

Windsor's jobless rate down for third straight month

City once had Canada's highest unemployment rate.

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For the third month in a row Windsor's jobless rate is down. In March, it fell to nine percent from nine-point-two the month before.

Mayor Eddie Francis was pleased that the city no longer has the highest jobless rate in the country.

"It's a snapshot," he said. "But, overall, when you compare our city and our economy... compared to other economies across the country we're one of the fastest growing."

As recently as November, 2012, Windsor led the country with double digit unemployment.

The president of the Windsor-Essex regional chamber of commerce called the latest jobless figures a good sign for the region.

Matt Marchand said he thinks there's room for the employment numbers to drop even further.

"The automotive sector is working well," said Marchand. "The farm season has been a little late this year. So those numbers might pick up a little bit."

Nationally, 55 thousand jobs disappeared, and the jobless rate rose from 7 to 7-point-2 per cent.