identified.

**Profile Table 1A
Number of Employers by Employee Size Range
December 2003 to December 2007**

Employee Size Range	Number of Employers 2003	Number of Employers 2007	Absolute Change	Percent Change
0	16,720	17,658	+938	+5.6
1-4	5,754	6,203	+449	+7.8
5-9	1,963	2,262	+299	+15.2
10-19	1,328	1,380	+52	+3.9
20-49	967	863	-104	-10.8
50-99	333	297	-36	-10.8
100-199	166	154	-12	-7.2
200-499	52	56	+4	+7.7
500+	31	38	+7	+22.6
Total	27,314	28,911	+1,597	+5.8

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Business Patterns

**Profile Table 1B
Distribution of Employers by Employee Size Range
December 2003 to December 2007**

Employee Size Range	Number of Employers 2003	Distribution %	Number of Employers 2007	Distribution %
0	16,720	61.2	17,658	61.1
1-4	5,754	21.1	6,203	21.5
5-9	1,963	7.2	2,262	7.8
10-19	1,328	4.9	1,380	4.8
20-49	967	3.5	863	3.0
50-99	333	1.2	297	1.0
100-199	166	0.6	154	0.5
200-499	52	0.2	56	0.2
500+	31	0.1	38	0.1
Total	27,314	100.0	28,911	100.0

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