



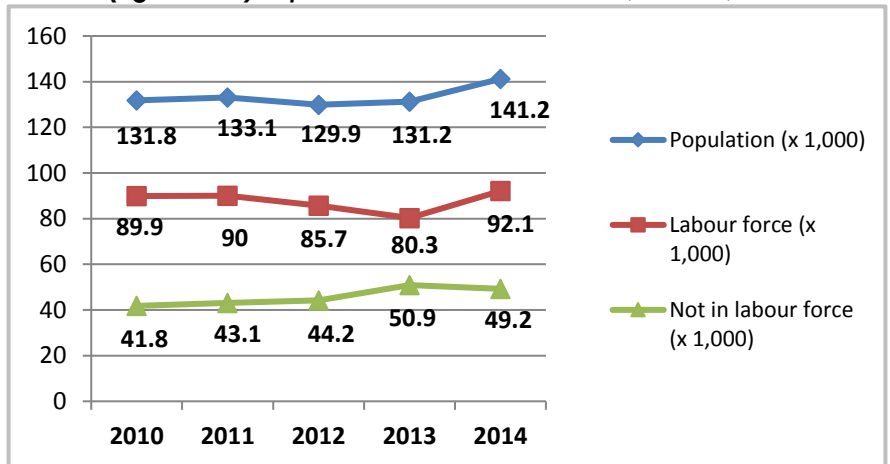
OTTAWA'S YOUTH POPULATION

Key characteristics

The participation rate of youths (aged 15-24) in the labour force decreased every year from 2010 to 2013, before making a partial recovery in 2014. In other words, each year from 2010 to 2013 a greater proportion of Ottawa's youth population was unwilling or unable to offer or supply labour services than in the previous year. This trend was broken in 2014, when the participation rate rose 4 percentage points from the previous year. However, there was still a **net decrease in the youth participation rate (down 3 percentage points) and employment rate (down 1.3 percentage points) in the 2010 to 2014 period.**

- ➔ **141,200** Youths (aged 15-24) in Ottawa in 2014
- ➔ **17%** of Ottawa's population aged 15 and older are between 15 and 24 years old
- ➔ **7% net increase in youth population** from 2010-14
- ➔ **2.4% increase** in number of youths in labour force, but also a **17.7% increase** in number of youths *not* in labour force

Youth (ages 15-24) Population & Labour Force Data, Ottawa, 2010-2014



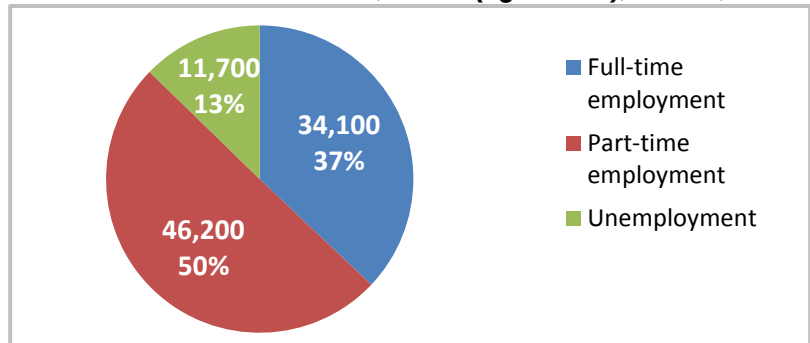
Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

Possible contributing factors to lower youth participation rates could be lower availability of jobs for young people or a decreasing willingness amongst youths to find employment. The proportion of the youth population that is enrolled in full-time postsecondary studies in any given year may also influence the participation rate, as some may decide not to enter the labour force while pursuing their studies.

A focus on the labour force

- ➔ **80,300** Youths employed in Ottawa in 2014 (**15%** of total number employed in the city)
- ➔ **87%** of youths in the labour force are employed, while **13%** are unemployed
- ➔ **12,100** more part-time workers than full-time workers (compared to a difference of just 2,700 the previous year)

Labour Force Characteristics, Youths (ages 15-24), Ottawa, 2014



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

Unemployment and career services

- ➔ **10,300** unemployed youths (aged 15-24) in Ottawa in 2013
- ➔ **Employment Ontario 2013-14 clients in Ottawa: 2,273** youth clients (**22%** of all clients) for the **Employment Service** program; **579** youth clients (**27%** of all clients) for the **Literacy and Basic Skills** program; **18** youth clients (**5%** of all clients) in the **Second career** program
- ➔ **780** Ottawa youths received some form of Employment Insurance in September 2014

