

2018 Automotive Employment

Final year end employment numbers are now available from Statistics Canada for the automotive sector and they look pretty good.

I only looked at direct employment so workers that directly touch the industry and they finished the year at an all-time high of 823,052 workers an increase of 2.4 percent from 2017 or about 20,000 workers.

Employment in virtually all aspects of the industry was up with Manufacturing up by 3.4 percent or 5K workers and non-manufacturing up by 2.2 percent or 14K workers.

- Manufacturing increased from 152.3 K to 157.6K workers
- Non-manufacturing increased from 651.3K to 665.5K workers

So total direct automotive employment grew from 803.6K to 823.1K workers ... quite the increase.

As you can see, the bulk of the jobs in the automotive sector are in the non-manufacturing side of the industry. There are 10 million more vehicles on the road today versus the year 2000 (27.7 million versus 17.7 million) and these additional vehicles are at the root of most of the added non-manufacturing jobs.

And interestingly many are talking very negatively about our vehicle and parts manufacturing sector but these jobs have grown every year this decade and are up by about 30K this decade ... so maybe just maybe Canada does have a future manufacturing vehicles and components.

Direct Employment in the Canadian Automotive Sector

	Assembly Sector	Parts Sector	Tool, Die, Mould Sector	Motor Vehicle Body & Trailer	Total Automotive Manufacturing	Percent Change	Car Dealers	Automotive Aftermarket	Vehicle Distributors	Other Direct Auto	Automotive Jobs Not Related to Manufacturing	Percent Change	Total Automotive Employment	Percent Change
2010	37,188	60,600	18,637	11,587	128,013	0.1%	132,220	347,674	19,731	75,813	575,438	15.6%	703,451	12.4%
2011	37,401	61,529	19,496	12,886	131,313	2.6%	133,496	354,284	20,032	76,388	584,200	1.5%	715,513	1.7%
2012	37,207	64,361	19,890	13,619	135,078	2.9%	135,721	362,413	21,140	78,785	598,059	2.4%	733,136	2.5%
2013	38,880	65,028	20,034	13,506	137,448	1.8%	140,431	368,593	21,375	77,813	608,212	1.7%	745,660	1.7%
2014	40,161	68,078	19,471	13,261	140,970	2.6%	146,795	379,821	21,921	77,009	625,546	2.8%	766,516	2.8%
2015	41,417	70,762	20,638	13,225	146,042	3.6%	149,235	388,137	22,509	76,669	636,550	1.8%	782,592	2.1%
2016	43,209	71,524	20,721	12,142	147,597	1.1%	151,246	392,734	22,614	76,052	642,646	1.0%	790,243	1.0%
2017	43,623	73,459	21,422	13,807	152,311	3.2%	154,404	398,936	22,683	75,251	651,273	1.3%	803,584	1.7%
2018	44,030	75,886	20,652	16,982	157,550	3.4%	159,045	407,253	23,767	75,437	665,502	2.2%	823,052	2.4%
	0.9%	3.3%	-3.6%	23.0%	3.4%		3.0%	2.1%	4.8%	0.2%	2.2%		2.4%	