

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

July 2012

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended July 21, 2012, there were 542,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan during July 2012, a decrease of 6,300 from June 2012 and 10,000 more than the number employed in July 2011.

Agricultural employment was 40,200 persons in July 2012, up 1,900 from the June 2012 level but 1,300 less than the July 2011 agricultural employment level of 41,500. Non-agricultural employment was 502,400 persons in July 2012. This is a decrease of 8,200 from the June 2012 non-agriculture employment level of 510,600 but 11,300 more than July 2011.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for July 2012 was 5.4 percent. This is an increase of 0.9 percentage points from the June 2012 rate of 4.5 percent and 0.2 percentage points higher than the July 2011 level of 5.2 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased to 573,500 persons in July 2012 from 574,400 persons in June 2012. This is 11,400 more than the July 2011 labour force of 562,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.3 percentage points to 70.6 percent in July 2012 from 70.9 percent in June 2012. The July 2011 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.2 percent.

There were 31,000 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during July 2012. This is an increase of 5,400 from June 2012 and is 1,500 more than the number unemployed in July 2011.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 537,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan in July 2012, up 800 from the June 2012 level of 536,600 and is up 10,700 from the July 2011 employment level of 526,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July 2012 was 5.0 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the June 2012 rate of 4.9 percent and 0.1 percentage points higher than the July 2011 rate of 4.9 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 92,200 persons in July 2012 to 17,777,200 persons from 17,869,400 persons in June 2012. In July 2011, there were 17,632,200 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.8 percentage points in July 2012 to 7.5 percent from the June 2012 level of 6.7 percent. In July 2011, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.3 percent in July 2012. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than June 2012 but equal to the July 2011 level of 7.3 percent.

