

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

October 2018

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering October 7th to 13th, 2018, there were 575,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 100 from September 2018 but 9,400 more than the number employed in October 2017.

Agricultural employment was 38,800 persons in October 2018, down 1,600 from the September 2018 level but 3,000 more than the October 2017 agricultural employment level of 35,800. Non-agricultural employment was 536,400 persons in October 2018. This is an increase of 1,500 from the September 2018 non-agriculture employment level of 534,900 and 6,400 more than October 2017.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for October 2018 was 5.4 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the September 2018 rate of 5.5 percent but 0.3 percentage points higher than the October 2017 level of 5.1 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 600 to 608,000 persons in October 2018 from 608,600 persons in September 2018. This is 11,800 more than the October 2017 labour force of 596,200 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.1 percentage points to 68.6 percent in October 2018 from 68.7 percent in September 2018. The October 2017 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 67.8 percent.

There were 32,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during October 2018. This is a decrease of 500 from September 2018 but is 2,500 more than the number unemployed in October 2017.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 573,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in October 2018, up 2,500 from the September 2018 level of 571,000 and is up 9,600 from the October 2017 employment level of 563,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2018 was 6.2 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the September 2018 rate of 6.4 percent but 0.3 percentage points higher than the October 2017 rate of 5.9 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 17,300 persons in October 2018 to 18,771,200 persons from 18,753,900 persons in September 2018. In October 2017, there were 18,562,000 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage points in October 2018 to 5.3 percent from the September 2018 level of 5.4 percent. In October 2017, Canada's unemployment rate was 5.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.8 percent in October 2018. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than September 2018 and 0.4 percentage points lower than the October 2017 level of 6.2 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-7208 or visit www.Saskatchewan.ca/stats

