

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

March 2018

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering March 11th to 17th, 2018, there were 562,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 6,900 from February 2018 and 1,500 more than the number employed in March 2017.

Agricultural employment was 34,600 persons in March 2018, up 1,700 from the February 2018 level but 1,200 less than the March 2017 agricultural employment level of 35,800. Non-agricultural employment was 528,100 persons in March 2018. This is an increase of 5,200 from the February 2018 non-agriculture employment level of 522,900 and 2,700 more than March 2017.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for March 2018 was 6.4 percent. This is an increase of 0.4 percentage points from the February 2018 rate of 6.0 percent but 0.3 percentage points lower than the March 2017 level of 6.7 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 10,300 to 601,400 persons in March 2018 from 591,100 persons in February 2018. This is 200 less than the March 2017 labour force of 601,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 1.1 percentage points to 68.1 percent in March 2018 from 67.0 percent in February 2018. The March 2017 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.8 percent.

There were 38,700 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during March 2018. This is an increase of 3,400 from February 2018 but is 1,800 less than the number unemployed in March 2017.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 570,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in March 2018, up 4,200 from the February 2018 level of 566,500 and is up 900 from the March 2017 employment level of 569,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2018 was 5.8 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the February 2018 rate of 5.6 percent but 0.3 percentage points lower than the March 2017 rate of 6.1 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 43,800 persons in March 2018 to 18,317,400 persons from 18,273,600 persons in February 2018. In March 2017, there were 18,018,300 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.2 percentage points in March 2018 to 6.3 percent from the February 2018 level of 6.1 percent. In March 2017, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.8 percent in March 2018. This is the same as February 2018 but 0.8 percentage points lower than the March 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

