

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

February 2018

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## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering February 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, there were 555,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 4,300 from January 2018 and 7,800 less than the number employed in February 2017.

Agricultural employment was 32,900 persons in February 2018, down 300 from the January 2018 level and 3,800 less than the February 2017 agricultural employment level of 36,700. Non-agricultural employment was 522,900 persons in February 2018. This is a decrease of 4,000 from the January 2018 non-agriculture employment level of 526,900 and 4,000 less than February 2017.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for February 2018 was 6.0 percent. This is unchanged from the January 2018 but 0.5 percentage points lower than the February 2017 level of 6.5 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 4,900 to 591,100 persons in February 2018 from 596,000 persons in January 2018. This is 11,400 less than the February 2017 labour force of 602,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.7 percentage points to 67.0 percent in February 2018 from 67.7 percent in January 2018. The February 2017 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.0 percent.

There were 35,300 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during February 2018. This is a decrease of 600 from January 2018 and is 3,600 less than the number unemployed in February 2017.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 566,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in February 2018, down 2,900 from the January 2018 level of 569,400 and is down 8,200 from the February 2017 employment level of 574,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2018 was 5.6 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the January 2018 rate of 5.4 percent but 0.3 percentage points lower than the February 2017 rate of 5.9 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 42,300 persons in February 2018 to 18,273,600 persons from 18,231,300 persons in January 2018. In February 2017, there were 17,992,800 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage points in February 2018 to 6.1 percent from the January 2018 level of 6.2 percent. In February 2017, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.0 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.8 percent in February 2018. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than January 2018 and 0.8 percentage points lower than the February 2017 level of 6.6 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6335 or visit [www.Saskatchewan.ca/stats](http://www.Saskatchewan.ca/stats)

