

Preparing Ontario for the Future

Strategic Investments Creating Foundation for Prosperity

Demographics



Trends

- Aging and more slowly growing population
- Population growth concentrating in the Greater Toronto Area, driven primarily by immigration

Challenges

- Ensuring labour force growth as baby boomers retire
- Differing population growth among regions

Actions

- Supporting opportunities for youth, women, Indigenous peoples, people with disabilities and seniors
- Transforming social services and health care
- Developing regional growth strategies

Economy

Trends

- Slowing long-term growth due to lower labour force growth
- Increasing global competition but emerging export opportunities in fast-growing markets for Ontario exporters

Challenges

- Strengthening productivity and economic growth
- Expanding and diversifying exports

Actions

- Developing a highly skilled workforce for tomorrow's jobs
- Supporting business innovation and long-term growth
- Investing in public infrastructure to create jobs and increase productivity
- Supporting transition to the low-carbon economy of the future



The Long-Term Report on the Economy highlights the challenges and opportunities of the next 20 years

Employment

Trends

- Increasing global and technological pressures on employers and workforce
- Different forms of employment and workplace diversity

Challenges

- Making employee benefits more widely available and increasing economic security

Actions

- Improving access to affordable child care
- Strengthening retirement and income security
- Investing in education, training and skills development, especially for youth and new Canadians



Fiscal Sustainability

Trends

- Increasing demand for public services, especially health care
- Increasing pressure on Ontario's fiscal position

Challenges

- Continuing to provide high-quality public services
- Ensuring long-term fiscal sustainability

Actions

- Investing in public infrastructure to spur growth and strengthen communities
- Transforming and modernizing public services
- Addressing the underground economy
- Collaborating with federal, provincial and territorial partners to meet the challenges faced by all Canadians

