

Quinte West Total Respondents: 147

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Confidence in Ontario's Economic Outlook		
	Quinte West	Ontario Overall
Not confident	55%	48%
Neutral	35%	35%
Confident	7%	16%

Reasons for Pessimism in Ontario's Economic Outlook - Quinte West	
Cost of living (e.g. housing, child care, transportation)	44%
Cost of inputs (e.g. labour, capital, raw materials, etc.)	33%
Trade and supply chain barriers/uncertainty	32%
Labour shortages or skills gaps	32%
Health care system capacity and staffing shortages	26%
High business taxes	22%
Inadequate local infrastructure (housing supply, public transit, broadband)	20%
National/global economic outlook	19%
Provincial government policies and investments	18%
Government debt	17%
Low consumer demand/confidence	15%
Federal government policies and investments	15%
Ongoing threat of COVID-19	15%
Regulatory burdens	11%
Phaseout of COVID-19 government supports for businesses	10%
Disruption from new technologies	2%

Confidence in Your Own Organizational Outlook		
	Quinte West	Ontario Overall
Not Confident	12%	16%
Neutral	33%	31%
Confident	54%	53%

Top Reasons for Pessimism in Organizational Outlook - Quinte West	
Cost of living (e.g. housing, child care, transportation)	8%
Cost of inputs (e.g. labour, interest rates, raw materials, etc.)	7%
National/global economic outlook	7%
Low demand for our products and services	6%
Provincial government policies and investments	5%
Trade and supply chain barriers/uncertainty	5%
Labour shortages or skills gaps	5%

Top Reasons for Confidence in Organizational Outlook - Quinte West	
Strong demand for our products and services	39%
Buy local and/or travel local campaigns	14%
New technologies (e.g. e-commerce)	11%
Access to a skilled and productive workforce	7%
High vaccination against COVID-19 among staff and/or customers	5%

Confidence in Your Own Organizational Outlook by Business Size				
Quinte West	Less than 10	10 to 99	100 to 499	500 plus
Not Confident	12%	15%	0%	0%
Neutral	34%	30%	36%	33%
Confident	51%	54%	64%	67%

PAST 12 months: Companies Shrinking or Growing	
	Quinte West
Shrunk	21%
Stayed the same	33%
Grown	46%

NEXT 12 months: Companies Shrinking or Growing	
	Quinte West
Shrink	12%
Stay the same	42%
Grow	46%

Labour Shortages Faced by Organizations	
% Agree	Quinte West
Labour Shortages (Currently)	50%
Labour Shortages (Expected in year ahead)	54%

Top Sectors Facing Labour Shortages - Quinte West	
Industry	(% Agree)
Construction	10%
Accommodation & food servi	7%
Other	5%
Manufacturing	5%
Retail trade	5%
Finance and insurance	4%
Arts, entertainment & recrea	3%

Top Economic Reconciliation Measures Adopted by Organizations - Quinte West	
Educational resources shared with staff	14%
Land acknowledgments	11%
Attendance/participation at Indigenous community or	10%
Partnership building and engagement strategies	9%
Cultural competency training for staff	8%
Community investments	7%
Hiring strategies and/or targets to recruit Indigenous job	4%

Quinte West - Respondents' Policy Priorities	
Reduce/simplify business taxes	56%
Support businesses with energy costs	43%
Strengthen local supply chains, industries, and manufacturing	39%
Encourage Ontarians to buy/travel locally	38%
Invest in broadband internet infrastructure	29%
Address health care system capacity (wait times, surgical and procedural backlogs, staffing shortages, etc.)	29%
Invest in workforce development (retraining, micro-credentials, education, etc.)	25%
Support businesses with technology adoption	24%
Support businesses with commercial rent	22%
Expand/improve access to mental health and addiction programs and services	21%
Enhance access to credit/capital	18%
Invest in transportation/ transit infrastructure	17%
Modernize regulation	14%
Help businesses reduce their emissions and/or improve their energy efficiency	12%
Reduce interprovincial barriers to trade and labour mobility	8%
Modernize innovation policies (intellectual property, open data, privacy, etc.)	7%

Quinte West - Respondent Type by Industry

Construction	12%
Retail trade	12%
Accommodation and food services	11%
Finance and insurance	9%
Manufacturing	9%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	6%
Non-profit	6%
Professional, scientific and technical services	5%
Real estate and rental and leasing	4%
Educational services (including post-secondary institutions)	3%
Health care and social assistance	3%
Government	2%
Transportation and warehousing	2%
Wholesale trade	2%
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation se	1%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	1%
Information and cultural industries	1%
Other	12%