

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

December 2017

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering December 3rd to 9th, 2017, there were 562,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 900 from November 2017 but 700 less than the number employed in December 2016.

Agricultural employment was 33,600 persons in December 2017, down 100 from the November 2017 level and 3,800 less than the December 2016 agricultural employment level of 37,400. Non-agricultural employment was 528,700 persons in December 2017. This is an increase of 1,000 from the November 2017 non-agriculture employment level of 527,700 and 3,100 more than December 2016.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for December 2017 was 6.2 percent. This is an increase of 0.5 percentage points from the November 2017 rate of 5.7 percent but remained unchanged from the December 2016 level of 6.2 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 4,100 to 599,300 persons in December 2017 from 595,200 persons in November 2017. This is 1,000 less than the December 2016 labour force of 600,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.4 percentage points to 68.1 percent in December 2017 from 67.7 percent in November 2017. The December 2016 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.8 percent.

There were 37,000 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during December 2017. This is an increase of 3,200 from November 2017 but is 400 less than the number unemployed in December 2016.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 568,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in December 2017, up 5,000 from the November 2017 level of 563,500 and is up 300 from the December 2016 employment level of 568,200 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2017 was 6.4 percent. This is an increase of 0.4 percentage points from the November 2017 rate of 6.0 percent and 0.2 percentage points lower than the December 2016 rate of 6.6 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 6,700 persons in December 2017 to 18,560,400 persons from 18,567,100 persons in November 2017. In December 2016, there were 18,133,000 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage points in December 2017 to 5.3 percent from the November 2017 level of 5.4 percent. In December 2016, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.4 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.7 percent in December 2017. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than November 2017 and 1.2 percentage points lower than the December 2016 level of 6.9 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6335 or visit www.stats.gov.sk.ca