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	March <u>2018</u>	February <u>2018</u>	March <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,540.3	19,468.9	19,412.4	71.4	127.9
Employed ('000)	18,317.4	18,273.6	18,018.3	43.8	299.1
Full-Time ('000)	14,745.7	14,638.5	14,397.5	107.2	348.2
Part-Time ('000)	3,571.7	3,635.1	3,620.7	-63.4	-49.0
Unemployed ('000)	1,222.9	1,195.2	1,394.1	27.7	-171.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.1	7.2	0.2	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.8	5.8	6.6	0.0	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	64.8	64.6	65.2	0.2	-0.4
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	601.4	591.1	601.6	10.3	-0.2
Employed ('000)	562.7	555.8	561.2	6.9	1.5
Full-Time ('000)	455.3	451.7	456.1	3.6	-0.8
Part-Time ('000)	107.3	104.1	105.0	3.2	2.3
Unemployed ('000)	38.7	35.3	40.5	3.4	-1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.0	6.7	0.4	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.8	5.6	6.1	0.2	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.1	67.0	68.8	1.1	-0.7
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,473.9	2,461.8	2,483.1	12.1	-9.2
Employed ('000)	2,310.3	2,295.6	2,263.7	14.7	46.6
Full-Time ('000)	1,876.4	1,875.7	1,827.1	0.7	49.3
Part-Time ('000)	433.9	419.9	436.6	14.0	-2.7
Unemployed ('000)	163.6	166.3	219.4	-2.7	-55.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.8	8.8	-0.2	-2.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.3	6.7	8.3	-0.4	-2.0
Participation Rate (%)	71.6	71.3	72.7	0.3	-1.1
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	680.2	674.4	672.1	5.8	8.1
Employed ('000)	636.8	632.6	634.9	4.2	1.9
Full-Time ('000)	500.9	497.9	509.7	3.0	-8.8
Part-Time ('000)	135.9	134.7	125.2	1.2	10.7
Unemployed ('000)	43.4	41.8	37.2	1.6	6.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.2	5.5	0.2	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.2	5.9	5.5	0.3	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	66.6	66.1	66.6	0.5	0.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	March <u>2018</u>	February <u>2018</u>	March <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	601.4	591.1	601.6	10.3	-0.2
Male	323.5	319.4	325.9	4.1	-2.4
Female	277.9	271.7	275.7	6.2	2.2
15-24 Years of Age	79.4	76.5	82.1	2.9	-2.7
25+ Years of age	522.1	514.6	519.5	7.5	2.6
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	562.7	555.8	561.2	6.9	1.5
Male	298.3	296.2	299.0	2.1	-0.7
Female	264.4	259.6	262.2	4.8	2.2
15-24 Years of Age	69.5	67.6	71.8	1.9	-2.3
25+ Years of age	493.2	488.2	489.4	5.0	3.8
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	38.7	35.3	40.5	3.4	-1.8
Male	25.2	23.1	26.9	2.1	-1.7
Female	13.6	12.2	13.6	1.4	0.0
15-24 Years of Age	9.9	8.9	10.3	1.0	-0.4
25+ Years of age	28.9	26.4	30.1	2.5	-1.2
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	6.4	6.0	6.7	0.4	-0.3
Male	7.8	7.2	8.3	0.6	-0.5
Female	4.9	4.5	4.9	0.4	0.0
15-24 Years of Age	12.5	11.6	12.5	0.9	0.0
25+ Years of age	5.5	5.1	5.8	0.4	-0.3
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	68.1	67.0	68.8	1.1	-0.7
Male	72.7	71.9	74.0	0.8	-1.3
Female	63.5	62.2	63.6	1.3	-0.1
15-24 Years of Age	59.7	57.5	61.3	2.2	-1.6
25+ Years of age	69.7	68.8	70.2	0.9	-0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	March <u>2018</u>	February <u>2018</u>	March <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	34.6	32.9	35.8	1.7	-1.2
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.6	24.6	23.6	0.0	1.0
Utilities	6.6	6.6	6.9	0.0	-0.3
Construction	45.4	44.0	45.3	1.4	0.1
Manufacturing	28.7	27.6	28.2	1.1	0.5
Trade	90.2	89.8	92.0	0.4	-1.8
Transportation and Warehousing	30.0	30.0	28.0	0.0	2.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.1	26.9	27.0	1.2	1.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	26.1	26.4	32.6	-0.3	-6.5
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.5	14.8	12.4	-1.3	1.1
Educational Services	44.2	44.3	43.5	-0.1	0.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	79.4	76.6	76.6	2.8	2.8
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.3	19.2	20.2	1.1	0.1
Accommodation and Food Services	35.1	36.0	36.2	-0.9	-1.1
Other Services	25.9	25.4	24.2	0.5	1.7
Public Administration	30.0	30.8	28.9	-0.8	1.1
Total	562.7	555.8	561.2	6.9	1.5
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	455.3	451.7	456.1	3.6	-0.8
Part-Time	107.3	104.1	105.0	3.2	2.3
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	461.8	457.8	458.5	4.0	3.3
Public Sector	142.3	143.8	138.3	-1.5	4.0
Private Sector	319.5	314.1	320.2	5.4	-0.7
Self-Employed	100.8	98.0	102.7	2.8	-1.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>March 2018</u>	<u>February 2018</u>	<u>March 2017</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,317.4	18,273.6	18,018.3	43.8	299.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	212.1	212.1	214.3	0.0	-2.2
Prince Edward Island	70.8	71.6	68.5	-0.8	2.3
Nova Scotia	441.2	440.7	435.8	0.5	5.4
New Brunswick	340.9	341.9	341.0	-1.0	-0.1
Quebec	4,201.5	4,179.9	4,113.9	21.6	87.6
Ontario	7,085.3	7,093.0	6,961.7	-7.7	123.6
Manitoba	636.8	632.6	634.9	4.2	1.9
Saskatchewan	562.7	555.8	561.2	6.9	1.5
Alberta	2,310.3	2,295.6	2,263.7	14.7	46.6
British Columbia	2,455.8	2,450.5	2,423.2	5.3	32.6
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	6.3	6.1	7.2	0.2	-0.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	16.7	16.1	17.5	0.6	-0.8
Prince Edward Island	12.7	11.9	12.4	0.8	0.3
Nova Scotia	8.7	8.9	9.9	-0.2	-1.2
New Brunswick	9.2	9.3	9.6	-0.1	-0.4
Quebec	6.2	6.3	7.0	-0.1	-0.8
Ontario	5.9	5.5	6.8	0.4	-0.9
Manitoba	6.4	6.2	5.5	0.2	0.9
Saskatchewan	6.4	6.0	6.7	0.4	-0.3
Alberta	6.6	6.8	8.8	-0.2	-2.2
British Columbia	4.8	5.0	5.5	-0.2	-0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>March 2018</u>	<u>February 2018</u>	<u>March 2017</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,604.8	18,572.5	18,308.6	32.3	296.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	223.5	223.9	225.5	-0.4	-2.0
Prince Edward Island	75.2	75.4	73.0	-0.2	2.2
Nova Scotia	455.0	456.3	449.7	-1.3	5.3
New Brunswick	354.0	355.8	354.0	-1.8	0.0
Quebec	4,279.6	4,263.6	4,194.6	16.0	85.0
Ontario	7,199.2	7,188.6	7,069.6	10.6	129.6
Manitoba	643.1	642.2	640.9	0.9	2.2
Saskatchewan	570.7	566.5	569.8	4.2	0.9
Alberta	2,325.1	2,316.8	2,284.6	8.3	40.5
British Columbia	2,479.5	2,483.4	2,446.8	-3.9	32.7
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.8	5.8	6.6	0.0	-0.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.2	14.0	14.9	0.2	-0.7
Prince Edward Island	10.3	10.1	10.0	0.2	0.3
Nova Scotia	7.4	7.9	8.5	-0.5	-1.1
New Brunswick	8.0	8.2	8.3	-0.2	-0.3
Quebec	5.6	5.6	6.3	0.0	-0.7
Ontario	5.5	5.5	6.3	0.0	-0.8
Manitoba	6.2	5.9	5.5	0.3	0.7
Saskatchewan	5.8	5.6	6.1	0.2	-0.3
Alberta	6.3	6.7	8.3	-0.4	-2.0
British Columbia	4.7	4.7	5.3	0.0	-0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>March</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	9.0	8.7	9.1	0.3	-0.1
Halifax	6.7	6.5	7.2	0.2	-0.5
Saint John	7.5	6.6	6.8	0.9	0.7
Quebec	4.2	3.4	4.7	0.8	-0.5
Montreal	6.5	6.1	7.1	0.4	-0.6
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.6	4.6	5.2	0.0	-0.6
Toronto	5.7	5.5	7.0	0.2	-1.3
Greater Sudbury	7.4	6.8	7.8	0.6	-0.4
Winnipeg	6.7	6.3	6.5	0.4	0.2
Regina	5.3	5.1	5.3	0.2	0.0
Saskatoon	6.9	7.0	8.1	-0.1	-1.2
Calgary	8.1	7.7	9.1	0.4	-1.0
Edmonton	6.8	6.8	8.7	0.0	-1.9
Vancouver	4.2	3.9	5.0	0.3	-0.8
Victoria	4.6	4.5	3.7	0.1	0.9
SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	182.3	182.1	184.0	0.2	-1.7
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	49.5	50.0	52.3	-0.5	-2.8
Saskatoon-Biggar	193.3	193.5	191.2	-0.2	2.1
Yorkton-Melville	34.5	34.8	37.7	-0.3	-3.2
Prince Albert & Northern	100.0	99.0	95.9	1.0	4.1