Education

Youth postsecondary enrolment, 2012-13, Ottawa

Institution type	Institution name	Age 15-24 enrolment	% of total enrolment
University	University of Ottawa	27,132	77%
University	Carleton University	18,776	84%
College	Algonquin College	12,472	78%
College	La Cité collégiale	3,581	81%
University	Dominican University College	27	25%
TOTAL		61,988	79%

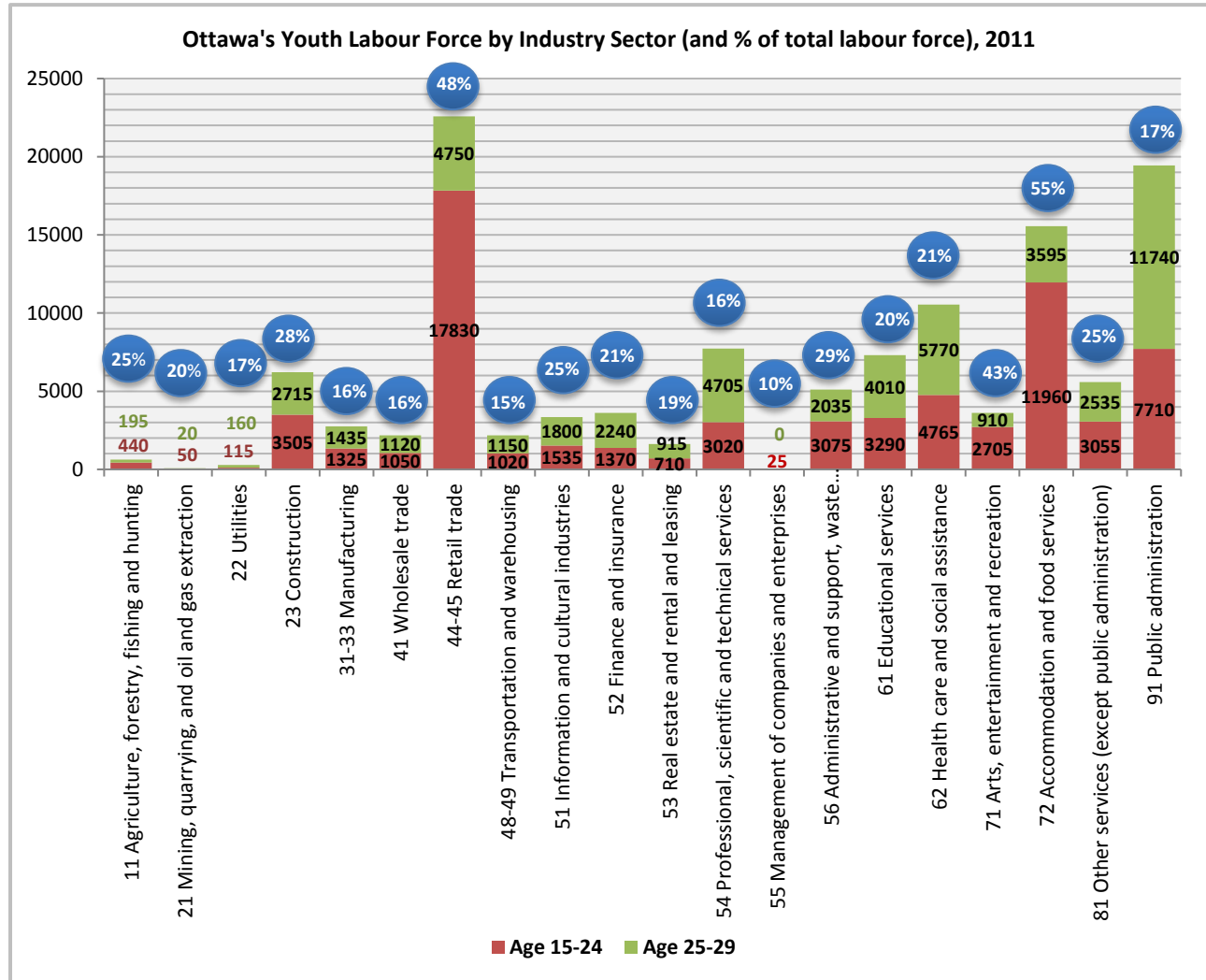
Institution type	Institution name	Age 25-34* enrolment	% of total enrolment
University	University of Ottawa	6,132	17%
University	Carleton University	2,919	13%
College	Algonquin College	2,151*	13%
College	La Cité collégiale	348*	8%
University	Dominican University College	30	28%
TOTAL		11,580	15%