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	December <u>2017</u>	November <u>2017</u>	December <u>2016</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,607.1	19,635.8	19,381.4	-28.7	225.7
Employed ('000)	18,560.4	18,567.1	18,133.0	-6.7	427.4
Full-Time ('000)	14,878.7	14,938.3	14,480.8	-59.6	397.9
Part-Time ('000)	3,681.7	3,628.8	3,652.3	52.9	29.4
Unemployed ('000)	1,046.7	1,068.7	1,248.3	-22.0	-201.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.4	6.4	-0.1	-1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.9	6.9	-0.2	-1.2
Participation Rate (%)	65.2	65.4	65.2	-0.2	0.0
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	599.3	595.2	600.3	4.1	-1.0
Employed ('000)	562.3	561.4	563.0	0.9	-0.7
Full-Time ('000)	454.3	461.4	457.7	-7.1	-3.4
Part-Time ('000)	108.0	100.0	105.3	8.0	2.7
Unemployed ('000)	37.0	33.8	37.4	3.2	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	5.7	6.2	0.5	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.4	6.0	6.6	0.4	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.1	67.7	68.8	0.4	-0.7
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,470.2	2,458.8	2,456.7	11.4	13.5
Employed ('000)	2,309.2	2,289.5	2,254.3	19.7	54.9
Full-Time ('000)	1,871.1	1,859.9	1,827.0	11.2	44.1
Part-Time ('000)	438.1	429.6	427.3	8.5	10.8
Unemployed ('000)	161.1	169.3	202.4	-8.2	-41.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	6.9	8.2	-0.4	-1.7
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.9	7.3	8.5	-0.4	-1.6
Participation Rate (%)	71.7	71.4	72.1	0.3	-0.4
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	678.4	680.0	668.9	-1.6	9.5
Employed ('000)	642.5	645.5	630.7	-3.0	11.8
Full-Time ('000)	508.3	511.4	501.9	-3.1	6.4
Part-Time ('000)	134.2	134.1	128.8	0.1	5.4
Unemployed ('000)	35.9	34.5	38.2	1.4	-2.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.1	5.7	0.2	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.4	6.3	0.3	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	66.6	66.8	66.6	-0.2	0.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>December</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>November</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Change from</u>	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	599.3	595.2	600.3	4.1	-1.0
Male	323.9	321.4	328.1	2.5	-4.2
Female	275.4	273.9	272.2	1.5	3.2
15-24 Years of Age	81.0	81.1	82.2	-0.1	-1.2
25+ Years of age	518.3	514.1	518.2	4.2	0.1
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	562.3	561.4	563.0	0.9	-0.7
Male	300.3	301.7	304.1	-1.4	-3.8
Female	262.0	259.7	258.9	2.3	3.1
15-24 Years of Age	70.2	72.0	74.5	-1.8	-4.3
25+ Years of age	492.2	489.4	488.4	2.8	3.8
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	37.0	33.8	37.4	3.2	-0.4
Male	23.6	19.7	24.0	3.9	-0.4
Female	13.4	14.1	13.3	-0.7	0.1
15-24 Years of Age	10.8	9.1	7.6	1.7	3.2
25+ Years of age	26.2	24.7	29.7	1.5	-3.5
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT</u>					
<u>RATE (%)</u>	6.2	5.7	6.2	0.5	0.0
Male	7.3	6.1	7.3	1.2	0.0
Female	4.9	5.1	4.9	-0.2	0.0
15-24 Years of Age	13.3	11.2	9.2	2.1	4.1
25+ Years of age	5.1	4.8	5.7	0.3	-0.6
<u>PARTICIPATION</u>					
<u>RATE (%)</u>	68.1	67.7	68.8	0.4	-0.7
Male	73.0	72.5	74.6	0.5	-1.6
Female	63.1	62.8	62.9	0.3	0.2
15-24 Years of Age	60.8	60.8	61.2	0.0	-0.4
25+ Years of age	69.4	68.9	70.2	0.5	-0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	<u>December</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>November</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Change from</u>	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	33.6	33.7	37.4	-0.1	-3.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.4	24.3	25.0	0.1	-0.6
Utilities	7.0	6.7	6.9	0.3	0.1
Construction	48.1	49.6	48.9	-1.5	-0.8
Manufacturing	27.5	28.1	26.9	-0.6	0.6
Trade	91.1	92.6	92.3	-1.5	-1.2
Transportation and Warehousing	29.0	28.8	28.4	0.2	0.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	27.0	28.1	26.9	-1.1	0.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	27.7	27.3	30.8	0.4	-3.1
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.8	14.2	12.7	-0.4	1.1
Educational Services	43.9	43.0	42.8	0.9	1.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	77.0	75.4	75.7	1.6	1.3
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.6	18.9	20.0	1.7	0.6
Accommodation and Food Services	36.3	35.9	35.7	0.4	0.6
Other Services	24.6	24.2	23.5	0.4	1.1
Public Administration	30.9	30.5	28.9	0.4	2.0
Total	562.3	561.4	563	0.9	-0.7
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	454.3	461.4	457.7	-7.1	-3.4
Part-Time	108.0	100.0	105.3	8.0	2.7
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	460.6	460.8	461.5	-0.2	-0.9
Public Sector	143.8	141.3	138.9	2.5	4.9
Private Sector	316.8	319.5	322.6	-2.7	-5.8
Self-Employed	101.7	100.6	101.5	1.1	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>December</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>November</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,560.4	18,567.1	18,133.0	-6.7	427.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	221.5	224.6	223.2	-3.1	-1.7
Prince Edward Island	72.4	72.5	69.6	-0.1	2.8
Nova Scotia	453.3	449.1	446.2	4.2	7.1
New Brunswick	353.0	350.8	349.8	2.2	3.2
Quebec	4,254.3	4,256.4	4,160.5	-2.1	93.8
Ontario	7,215.9	7,233.4	7,033.5	-17.5	182.4
Manitoba	642.5	645.5	630.7	-3.0	11.8
Saskatchewan	562.3	561.4	563.0	0.9	-0.7
Alberta	2,309.2	2,289.5	2,254.3	19.7	54.9
British Columbia	2,476.0	2,484.0	2,402.1	-8.0	73.9
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.3	5.4	6.4	-0.1	-1.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.4	14.5	15.2	0.9	0.2
Prince Edward Island	10.5	9.8	11.5	0.7	-1.0
Nova Scotia	7.3	8.3	7.7	-1.0	-0.4
New Brunswick	7.2	7.9	8.8	-0.7	-1.6
Quebec	4.8	4.9	6.4	-0.1	-1.6
Ontario	5.0	4.9	5.7	0.1	-0.7
Manitoba	5.3	5.1	5.7	0.2	-0.4
Saskatchewan	6.2	5.7	6.2	0.5	0.0
Alberta	6.5	6.9	8.2	-0.4	-1.7
British Columbia	4.4	4.7	5.4	-0.3	-1.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>December</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>November</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,647.5	18,568.9	18,225.0	78.6	422.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	224.8	223.8	227.1	1.0	-2.3
Prince Edward Island	74.9	74.0	72.1	0.9	2.8
Nova Scotia	454.8	448.9	448.5	5.9	6.3
New Brunswick	356.4	352.2	354.9	4.2	1.5
Quebec	4,285.9	4,259.0	4,199.2	26.9	86.7
Ontario	7,222.7	7,220.8	7,046.4	1.9	176.3
Manitoba	646.1	645.4	633.0	0.7	13.1
Saskatchewan	568.5	563.5	568.2	5.0	0.3
Alberta	2,322.3	2,296.0	2,267.4	26.3	54.9
British Columbia	2,491.0	2,485.4	2,408.2	5.6	82.8
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.7	5.9	6.9	-0.2	-1.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.7	14.4	15.1	0.3	-0.4
Prince Edward Island	9.8	8.8	10.5	1.0	-0.7
Nova Scotia	8.0	8.8	8.3	-0.8	-0.3
New Brunswick	7.8	8.3	9.3	-0.5	-1.5
Quebec	4.9	5.4	6.5	-0.5	-1.6
Ontario	5.5	5.5	6.4	0.0	-0.9
Manitoba	5.7	5.4	6.3	0.3	-0.6
Saskatchewan	6.4	6.0	6.6	0.4	-0.2
Alberta	6.9	7.3	8.5	-0.4	-1.6
British Columbia	4.6	4.8	5.8	-0.2	-1.2

