



## APPRENTICESHIP

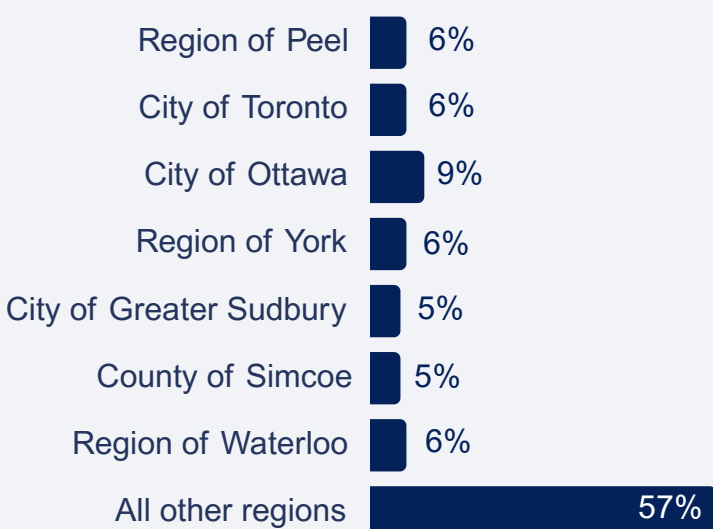
Heavy Equipment Operators — Excavator operate an excavator, its attachments and ground engaging equipment in various types of projects across multiple industries, such as road construction and maintenance, mining, quarrying, land clearing, forestry, logging, as well as gas and oil.

Experienced workers who have not completed an Ontario apprenticeship but have equivalent qualifications or experience in their trade can use the [Trade Equivalency Assessment Process](#).

Academic entry grade	Grade 12
On-the-job training	2,260 hours (approximately 1.5 years)
Technical training	300 hours (three months across two levels)
Required skills	Critical thinking, Innovation, Problem solving, Working independently

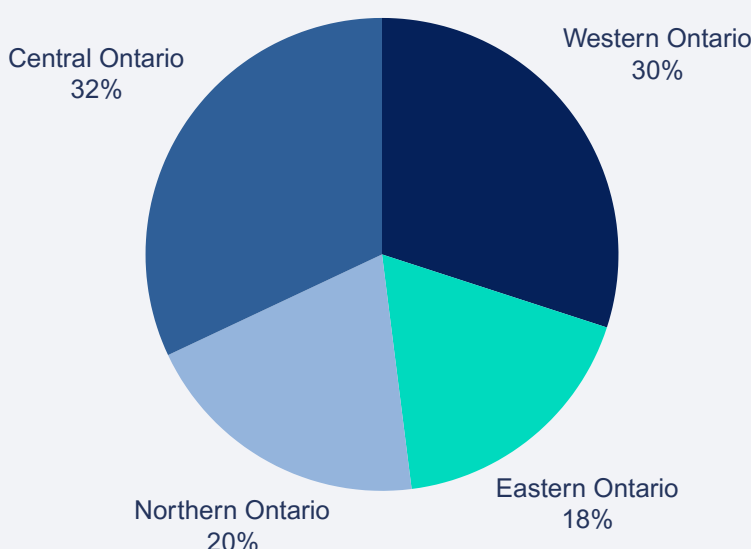
## WORKFORCE PROFILE

### Highest Job Postings by Region



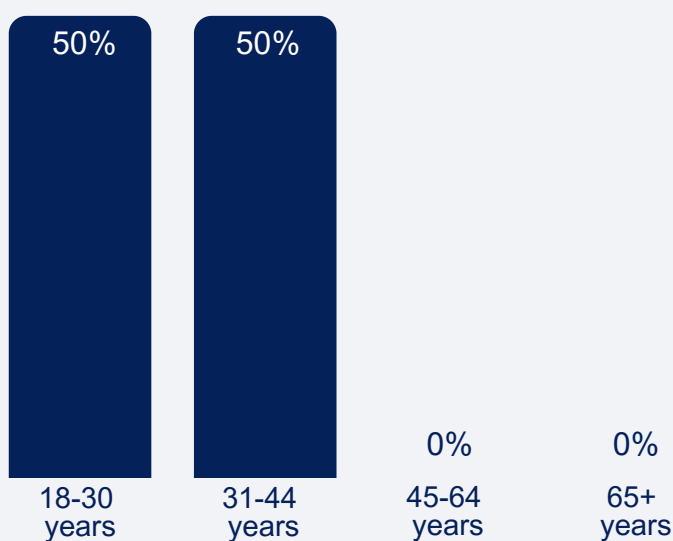
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### Job Postings by Area in Ontario



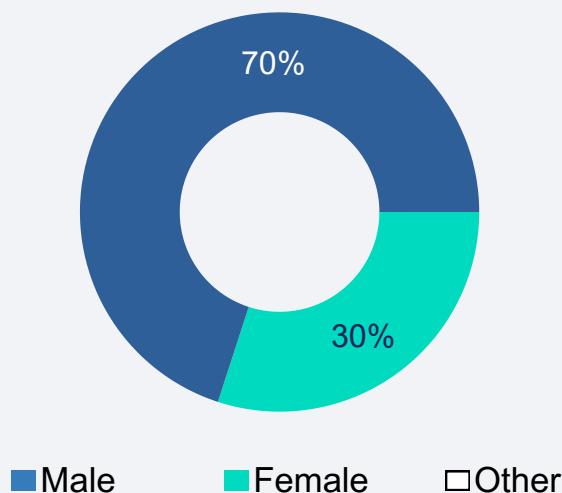
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### Certificates of Qualification Issued by Age Group



Source: Skilled Trades Ontario 2023

### Certificates of Qualification Issued by Gender



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## INCOME PROFILE

### Annual Salary Range

**\$50,000 - \$78,000**

Source: Workforce Planning Ontario, Labour Market Insights Report 2023

### Hourly Salary Range

**\$26 - \$40**

Source: Workforce Planning Ontario, Labour Market Insights Report 2023

The information in this profile is applicable to all Heavy equipment operators (NOC 73400), which also includes the Heavy Equipment Operator – Dozer (636C) and the Tractor Loader Backhoe (636A) trades.

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