*for Colleges, data shown is for ages 25-30

Institution type	Institution name	TOTAL YOUTH enrolment	% of total enrolment
University	University of Ottawa	33,264	95%
University	Carleton University	21,695	97%
College	Algonquin College	14,623	91%
College	La Cité collégiale	3,929	89%
University	Dominican University College	57	53%
TOTAL		73,568	94%

Source: Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, 2014

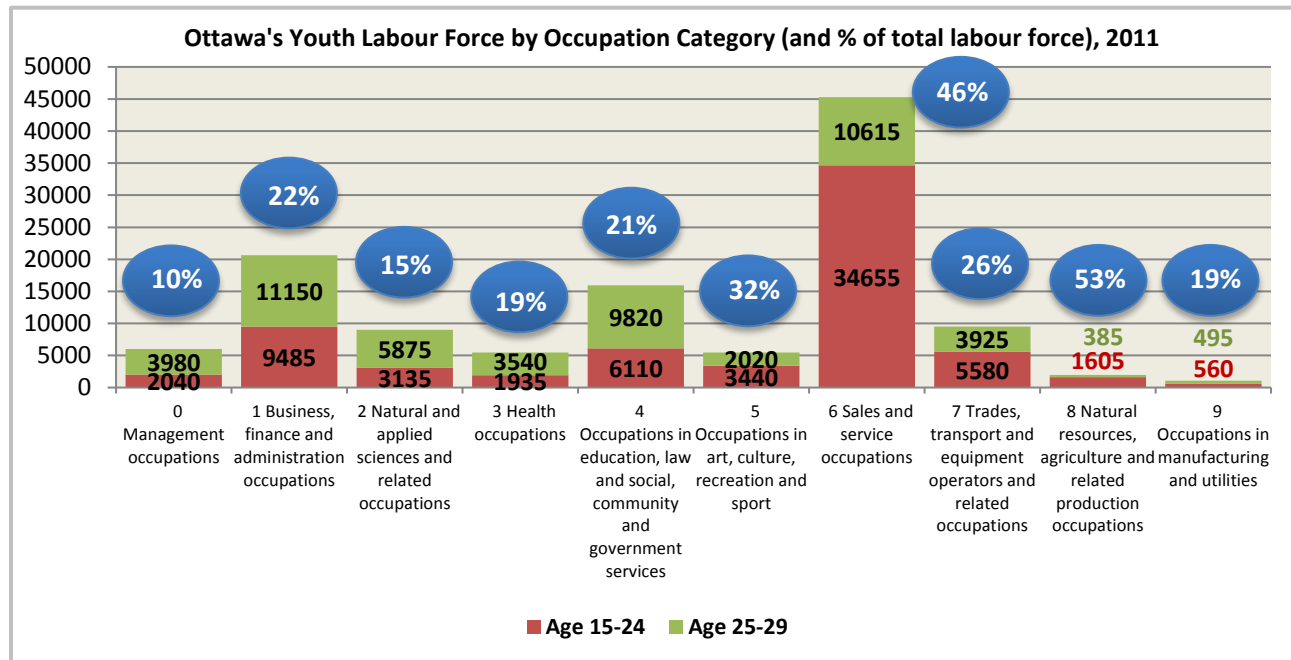
Industry breakdown



Source: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey, 2011

- ➔ **Retail trade** has the greatest number of youths out of 20 industry sectors, with **22,580**; **48%** of the sector's workers are between 15 and 29 years old – only **Accommodation and food services** has a higher proportion of youths (**55%**)
- ➔ **Only 25** youths in the **Management of companies and enterprises** sector, the fewest amongst all sectors; this sector also has the lowest proportion of youth, with just **10%**
- ➔ **Public administration** has the greatest number of workers aged 25-29; **Retail trade** has the greatest number of workers aged 15-24
- ➔ **8 sectors** have a workforce that is comprised of at least **25%** youth

Occupation breakdown



Source: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey, 2011

- ➔ **Sales and service occupations** have the greatest number of youths working of all 10 occupation categories, with **45,270** (46% of all workers in the category) between the ages of 15 and 29
- ➔ **Only Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations** have a higher percentage of youths employed (53%) than **Sales & service occupations**
- ➔ **Just 1,055** youths in **Occupations in manufacturing and utilities**, the fewest of any occupation category
- ➔ **Management occupations** have the lowest proportion of youth workers (10%)
- ➔ **Business, finance and admin occupations** have the greatest number of workers aged 25-29; **Sales and service occupations** have the greatest number of workers aged 15-24

