

# LABOUR FORCE

The Town of Whitby prides itself on having one of the finest diversified labour forces in the industrial marketplace of Ontario. Skilled and semi-skilled trades people have the expertise in steel fabrication, plastics, defence technology, information technology, automotive operations, pharmaceuticals, electronics, telecommunications, packaging and publishing to name a few.

For people in the labour force requiring further education or retraining, **Durham College Skills Training Centre** in Whitby is a world-class training centre. The state-of-the-art technology found in classrooms and shops are second to none. Not only does this advanced technology contribute to the high quality education the students receive, it enhances Durham Region's ability to respond to the training needs of the community.

Human Resources and Social Development Canada ([www.hrsdc.gc.ca](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca)) extends support information and assists all companies, especially those in transition of relocating firms to the area.

## LABOUR FORCE BY EMPLOYMENT

Total In Labour Force .....	81,624
Total Employed .....	81,992
Total Unemployed .....	4,632
Participation Rate male .....	79.6%
Participation Rate female .....	70.4%
Unemployment Rate male .....	5.7%
Unemployment Rate female .....	5.0%

## LABOUR FORCE BY OCCUPATION

Management occupations .....	10,661
Business, finance and administrative occupations .....	18,332
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations .....	6,936
Health occupations .....	4,467
Occupations in social science, government service and religion .....	3,975
Occupations in education .....	3,751
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport .....	2,478
Sales and service occupations .....	18,521
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations .....	10,583
Occupations unique to primary industry .....	1,224
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities .....	3,823

Source: *Financial Post Markets, 2009*

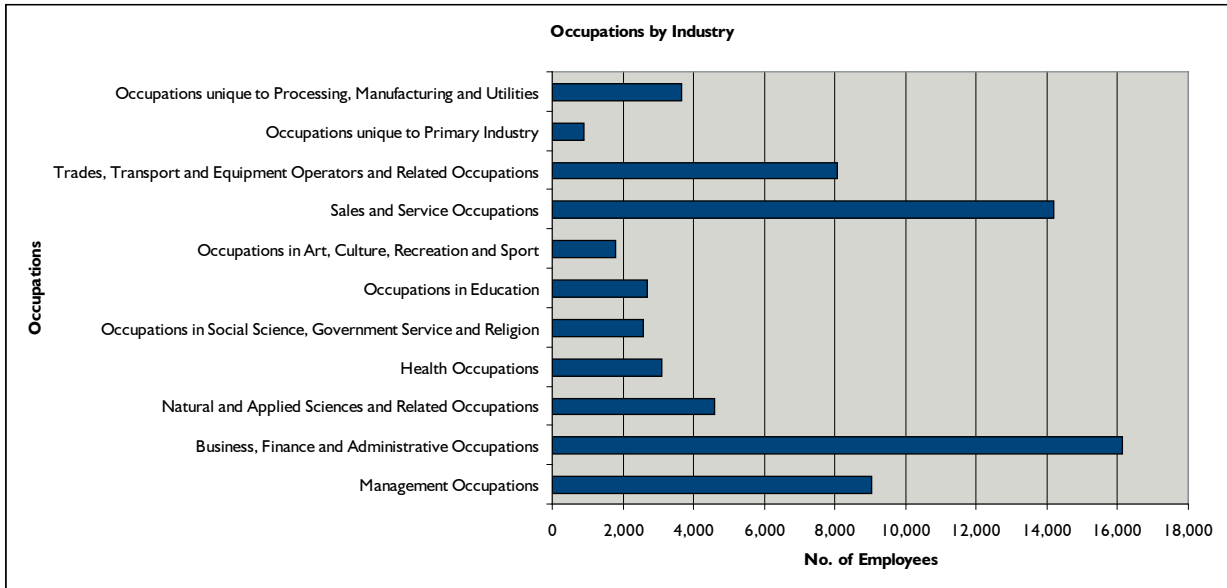


Fig. 4 Labour Force by Occupation

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