TABLE 1

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

	February <u>2018</u>	January <u>2018</u>	February <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,468.9	19,440.9	19,342.8	28.0	126.1
Employed ('000)	18,273.6	18,231.3	17,992.8	42.3	280.8
Full-Time ('000)	14,638.5	14,689.3	14,357.4	-50.8	281.1
Part-Time ('000)	3,635.1	3,542.0	3,635.5	93.1	-0.4
Unemployed ('000)	1,195.2	1,209.6	1,349.9	-14.4	-154.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.2	7.0	-0.1	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.8	5.9	6.6	-0.1	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	64.6	64.6	65.0	0.0	-0.4
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	591.1	596.0	602.5	-4.9	-11.4
Employed ('000)	555.8	560.1	563.6	-4.3	-7.8
Full-Time ('000)	451.7	453.8	456.1	-2.1	-4.4
Part-Time ('000)	104.1	106.3	107.5	-2.2	-3.4
Unemployed ('000)	35.3	35.9	38.9	-0.6	-3.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	6.0	6.5	0.0	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.6	5.4	5.9	0.2	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	67.0	67.7	69.0	-0.7	-2.0
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,461.8	2,462.8	2,462.3	-1.0	-0.5
Employed ('000)	2,295.6	2,287.5	2,249.8	8.1	45.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,875.7	1,879.0	1,814.0	-3.3	61.7
Part-Time ('000)	419.9	408.6	435.9	11.3	-16.0
Unemployed ('000)	166.3	175.3	212.4	-9.0	-46.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	7.1	8.6	-0.3	-1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.7	7.0	8.2	-0.3	-1.5
Participation Rate (%)	71.3	71.4	72.1	-0.1	-0.8
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	674.4	672.2	669.6	2.2	4.8
Employed ('000)	632.6	632.0	629.5	0.6	3.1
Full-Time ('000)	497.9	498.0	505.4	-0.1	-7.5
Part-Time ('000)	134.7	134.1	124.1	0.6	10.6
Unemployed ('000)	41.8	40.1	40.1	1.7	1.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	6.0	6.0	0.2	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.9	5.6	5.8	0.3	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	66.1	65.9	66.5	0.2	-0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	February <u>2018</u>	January <u>2018</u>	February <u>2017</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	591.1	596.0	602.5	-4.9	-11.4
Male	319.4	322.8	326.1	-3.4	-6.7
Female	271.7	273.2	276.4	-1.5	-4.7
15-24 Years of Age	76.5	78.7	83.1	-2.2	-6.6
25+ Years of age	514.6	517.3	519.4	-2.7	-4.8
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	555.8	560.1	563.6	-4.3	-7.8
Male	296.2	297.9	301.4	-1.7	-5.2
Female	259.6	262.2	262.1	-2.6	-2.5
15-24 Years of Age	67.6	69.3	73.4	-1.7	-5.8
25+ Years of age	488.2	490.8	490.2	-2.6	-2.0
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	35.3	35.9	38.9	-0.6	-3.6
Male	23.1	24.9	24.7	-1.8	-1.6
Female	12.2	11.0	14.3	1.2	-2.1
15-24 Years of Age	8.9	9.5	9.8	-0.6	-0.9
25+ Years of age	26.4	26.4	29.2	0.0	-2.8
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	6.0	6.0	6.5	0.0	-0.5
Male	7.2	7.7	7.6	-0.5	-0.4
Female	4.5	4.0	5.2	0.5	-0.7
15-24 Years of Age	11.6	12.1	11.8	-0.5	-0.2
25+ Years of age	5.1	5.1	5.6	0.0	-0.5
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	67.0	67.7	69.0	-0.7	-2.0
Male	71.9	72.7	74.1	-0.8	-2.2
Female	62.2	62.5	63.8	-0.3	-1.6
15-24 Years of Age	57.5	59.1	62.1	-1.6	-4.6
25+ Years of age	68.8	69.2	70.2	-0.4	-1.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<b>February <u>2018</u></b>	<b>January <u>2018</u></b>	<b>February <u>2017</u></b>	<b>Change from <u>Last Month</u></b>	<b>Change from <u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	32.9	33.2	36.7	-0.3	-3.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.6	25.3	23.6	-0.7	1.0
Utilities	6.6	6.5	6.6	0.1	0.0
Construction	44.0	45.2	47.1	-1.2	-3.1
Manufacturing	27.6	26.9	28.2	0.7	-0.6
Trade	89.8	91.0	92.3	-1.2	-2.5
Transportation and Warehousing	30.0	30.0	28.3	0.0	1.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	26.9	27.2	26.4	-0.3	0.5
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	26.4	27.0	31.1	-0.6	-4.7
Business, Building and Other Support Services	14.8	14.5	12.1	0.3	2.7
Educational Services	44.3	43.5	44.7	0.8	-0.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	76.6	76.0	77.4	0.6	-0.8
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.2	20.6	20.5	-1.4	-1.3
Accommodation and Food Services	36.0	36.4	36.2	-0.4	-0.2
Other Services	25.4	26.0	23.5	-0.6	1.9
Public Administration	30.8	30.9	28.8	-0.1	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>555.8</b>	<b>560.1</b>	<b>563.6</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-7.8</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	451.7	453.8	456.1	-2.1	-4.4
Part-Time	104.1	106.3	107.5	-2.2	-3.4
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	457.8	458.1	460.8	-0.3	-3.0
Public Sector	143.8	143.3	140.3	0.5	3.5
Private Sector	314.1	314.8	320.5	-0.7	-6.4
Self-Employed	98.0	102.1	102.8	-4.1	-4.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	February <u>2018</u>	January <u>2018</u>	February <u>2017</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	18,273.6	18,231.3	17,992.8	42.3	280.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	212.1	212.3	213.7	-0.2	-1.6
Prince Edward Island	71.6	70.9	69.2	0.7	2.4
Nova Scotia	440.7	439.3	430.4	1.4	10.3
New Brunswick	341.9	336.7	338.2	5.2	3.7
Quebec	4,179.9	4,181.6	4,106.1	-1.7	73.8
Ontario	7,093.0	7,068.7	6,981.9	24.3	111.1
Manitoba	632.6	632.0	629.5	0.6	3.1
Saskatchewan	555.8	560.1	563.6	-4.3	-7.8
Alberta	2,295.6	2,287.5	2,249.8	8.1	45.8
British Columbia	2,450.5	2,442.1	2,410.3	8.4	40.2
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	6.1	6.2	7.0	-0.1	-0.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	16.1	16.7	16.7	-0.6	-0.6
Prince Edward Island	11.9	12.9	11.7	-1.0	0.2
Nova Scotia	8.9	8.9	9.2	0.0	-0.3
New Brunswick	9.3	10.2	10.0	-0.9	-0.7
Quebec	6.3	6.0	7.1	0.3	-0.8
Ontario	5.5	5.7	6.3	-0.2	-0.8
Manitoba	6.2	6.0	6.0	0.2	0.2
Saskatchewan	6.0	6.0	6.5	0.0	-0.5
Alberta	6.8	7.1	8.6	-0.3	-1.8
British Columbia	5.0	5.2	5.6	-0.2	-0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>February</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	18,572.5	18,557.1	18,290.0	15.4	282.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	223.9	225.3	225.3	-1.4	-1.4
Prince Edward Island	75.4	74.9	73.1	0.5	2.3
Nova Scotia	456.3	453.5	446.0	2.8	10.3
New Brunswick	355.8	350.7	352.7	5.1	3.1
Quebec	4,263.6	4,266.5	4,189.8	-2.9	73.8
Ontario	7,188.6	7,172.9	7,074.9	15.7	113.7
Manitoba	642.2	642.7	638.5	-0.5	3.7
Saskatchewan	566.5	569.4	574.7	-2.9	-8.2
Alberta	2,316.8	2,314.5	2,271.8	2.3	45.0
British Columbia	2,483.4	2,486.8	2,443.2	-3.4	40.2
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	5.8	5.9	6.6	-0.1	-0.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.0	14.0	14.5	0.0	-0.5
Prince Edward Island	10.1	10.6	9.9	-0.5	0.2
Nova Scotia	7.9	8.2	8.1	-0.3	-0.2
New Brunswick	8.2	9.1	8.7	-0.9	-0.5
Quebec	5.6	5.4	6.4	0.2	-0.8
Ontario	5.5	5.5	6.2	0.0	-0.7
Manitoba	5.9	5.6	5.8	0.3	0.1
Saskatchewan	5.6	5.4	5.9	0.2	-0.3
Alberta	6.7	7.0	8.2	-0.3	-1.5
British Columbia	4.7	4.8	5.1	-0.1	-0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	February <u>2018</u>	January <u>2018</u>	February <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	8.7	8.3	9.2	0.4	-0.5
Halifax	6.5	6.5	6.4	0.0	0.1
Saint John	6.6	6.2	7.5	0.4	-0.9
Quebec	3.4	3.3	4.7	0.1	-1.3
Montreal	6.1	5.6	6.9	0.5	-0.8
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.6	4.6	5.0	0.0	-0.4
Toronto	5.5	5.4	6.8	0.1	-1.3
Greater Sudbury	6.8	6.2	7.7	0.6	-0.9
Winnipeg	6.3	5.7	6.6	0.6	-0.3
Regina	5.1	4.5	5.4	0.6	-0.3
Saskatoon	7.0	7.5	7.4	-0.5	-0.4
Calgary	7.7	7.4	9.2	0.3	-1.5
Edmonton	6.8	6.9	8.3	-0.1	-1.5
Vancouver	3.9	4.0	4.7	-0.1	-0.8
Victoria	4.5	3.8	4.2	0.7	0.3
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b>ECONOMIC REGIONS</b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	182.1	183.0	182.7	-0.9	-0.6
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.0	50.3	52.7	-0.3	-2.7
Saskatoon-Biggar	193.5	194.1	193.2	-0.6	0.3
Yorkton-Melville	34.8	35.6	37.9	-0.8	-3.1
Prince Albert & Northern	99.0	98.2	95.3	0.8	3.7