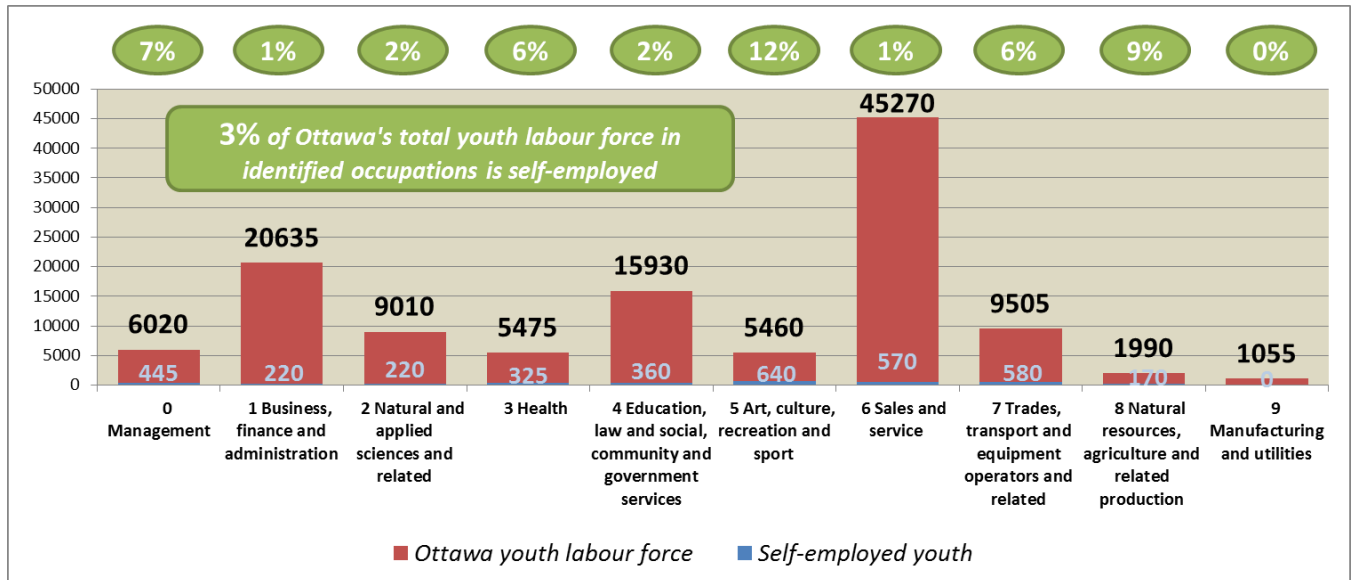
Top Ten Youth Occupations, # employed, Ottawa, 2011

Occupation title	# of youth (15-29) jobs	% youths (as % of all workers)
Retail salespersons	9,810	55%
Food counter attendants, kitchen helpers and related support occupations	6,065	71%
Cashiers	5,990	73%
Food and beverage servers	3,115	67%
Store shelf stockers, clerks and order fillers	2,305	63%
General office support workers	2,215	28%
Administrative assistants	2,210	23%
Cooks	2,145	47%
Program leaders and instructors in recreation, sport and fitness	2,005	69%
Receptionists	1,920	47%

Source: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey, 2011

A closer look at Ottawa's self-employed youth (aged 15-29) population

Ottawa's Self-Employed Youths by Occupation (with % of self-employed in youth labour force), 2011



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey

TOP TEN (NUMBER OF JOBS)

Massage therapists top the list with **110** self-employed workers.

Management occupations, Occupations in education, law & social, community & gov. services & Occupations in art, culture, recreation & sport each have **two occupations** in the top ten.

TOP TEN (% OF JOBS)

Chiropractors and **optometrists** top the list with **100%** indicating that they are self-employed.

Management occupations, Health occupations & Occupations in art, culture, recreation & sport each have **three occupations** in the top ten.

Those in **bold** made both lists.