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

TABLE 1

**SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES**

	<u>July</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,208.3	19,162.3	19,075.6	46.0	132.7
Employed ('000)	17,777.2	17,869.4	17,632.2	-92.2	145.0
Full-Time ('000)	14,847.4	14,614.7	14,624.4	232.7	223.0
Part-Time ('000)	2,929.8	3,254.7	3,007.9	-324.9	-78.1
Unemployed ('000)	1,431.1	1,292.9	1,443.4	138.2	-12.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	6.7	7.6	0.8	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.3	7.2	7.3	0.1	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	67.8	67.7	68.1	0.1	-0.3
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	573.5	574.4	562.1	-0.9	11.4
Employed ('000)	542.6	548.9	532.6	-6.3	10.0
Full-Time ('000)	462.1	453.7	452.5	8.4	9.6
Part-Time ('000)	80.5	95.2	80.1	-14.7	0.4
Unemployed ('000)	31.0	25.6	29.5	5.4	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	4.5	5.2	0.9	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.0	4.9	4.9	0.1	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.6	70.9	70.2	-0.3	0.4
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,286.7	2,278.6	2,259.7	8.1	27.0
Employed ('000)	2,180.0	2,180.6	2,127.9	-0.6	52.1
Full-Time ('000)	1,869.3	1,824.2	1,804.0	45.1	65.3
Part-Time ('000)	310.7	356.5	324.0	-45.8	-13.3
Unemployed ('000)	106.7	98.0	131.8	8.7	-25.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.3	5.8	0.4	-1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.6	4.6	5.5	0.0	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	74.4	74.3	75.1	0.1	-0.7
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	671.6	671.5	670.7	0.1	0.9
Employed ('000)	630.6	640.0	629.6	-9.4	1.0
Full-Time ('000)	522.7	524.0	527.1	-1.3	-4.4
Part-Time ('000)	107.9	116.0	102.5	-8.1	5.4
Unemployed ('000)	41.0	31.5	41.1	9.5	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	4.7	6.1	1.4	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.2	5.7	0.5	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.7	69.8	70.3	-0.1	-0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>July 2012</u>	<u>June 2012</u>	<u>July 2011</u>	<u>Change from</u>	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	573.5	574.4	562.1	-0.9	11.4
Male	313.1	311.8	306.1	1.3	7.0
Female	260.4	262.6	256.0	-2.2	4.4
15-24 Years of Age	105.3	100.7	107.4	4.6	-2.1
25+ Years of age	468.2	473.7	454.7	-5.5	13.5
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	542.6	548.9	532.6	-6.3	10.0
Male	299.1	298.4	291.3	0.7	7.8
Female	243.4	250.4	241.3	-7.0	2.1
15-24 Years of Age	93.6	92.1	94.9	1.5	-1.3
25+ Years of age	449.0	456.8	437.7	-7.8	11.3
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	31.0	25.6	29.5	5.4	1.5
Male	14.0	13.4	14.8	0.6	-0.8
Female	17.0	12.2	14.7	4.8	2.3
15-24 Years of Age	11.7	8.6	12.5	3.1	-0.8
25+ Years of age	19.3	16.9	17.0	2.4	2.3
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	5.4	4.5	5.2	0.9	0.2
Male	4.5	4.3	4.8	0.2	-0.3
Female	6.5	4.6	5.7	1.9	0.8
15-24 Years of Age	11.1	8.5	11.6	2.6	-0.5
25+ Years of age	4.1	3.6	3.7	0.5	0.4
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	70.6	70.9	70.2	-0.3	0.4
Male	77.7	77.5	77.2	0.2	0.5
Female	63.7	64.4	63.4	-0.7	0.3
15-24 Years of Age	77.1	73.8	78.5	3.3	-1.4
25+ Years of age	69.3	70.3	68.5	-1.0	0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<b><u>July</u></b> <b><u>2012</u></b>	<b><u>June</u></b> <b><u>2012</u></b>	<b><u>July</u></b> <b><u>2011</u></b>	<b>Change from</b> <b><u>Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	40.2	38.3	41.5	1.9	-1.3
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	27.8	27.3	28.0	0.5	-0.2
Utilities	6.3	6.5	4.7	-0.2	1.6
Construction	48.8	45.1	42.5	3.7	6.3
Manufacturing	27.1	27.7	28.2	-0.6	-1.1
Trade	78.7	79.4	84.0	-0.7	-5.3
Transportation and Warehousing	27.2	26.4	27.0	0.8	0.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.9	29.6	29.6	0.3	0.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	26.1	24.5	25.6	1.6	0.5
Business, Building and Other Support Services	15.2	14.7	13.7	0.5	1.5
Educational Services	31.9	46.3	28.7	-14.4	3.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	72.5	71.4	67.2	1.1	5.3
Information, Culture and Recreation	22.6	21.5	20.9	1.1	1.7
Accommodation and Food Services	31.1	31.8	32.6	-0.7	-1.5
Other Services	24.2	26.5	25.5	-2.3	-1.3
Public Administration	32.8	31.8	33.0	1.0	-0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>542.6</b>	<b>548.9</b>	<b>532.6</b>	<b>-6.3</b>	<b>10.0</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	462.1	453.7	452.5	8.4	9.6
Part-Time	80.5	95.2	80.1	-14.7	0.4
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	444.4	453.0	432.9	-8.6	11.5
Public Sector	131.9	142.3	126.0	-10.4	5.9
Private Sector	312.5	310.7	306.9	1.8	5.6
Self-Employed	98.2	95.9	99.7	2.3	-1.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>July</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,777.2	17,869.4	17,632.2	-92.2	145.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	243.6	241.6	242.2	2.0	1.4
Prince Edward Island	78.6	78.4	77.0	0.2	1.6
Nova Scotia	470.0	466.7	466.8	3.3	3.2
New Brunswick	366.3	369.2	361.9	-2.9	4.4
Quebec	4,065.9	4,095.1	4,071.6	-29.2	-5.7
Ontario	6,860.5	6,900.5	6,821.9	-40.0	38.6
Manitoba	630.6	640.0	629.6	-9.4	1.0
Saskatchewan	542.6	548.9	532.6	-6.3	10.0
Alberta	2,180.0	2,180.6	2,127.9	-0.6	52.1
British Columbia	2,339.2	2,348.5	2,300.6	-9.3	38.6
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	7.5	6.7	7.6	0.8	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.3	11.3	11.1	0.0	0.2
Prince Edward Island	8.9	8.2	9.9	0.7	-1.0
Nova Scotia	8.9	8.7	9.1	0.2	-0.2
New Brunswick	9.9	7.9	10.2	2.0	-0.3
Quebec	7.0	6.9	7.1	0.1	-0.1
Ontario	8.6	7.5	8.2	1.1	0.4
Manitoba	6.1	4.7	6.1	1.4	0.0
Saskatchewan	5.4	4.5	5.2	0.9	0.2
Alberta	4.7	4.3	5.8	0.4	-1.1
British Columbia	6.9	6.3	7.6	0.6	-0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>July</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,479.3	17,509.7	17,340.1	-30.4	139.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	227.2	230.4	224.7	-3.2	2.5
Prince Edward Island	73.6	72.7	72.1	0.9	1.5
Nova Scotia	455.5	453.0	451.7	2.5	3.8
New Brunswick	353.7	354.8	348.6	-1.1	5.1
Quebec	3,956.8	3,985.5	3,970.1	-28.7	-13.3
Ontario	6,792.6	6,782.0	6,745.4	10.6	47.2
Manitoba	625.0	628.3	622.2	-3.3	2.8
Saskatchewan	537.4	536.6	526.7	0.8	10.7
Alberta	2,150.0	2,144.2	2,104.3	5.8	45.7
British Columbia	2,307.7	2,322.2	2,274.3	-14.5	33.4
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	7.3	7.2	7.3	0.1	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.8	13.0	12.2	-0.2	0.6
Prince Edward Island	10.2	11.3	11.4	-1.1	-1.2
Nova Scotia	9.4	9.6	9.5	-0.2	-0.1
New Brunswick	10.0	9.5	10.2	0.5	-0.2
Quebec	7.6	7.7	7.2	-0.1	0.4
Ontario	7.9	7.7	7.6	0.2	0.3
Manitoba	5.7	5.2	5.7	0.5	0.0
Saskatchewan	5.0	4.9	4.9	0.1	0.1
Alberta	4.6	4.6	5.5	0.0	-0.9
British Columbia	7.0	6.6	7.3	0.4	-0.3