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	December <u>2017</u>	November <u>2017</u>	December <u>2016</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	7.8	8.0	9.4	-0.2	-1.6
Halifax	6.2	6.5	5.6	-0.3	0.6
Saint John	5.3	5.8	7.2	-0.5	-1.9
Quebec	3.4	3.7	3.8	-0.3	-0.4
Montreal	5.7	6.1	6.3	-0.4	-0.6
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.7	5.3	5.4	-0.6	-0.7
Toronto	5.5	5.5	6.4	0.0	-0.9
Greater Sudbury	6.0	5.7	7.3	0.3	-1.3
Winnipeg	5.3	5.4	6.4	-0.1	-1.1
Regina	4.2	4.3	5.0	-0.1	-0.8
Saskatoon	7.5	7.2	7.3	0.3	0.2
Calgary	7.2	7.4	10.0	-0.2	-2.8
Edmonton	6.6	6.9	7.0	-0.3	-0.4
Vancouver	3.9	4.1	4.8	-0.2	-0.9
Victoria	3.3	3.0	4.9	0.3	-1.6
SASKATCHEWAN					
ECONOMIC REGIONS					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	183.4	182.0	182.6	1.4	0.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.2	50.1	53.1	0.1	-2.9
Saskatoon-Biggar	196.4	199.7	196.7	-3.3	-0.3
Yorkton-Melville	36.5	37.9	38.1	-1.4	-1.6
Prince Albert & Northern	96.6	96.7	96.2	-0.1	0.4

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>December</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>November</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	597.5	599.1	604.4	-1.6	-6.9
Employed ('000)	564.1	567.4	566.5	-3.3	-2.4
Unemployed ('000)	33.4	31.7	37.9	1.7	-4.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.3	6.3	0.3	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	67.9	68.1	69.3	-0.2	-1.4
Employment Rate (%)	64.1	64.5	65.0	-0.4	-0.9
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	544.2	546.0	548.3	-1.8	-4.1
Employed ('000)	518.6	521.2	518.6	-2.6	0.0
Unemployed ('000)	25.6	24.8	29.7	0.8	-4.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.5	5.4	0.2	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	68.5	68.8	69.6	-0.3	-1.1
Employment Rate (%)	65.3	65.6	65.9	-0.3	-0.6
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	53.3	53.2	56.1	0.1	-2.8
Employed ('000)	45.5	46.2	47.9	-0.7	-2.4
Unemployed ('000)	7.8	7.0	8.2	0.8	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.6	13.1	14.5	1.5	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	62.6	62.4	66.4	0.2	-3.8
Employment Rate (%)	53.4	54.2	56.8	-0.8	-3.4
<u>FIRST NATIONS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	21.4	21.4	23.3	0.0	-1.9
Employed ('000)	16.7	17.0	19.1	-0.3	-2.4
Unemployed ('000)	4.7	4.3	4.2	0.4	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	21.8	20.3	18.2	1.5	3.6
Participation Rate (%)	56.3	56.2	61.9	0.1	-5.6
Employment Rate (%)	44.0	44.8	50.6	-0.8	-6.6
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	31.7	31.7	32.7	0.0	-1.0
Employed ('000)	28.6	29.0	28.8	-0.4	-0.2
Unemployed ('000)	3.1	2.6	3.9	0.5	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.7	8.3	11.8	1.4	-2.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.8	67.7	70.0	0.1	-2.2
Employment Rate (%)	61.2	62.1	61.7	-0.9	-0.5

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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