Ottawa's occupations with highest youth self-employment, 2011

Top # of self-employed workers

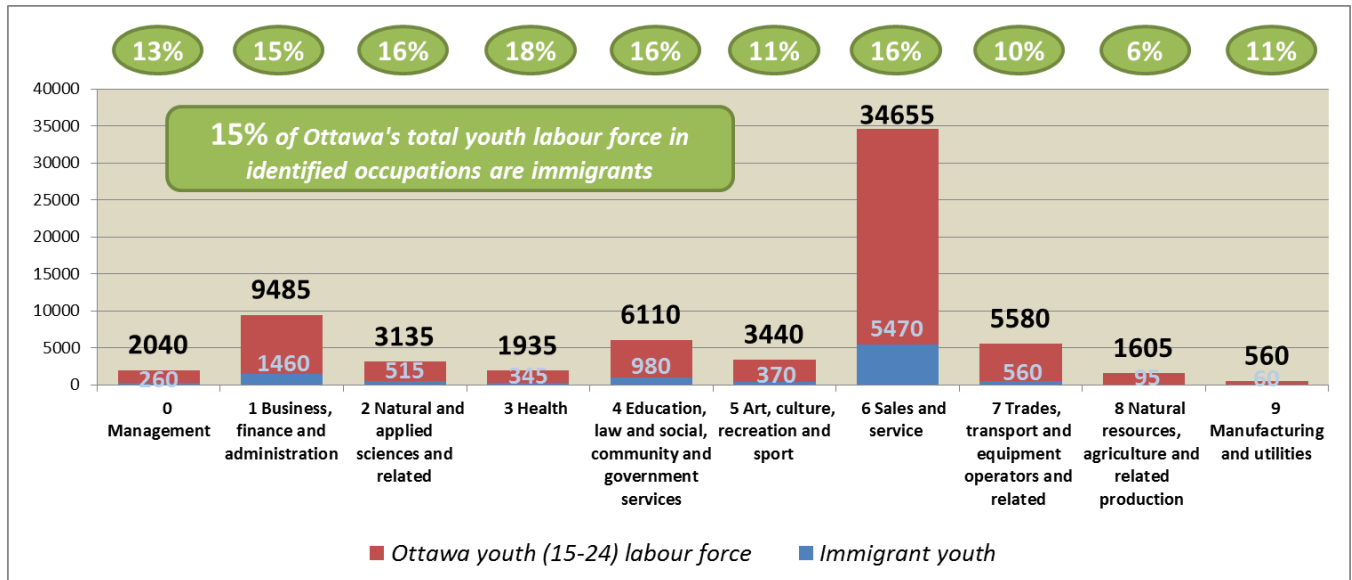
Top % of self-employed workers

110	Massage therapists	Chiropractors	100%
110	Landscaping and grounds maintenance labourers	Optometrists	100%
105	Early childhood educators and assistants	Painters, sculptors and other visual artists	92%
105	Musicians and singers	Massage therapists	67%
90	Producers, directors, choreographers and related occupations	Taxi and limousine drivers and chauffeurs	57%
85	Light duty cleaners	Senior managers - trade, broadcasting and other services, n.e.c.	56%
85	Carpenters	Senior managers - financial, communications and other business services	44%
75	Restaurant and food service managers	Producers, directors, choreographers and related occupations	41%
75	Home child care providers	Home building and renovation managers	37%
70	Retail and wholesale trade managers	Musicians and singers	33%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey

A closer look at Ottawa's immigrant youth (aged 15-24) population

Ottawa's Immigrant* Youths by Occupation (with % of immigrants in youth labour force), 2011



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey

*A person who is or has ever been a landed immigrant/permanent resident.

- ➔ **19,610** immigrant youths (aged 15-24) living in Ottawa in 2011, according to National Household Survey data
- ➔ **56%** participation rate in the labour force
- ➔ **43%** employment rate
- ➔ **24%** unemployment rate
- ➔ **Sales and service** occupations have the most immigrant youths (**5,470**), while **Manufacturing and utilities** have the fewest (**60**)
- ➔ **In 8 of 10 occupation categories**, at least 10% of all youth workers are immigrants
- ➔ **Health occupations** have the highest proportion of immigrants amongst youth workers (**18%**); **Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations** have the lowest proportion (**6%**)

A snapshot of Ottawa's Aboriginal youth (aged 15-29) population

- ➔ **5,035** Aboriginal youths (aged 15-29) living in Ottawa in 2011
- ➔ **3,710** in the labour force (**74%** participation rate)
- ➔ **3,085** employed (**61%** employment rate)
- ➔ **630** unemployed (**17%** unemployment rate)

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey