

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

May 2008

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended May 17, 2008, there were 517,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan during May 2008, an increase of 14,400 from April 2008 and 8,500 more than the number employed in May 2007.

Agricultural employment was 44,000 persons in May 2008, up 4,600 from the April 2008 level but 3,200 less than the May 2007 agricultural employment level of 47,600. Non-agricultural employment was 473,100 persons in May 2008. This is an increase of 9,800 from the April 2008 non-agriculture employment level of 463,300 and 11,700 more than May 2007.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for May 2008 was 4.0 percent. This is a decrease of 0.5 percentage points from the April 2008 rate of 4.5 percent and 0.3 percentage points lower than the May 2007 level of 4.3 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 12,000 to 538,700 persons in May 2008 from 526,700 persons in April 2008. This is 6,900 more than the May 2007 labour force of 531,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 1.4 percentage points to 70.4 percent in May 2008 from 69.0 percent in April 2008. The May 2007 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 71.0 percent.

There were 21,300 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during May 2008. This is a decrease of 2,300 from April 2008 and is 1,500 less than the number unemployed in May 2007.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 509,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan in May 2008, down 700 from the April 2008 level of 510,100 and is up 8,800 from the May 2007 employment level of 500,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2008 was 4.1 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the April 2008 rate of 4.3 percent and 0.4 percentage points lower than the May 2007 rate of 4.5 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 374,300 persons in May 2008 to 17,289,000 persons from 16,915,500 persons in April 2008. In May 2007, there were 16,963,900 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage points to 6.2 percent from the April 2008 level of 6.3 percent. In May 2007, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.1 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.1 percent in May 2008. This is 0.0 percentage points higher than April 2008 but 0.1 percentage points higher than the May 2007 level of 6.0 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit www.stats.gov.sk.ca

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

| | <u>May</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>April</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>May</u> <u>2007</u> | <u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>CANADA</u> | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 18,433.9 | 18,050.9 | 18,060.6 | 383.0 | 373.3 |
| Employed ('000) | 17,289.8 | 16,915.5 | 16,963.9 | 374.3 | 325.9 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 14,120.3 | 13,707.2 | 13,916.2 | 413.1 | 204.1 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 3,169.5 | 3,208.2 | 3,047.8 | -38.7 | 121.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,144.2 | 1,135.4 | 1,096.7 | 8.8 | 47.5 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.1 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | | | | | |
| Seasonally Adjusted | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 68.6 | 67.3 | 68.1 | 1.3 | 0.5 |
| <u>SASKATCHEWAN</u> | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 538.7 | 526.7 | 531.8 | 12.0 | 6.9 |
| Employed ('000) | 517.5 | 503.1 | 509.0 | 14.4 | 8.5 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 425.3 | 410.4 | 412.3 | 14.9 | 13.0 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 92.1 | 92.8 | 96.7 | -0.7 | -4.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 21.3 | 23.6 | 22.8 | -2.3 | -1.5 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.3 | -0.5 | -0.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | | | | | |
| Seasonally Adjusted | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.5 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.4 | 69.0 | 71.0 | 1.4 | -0.6 |
| <u>ALBERTA</u> | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,100.8 | 2,052.9 | 2,042.0 | 47.9 | 58.8 |
| Employed ('000) | 2,022.5 | 1,985.1 | 1,964.0 | 37.4 | 58.5 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 1,694.3 | 1,658.0 | 1,651.0 | 36.3 | 43.3 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 328.2 | 327.0 | 313.0 | 1.2 | 15.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 78.3 | 67.8 | 78.0 | 10.5 | 0.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 0.4 | -0.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | | | | | |
| Seasonally Adjusted | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 0.3 | -0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 75.3 | 73.7 | 74.7 | 1.6 | 0.6 |
| <u>MANITOBA</u> | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 637.7 | 633.7 | 634.7 | 4.0 | 3.0 |
| Employed ('000) | 612.8 | 606.6 | 604.5 | 6.2 | 8.3 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 499.0 | 479.8 | 482.8 | 19.2 | 16.2 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 113.9 | 126.8 | 121.6 | -12.9 | -7.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 24.9 | 27.1 | 30.2 | -2.2 | -5.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.8 | -0.4 | -0.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | | | | | |
| Seasonally Adjusted | 4.2 | 3.8 | 5.2 | 0.4 | -1.0 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.2 | 69.8 | 70.7 | 0.4 | -0.5 |