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>March</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	597.0	596.2	601.3	0.8	-4.3
Employed ('000)	560.7	560.4	560.1	0.3	0.6
Unemployed ('000)	36.4	35.8	41.2	0.6	-4.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.0	6.8	0.1	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	67.7	67.7	68.8	0.0	-1.1
Employment Rate (%)	63.6	63.6	64.1	0.0	-0.5
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	541.3	541.9	543.9	-0.6	-2.6
Employed ('000)	512.9	514.0	512.3	-1.1	0.6
Unemployed ('000)	28.5	27.9	31.6	0.6	-3.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.2	5.8	0.1	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	68.0	68.1	69.0	-0.1	-1.0
Employment Rate (%)	64.4	64.6	65.0	-0.2	-0.6
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	55.7	54.3	57.4	1.4	-1.7
Employed ('000)	47.8	46.5	47.8	1.3	0.0
Unemployed ('000)	7.9	7.9	9.6	0.0	-1.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.2	14.5	16.7	-0.3	-2.5
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	63.6	67.4	1.5	-2.3
Employment Rate (%)	55.8	54.4	56.1	1.4	-0.3
<u>FIRST NATIONS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	22.1	21.6	24.6	0.5	-2.5
Employed ('000)	18.0	17.3	19.4	0.7	-1.4
Unemployed ('000)	4.0	4.3	5.2	-0.3	-1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	18.2	19.8	21.1	-1.6	-2.9
Participation Rate (%)	57.6	56.6	64.5	1.0	-6.9
Employment Rate (%)	47.1	45.4	50.9	1.7	-3.8
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	33.4	32.4	32.6	1.0	0.8
Employed ('000)	29.5	28.8	28.3	0.7	1.2
Unemployed ('000)	3.9	3.6	4.3	0.3	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.7	11.0	13.3	0.7	-1.6
Participation Rate (%)	71.1	69.2	69.6	1.9	1.5
Employment Rate (%)	62.7	61.6	60.4	1.1	2.3

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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