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Auto in St. Catharines-Niagara



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What the Auto Industry means to St. Catharines-Niagara

Direct jobs: 3,000

Every day in 2015 St. Catharines-Niagara region autoworkers:

- Built 791 transmissions, 1,578 engines and tens of thousands of other auto parts.
- Produced \$3.3 million worth of products
- Paid \$143,000 in income, payroll, sales and property tax

The Industry

- The St. Catharines-Niagara region is a key part of Canada's auto industry, home to General Motors' in-house engine, transmission and component facilities and several independent auto parts plants.
- Workers at General Motors built 575,950 engines, 288,747 transmissions and thousands of other auto parts in 2015.
- The industry **produced automotive products worth \$1.2 billion in 2015**, (or \$3.3 million per day).

Jobs and the Economy

- The auto industry **directly employs 3,000 people** in the St. Catharines-Niagara region.
- Thousands more jobs are created to supply the industry in steel, plastics and other manufacturing sectors, and services.
- Autoworkers' paycheques **contributed \$169 million to the St. Catharines-Niagara region economy** in 2015 (or \$463,000 per day).
- The major original equipment manufacturing operations in the region are estimated to **stimulate 11,100 additional jobs throughout the economy**.

Supporting Our Community

- In 2015, St. Catharines-Niagara region **autoworkers contributed \$41 million in income, payroll and sales taxes** (or \$111,000 per day) - money that supports services that we all depend upon, such as health care, education and social services.
- Most autoworkers own their own homes, and **St. Catharines-Niagara region autoworker households supported \$12 million in municipal taxes in 2015** (or \$32,000 per day) helping to pay for local services.
- Autoworkers' fundraising efforts also directly support community organizations such as the United Way, women's shelters and food banks.

SOURCES:

Vehicle Production: Ward's Automotive, Reference Center.

Engine and Transmission Production: Company sources.

Employment: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, custom data for selected Census Metropolitan Areas; Unifor estimates for St. Catharines-Niagara, as well as Ingersoll and Woodstock; Statistics Canada, Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours, CANSIM table 281-0023.

Production Value: Statistics Canada, Monthly Survey of Manufacturing, CANSIM table 304-0014.

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Earnings: Statistics Canada, Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours, CANSIM table 281-0026.

Exports: Statistics Canada, Industry Canada, *Strategis Trade Data Online*.

Income Tax: Unifor calculations, average personal income tax at selected income levels: Canadian Tax Foundation. *The Finances of the Nation*. Selected years.

Sales Tax: Unifor calculations: Statistics Canada, Census of Population; Statistics Canada, Survey of Household Spending, CANSIM table 203-0021; Statistics Canada, Government finance statistics, statement of government operations and balance sheet, CANSIM table 385-0032.

Payroll Tax: Employee contributions to the Canada Pension Plan and Employment Insurance, 2015 rates.

Property Tax: The Fraser Institute, *Canadian Tax Simulator*, 2015.