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

| | <u>May 2008</u> | <u>April 2008</u> | <u>May 2007</u> | <u>Change from Last Month</u> | <u>Change from Last Year</u> |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u> | 538.7 | 526.7 | 531.8 | 12.0 | 6.9 |
| Male | 288.3 | 282.1 | 285.8 | 6.2 | 2.5 |
| Female | 250.5 | 244.6 | 246.0 | 5.9 | 4.5 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 105.5 | 97.4 | 104.6 | 8.1 | 0.9 |
| 25+ Years of age | 433.2 | 429.3 | 427.1 | 3.9 | 6.1 |
| <u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u> | 517.5 | 503.1 | 509.0 | 14.4 | 8.5 |
| Male | 276.7 | 268.6 | 273.0 | 8.1 | 3.7 |
| Female | 240.7 | 234.5 | 236.1 | 6.2 | 4.6 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 96.2 | 88.3 | 95.9 | 7.9 | 0.3 |
| 25+ Years of age | 421.3 | 414.9 | 413.1 | 6.4 | 8.2 |
| <u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u> | 21.3 | 23.6 | 22.8 | -2.3 | -1.5 |
| Male | 11.5 | 13.5 | 12.8 | -2.0 | -1.3 |
| Female | 9.7 | 10.1 | 9.9 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 9.3 | 9.1 | 8.7 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| 25+ Years of age | 12.0 | 14.4 | 14.0 | -2.4 | -2.0 |
| <u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u> | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.3 | -0.5 | -0.3 |
| Male | 4.0 | 4.8 | 4.5 | -0.8 | -0.5 |
| Female | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.0 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 8.8 | 9.3 | 8.3 | -0.5 | 0.5 |
| 25+ Years of age | 2.8 | 3.4 | 3.3 | -0.6 | -0.5 |
| <u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u> | 70.4 | 69.0 | 71.0 | 1.4 | -0.6 |
| Male | 76.4 | 74.9 | 77.3 | 1.5 | -0.9 |
| Female | 64.6 | 63.2 | 64.8 | 1.4 | -0.2 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 75.7 | 70.0 | 76.1 | 5.7 | -0.4 |
| 25+ Years of age | 69.2 | 68.7 | 69.8 | 0.5 | -0.6 |

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

| | <u>May 2008</u> | <u>April 2008</u> | <u>May 2007</u> | <u>Change from Last Month</u> | <u>Change from Last Year</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u> | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 44.4 | 39.8 | 47.6 | 4.6 | -3.2 |
| Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas | 24.5 | 22.6 | 21.6 | 1.9 | 2.9 |
| Utilities | 6.1 | 5.3 | 3.7 | 0.8 | 2.4 |
| Construction | 34.1 | 33.3 | 30.2 | 0.8 | 3.9 |
| Manufacturing | 31.3 | 32.0 | 31.4 | -0.7 | -0.1 |
| Trade | 85.1 | 83.0 | 83.5 | 2.1 | 1.6 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 25.3 | 25.2 | 25.5 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing | 28.8 | 28.5 | 25.9 | 0.3 | 2.9 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical Services | 20.0 | 20.7 | 22.5 | -0.7 | -2.5 |
| Business, Building and Other Support Services | 11.9 | 11.0 | 12.8 | 0.9 | -0.9 |
| Educational Services | 37.1 | 37.7 | 41.9 | -0.6 | -4.8 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 64.7 | 61.6 | 62.7 | 3.1 | 2.0 |
| Information, Culture and Recreation | 21.4 | 19.9 | 18.7 | 1.5 | 2.7 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 31.7 | 31.6 | 31.8 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Other Services | 22.8 | 22.3 | 21.7 | 0.5 | 1.1 |
| Public Administration | 28.4 | 28.6 | 27.4 | -0.2 | 1.0 |
| Total | 517.5 | 503.1 | 509.0 | 14.4 | 8.5 |
| <u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u> | | | | | |
| Full-Time | 425.3 | 410.4 | 412.3 | 14.9 | 13.0 |
| Part-Time | 92.1 | 92.8 | 96.7 | -0.7 | -4.6 |
| <u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u> | | | | | |
| Employees | 422.7 | 411.3 | 411.6 | 11.4 | 11.1 |
| Public Sector | 128.8 | 125.3 | 123.9 | 3.5 | 4.9 |
| Private Sector | 293.9 | 286.0 | 287.7 | 7.9 | 6.2 |
| Self-Employed | 94.8 | 91.9 | 97.5 | 2.9 | -2.7 |