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>July</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	7.2	7.3	6.3	-0.1	0.9
Halifax	6.9	6.8	6.4	0.1	0.5
Saint John	8.6	7.5	6.2	1.1	2.4
Quebec	5.1	5.3	4.6	-0.2	0.5
Montreal	7.9	8.5	7.9	-0.6	0.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.4	6.0	5.6	0.4	0.8
Greater Sudbury	7.2	6.9	7.1	0.3	0.1
Toronto	9.3	9.0	8.9	0.3	0.4
Winnipeg	5.4	5.1	5.8	0.3	-0.4
Regina	4.4	4.0	4.9	0.4	-0.5
Saskatoon	5.9	5.7	5.6	0.2	0.3
Calgary	4.7	4.7	5.9	0.0	-1.2
Edmonton	4.3	4.4	5.3	-0.1	-1.0
Vancouver	7.0	6.5	7.2	0.5	-0.2
Victoria	5.3	4.9	6.2	0.4	-0.9
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b>ECONOMIC REGIONS</b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	170.2	169.0	166.6	1.2	3.6
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	51.5	51.8	50.3	-0.3	1.2
Saskatoon-Biggar	185.0	182.0	178.7	3.0	6.3
Yorkton-Melville	37.2	38.4	39.7	-1.2	-2.5
Prince Albert & Northern	102.0	101.1	100.0	0.9	2.0

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 7

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

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>July</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	573.1	568.8	562.0	4.3	11.1
Employed ('000)	545.6	541.6	534.7	4.0	10.9
Unemployed ('000)	27.5	27.3	27.3	0.2	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.8	4.9	0.0	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.7	70.3	70.3	0.4	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	67.3	66.9	66.9	0.4	0.4
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	526.7	522.4	513.7	4.3	13.0
Employed ('000)	505.8	501.1	492.8	4.7	13.0
Unemployed ('000)	20.9	21.4	20.9	-0.5	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	4.1	4.1	-0.1	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	71.3	70.8	70.4	0.5	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	68.4	67.9	67.5	0.5	0.9
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	46.4	46.4	48.3	0.0	-1.9
Employed ('000)	39.8	40.5	41.9	-0.7	-2.1
Unemployed ('000)	6.6	5.9	6.4	0.7	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.3	12.7	13.2	1.6	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	65.2	65.4	69.3	-0.2	-4.1
Employment Rate (%)	55.9	57.0	60.1	-1.1	-4.2
<b><u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18.5	18.0	19.9	0.5	-1.4
Employed ('000)	14.5	14.6	16.1	-0.1	-1.6
Unemployed ('000)	3.9	3.4	3.8	0.5	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	21.3	18.7	19.0	2.6	2.3
Participation Rate (%)	59.3	57.9	65.2	1.4	-5.9
Employment Rate (%)	46.6	47.1	52.8	-0.5	-6.2
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	27.5	27.9	28.4	-0.4	-0.9
Employed ('000)	24.9	25.5	25.8	-0.6	-0.9
Unemployed ('000)	2.6	2.4	2.6	0.2	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.4	8.5	9.2	0.9	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	70.8	72.5	-1.2	-2.9
Employment Rate (%)	63.0	64.7	65.8	-1.7	-2.8

## 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.

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