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>February</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	596.2	597.4	601.0	-1.2	-4.8
Employed ('000)	560.4	562.1	561.0	-1.7	-0.6
Unemployed ('000)	35.8	35.4	39.9	0.4	-4.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	5.9	6.6	0.1	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	67.7	67.9	68.8	-0.2	-1.1
Employment Rate (%)	63.6	63.9	64.3	-0.3	-0.7
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	541.9	543.8	543.7	-1.9	-1.8
Employed ('000)	514.0	516.6	512.6	-2.6	1.4
Unemployed ('000)	27.9	27.2	31.1	0.7	-3.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.0	5.7	0.2	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	68.1	68.4	69.0	-0.3	-0.9
Employment Rate (%)	64.6	65.0	65.1	-0.4	-0.5
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	54.3	53.6	57.2	0.7	-2.9
Employed ('000)	46.5	45.5	48.4	1.0	-1.9
Unemployed ('000)	7.9	8.1	8.8	-0.2	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.5	15.2	15.5	-0.7	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	63.6	62.9	67.2	0.7	-3.6
Employment Rate (%)	54.4	53.3	56.8	1.1	-2.4
<b><u>FIRST NATIONS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	21.6	21.5	25.2	0.1	-3.6
Employed ('000)	17.3	16.9	20.3	0.4	-3.0
Unemployed ('000)	4.3	4.6	4.8	-0.3	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.8	21.3	19.1	-1.5	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	56.6	56.4	66.0	0.2	-9.4
Employment Rate (%)	45.4	44.3	53.4	1.1	-8.0
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	32.4	31.9	32.0	0.5	0.4
Employed ('000)	28.8	28.4	27.9	0.4	0.9
Unemployed ('000)	3.6	3.5	4.0	0.1	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.0	11.0	12.6	0.0	-1.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	68.3	68.2	0.9	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	61.6	60.7	59.6	0.9	2.0

## 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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