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

| | <u>May</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>April</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>May</u> <u>2007</u> | <u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u> | | | | | |
| Canada | 17,289.8 | 16,915.5 | 16,963.9 | 374.3 | 325.9 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 228.9 | 213.0 | 222.2 | 15.9 | 6.7 |
| Prince Edward Island | 74.0 | 66.5 | 71.8 | 7.5 | 2.2 |
| Nova Scotia | 457.8 | 447.0 | 454.6 | 10.8 | 3.2 |
| New Brunswick | 368.7 | 354.7 | 367.3 | 14.0 | 1.4 |
| Quebec | 3,903.0 | 3,805.8 | 3,862.0 | 97.2 | 41.0 |
| Ontario | 6,774.5 | 6,629.2 | 6,634.0 | 145.3 | 140.5 |
| Manitoba | 612.8 | 606.6 | 604.5 | 6.2 | 8.3 |
| Saskatchewan | 517.5 | 503.1 | 509.0 | 14.4 | 8.5 |
| Alberta | 2,022.5 | 1,985.1 | 1,964.0 | 37.4 | 58.5 |
| British Columbia | 2,330.0 | 2,304.5 | 2,274.6 | 25.5 | 55.4 |
| <u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u> | | | | | |
| Canada | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.1 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 13.4 | 15.9 | 13.7 | -2.5 | -0.3 |
| Prince Edward Island | 8.4 | 15.1 | 8.8 | -6.7 | -0.4 |
| Nova Scotia | 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| New Brunswick | 9.4 | 9.9 | 8.2 | -0.5 | 1.2 |
| Quebec | 7.2 | 8.0 | 6.9 | -0.8 | 0.3 |
| Ontario | 6.6 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Manitoba | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.8 | -0.4 | -0.9 |
| Saskatchewan | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.3 | -0.5 | -0.3 |
| Alberta | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 0.4 | -0.1 |
| British Columbia | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 |

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

| | <u>Mar-May</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>Feb-Apr</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>Mar-May</u> <u>2007</u> | <u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| CANADIAN CITIES | | | | | |
| <u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u> | | | | | |
| St. John's | 9.0 | 9.3 | 7.6 | -0.3 | 1.4 |
| Halifax | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 0.4 | -0.3 |
| Saint John | 6.6 | 6.2 | 5.1 | 0.4 | 1.5 |
| Quebec | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.1 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| Montreal | 7.6 | 7.8 | 6.7 | -0.2 | 0.9 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 5.2 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 0.5 | -0.3 |
| Greater Sudbury | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.8 | -0.3 | -0.1 |
| Toronto | 6.6 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 0.3 | -0.4 |
| Winnipeg | 4.3 | 4.4 | 5.0 | -0.1 | -0.7 |
| Regina | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| Saskatoon | 4.1 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 0.4 | -0.1 |
| Calgary | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 0.1 | -0.4 |
| Edmonton | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Vancouver | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Victoria | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.2 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| SASKATCHEWAN | | | | | |
| <u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u> | | | | | |
| <u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u> | | | | | |
| Regina-Moose Mountain | 153.8 | 152.7 | 149.7 | 1.1 | 4.1 |
| Swift Current-Moose Jaw | 52.8 | 51.8 | 54.3 | 1.0 | -1.5 |
| Saskatoon-Biggar | 165.6 | 163.6 | 161.7 | 2.0 | 3.9 |
| Yorkton-Melville | 38.2 | 38.4 | 41.4 | -0.2 | -3.2 |
| Prince Albert & Northern | 96.4 | 94.4 | 92.4 | 2.0 | 4.0 |

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 6

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

| | <u>Mar-May</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>Feb-Apr</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>Mar-May</u> <u>2007</u> | <u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>TOTAL POPULATION</u> | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 528.5 | 523.3 | 520.5 | 5.2 | 8.0 |
| Employed ('000) | 505.5 | 499.9 | 497.8 | 5.6 | 7.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 23.0 | 23.3 | 22.7 | -0.3 | 0.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.4 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.2 | 68.6 | 69.5 | 0.6 | -0.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 66.2 | 65.6 | 66.5 | 0.6 | -0.3 |
| <u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u> | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 490.5 | 485.0 | 481.9 | 5.5 | 8.6 |
| Employed ('000) | 473.0 | 467.2 | 464.3 | 5.8 | 8.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 17.4 | 17.8 | 17.6 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.8 | 69.1 | 69.9 | 0.7 | -0.1 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 67.3 | 66.6 | 67.4 | 0.7 | -0.1 |
| <u>ABORIGINAL</u> | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 38.0 | 38.2 | 38.6 | -0.2 | -0.6 |
| Employed ('000) | 32.5 | 32.7 | 33.4 | -0.2 | -0.9 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 14.6 | 14.5 | 13.3 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 62.4 | 62.8 | 64.7 | -0.4 | -2.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 53.3 | 53.7 | 56.1 | -0.4 | -2.8 |
| <u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u> | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 16.0 | 15.6 | 15.1 | 0.4 | 0.9 |
| Employed ('000) | 12.7 | 12.2 | 12.6 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 3.4 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 21.0 | 21.7 | 16.8 | -0.7 | 4.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 58.3 | 56.8 | 56.0 | 1.5 | 2.3 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 46.0 | 44.5 | 46.6 | 1.5 | -0.6 |
| <u>METIS</u> | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 21.9 | 22.5 | 23.3 | -0.6 | -1.4 |
| Employed ('000) | 19.7 | 20.3 | 20.8 | -0.6 | -1.1 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 0.1 | -0.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.0 | 9.6 | 11.0 | 0.4 | -1.0 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.8 | 67.8 | 71.9 | -2.0 | -6.1 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 59.2 | 61.3 | 63.9 | -2.1 | -4.7 |

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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