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	October <u>2018</u>	September <u>2018</u>	October <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,813.9	19,824.5	19,676.2	-10.6	137.7
Employed ('000)	18,771.2	18,753.9	18,562.0	17.3	209.2
Full-Time ('000)	15,207.8	15,266.6	15,036.9	-58.8	170.9
Part-Time ('000)	3,563.5	3,487.3	3,525.1	76.2	38.4
Unemployed ('000)	1,042.7	1,070.6	1,114.2	-27.9	-71.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.4	5.7	-0.1	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.8	5.9	6.2	-0.1	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	65.2	65.6	-0.1	-0.5
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	608.0	608.6	596.2	-0.6	11.8
Employed ('000)	575.2	575.3	565.8	-0.1	9.4
Full-Time ('000)	472.6	476.7	466.9	-4.1	5.7
Part-Time ('000)	102.6	98.6	98.9	4.0	3.7
Unemployed ('000)	32.8	33.3	30.3	-0.5	2.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.5	5.1	-0.1	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.2	6.4	5.9	-0.2	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	68.7	67.8	-0.1	0.8
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,503.3	2,505.5	2,464.5	-2.2	38.8
Employed ('000)	2,341.3	2,348.1	2,299.5	-6.8	41.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,916.5	1,925.0	1,884.0	-8.5	32.5
Part-Time ('000)	424.8	423.2	415.5	1.6	9.3
Unemployed ('000)	162.0	157.4	165.0	4.6	-3.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	6.3	6.7	0.2	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.3	7.0	7.6	0.3	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	71.8	72.0	71.7	-0.2	0.1
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	691.3	687.3	681.9	4.0	9.4
Employed ('000)	654.2	650.2	650.9	4.0	3.3
Full-Time ('000)	522.7	525.5	517.0	-2.8	5.7
Part-Time ('000)	131.4	124.7	133.9	6.7	-2.5
Unemployed ('000)	37.2	37.0	31.0	0.2	6.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.4	4.5	0.0	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.1	5.8	5.3	0.3	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	67.3	66.9	67.0	0.4	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October <u>2018</u>	September <u>2018</u>	October <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	608.0	608.6	596.2	-0.6	11.8
Male	330.3	331.4	325.1	-1.1	5.2
Female	277.7	277.2	271.0	0.5	6.7
15-24 Years of Age	83.0	83.5	80.9	-0.5	2.1
25+ Years of age	525.0	525.1	515.3	-0.1	9.7
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	575.2	575.3	565.8	-0.1	9.4
Male	311.9	312.1	308.0	-0.2	3.9
Female	263.2	263.1	257.8	0.1	5.4
15-24 Years of Age	73.6	74.5	71.7	-0.9	1.9
25+ Years of age	501.6	500.7	494.1	0.9	7.5
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	32.8	33.3	30.3	-0.5	2.5
Male	18.3	19.3	17.1	-1.0	1.2
Female	14.5	14.0	13.2	0.5	1.3
15-24 Years of Age	9.4	8.9	9.2	0.5	0.2
25+ Years of age	23.4	24.4	21.2	-1.0	2.2
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	5.4	5.5	5.1	-0.1	0.3
Male	5.5	5.8	5.3	-0.3	0.2
Female	5.2	5.1	4.9	0.1	0.3
15-24 Years of Age	11.3	10.7	11.4	0.6	-0.1
25+ Years of age	4.5	4.6	4.1	-0.1	0.4
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	68.6	68.7	67.8	-0.1	0.8
Male	73.9	74.2	73.3	-0.3	0.6
Female	63.2	63.1	62.2	0.1	1.0
15-24 Years of Age	62.8	63.1	60.6	-0.3	2.2
25+ Years of age	69.7	69.7	69.1	0.0	0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	October <u>2018</u>	September <u>2018</u>	October <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	38.8	40.4	35.8	-1.6	3.0
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	21.9	22.5	24.4	-0.6	-2.5
Utilities	6.9	7.2	6.7	-0.3	0.2
Construction	53.2	53.4	53.5	-0.2	-0.3
Manufacturing	28.3	27.3	26.9	1.0	1.4
Trade	86.5	88.1	92.5	-1.6	-6.0
Transportation and Warehousing	28.3	28.1	29.8	0.2	-1.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.3	28.5	27.3	-0.2	1.0
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	26.4	26.2	28.8	0.2	-2.4
Business, Building and Other Support Services	16.4	16.2	13.8	0.2	2.6
Educational Services	47.5	45.4	41.6	2.1	5.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	79.3	77.3	74.6	2.0	4.7
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.7	19.7	18.5	0.0	1.2
Accommodation and Food Services	37.6	38.0	35.4	-0.4	2.2
Other Services	25.5	26.7	24.9	-1.2	0.6
Public Administration	30.6	30.2	31.3	0.4	-0.7
Total	575.2	575.3	565.8	-0.1	9.4
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	472.6	476.7	466.9	-4.1	5.7
Part-Time	102.6	98.6	98.9	4.0	3.7
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	479.5	476.3	465.4	3.2	14.1
Public Sector	142.8	141.4	140.5	1.4	2.3
Private Sector	336.7	334.8	324.9	1.9	11.8
Self-Employed	95.6	99.0	100.4	-3.4	-4.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>October 2018</u>	<u>September 2018</u>	<u>October 2017</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,771.2	18,753.9	18,562.0	17.3	209.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	229.5	233.6	227.3	-4.1	2.2
Prince Edward Island	77.9	78.6	73.9	-0.7	4.0
Nova Scotia	462.1	461.7	452.6	0.4	9.5
New Brunswick	356.9	362.0	358.9	-5.1	-2.0
Quebec	4,277.1	4,271.5	4,270.6	5.6	6.5
Ontario	7,274.4	7,246.4	7,190.8	28.0	83.6
Manitoba	654.2	650.2	650.9	4.0	3.3
Saskatchewan	575.2	575.3	565.8	-0.1	9.4
Alberta	2,341.3	2,348.1	2,299.5	-6.8	41.8
British Columbia	2,522.6	2,526.4	2,471.7	-3.8	50.9
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.3	5.4	5.7	-0.1	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	10.9	11.7	12.7	-0.8	-1.8
Prince Edward Island	6.4	5.9	9.1	0.5	-2.7
Nova Scotia	6.7	6.8	7.8	-0.1	-1.1
New Brunswick	6.2	6.6	6.8	-0.4	-0.6
Quebec	4.9	4.9	5.6	0.0	-0.7
Ontario	5.2	5.6	5.4	-0.4	-0.2
Manitoba	5.4	5.4	4.5	0.0	0.9
Saskatchewan	5.4	5.5	5.1	-0.1	0.3
Alberta	6.5	6.3	6.7	0.2	-0.2
British Columbia	3.9	3.9	4.7	0.0	-0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>October 2018</u>	<u>September 2018</u>	<u>October 2017</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,705.0	18,693.8	18,499.1	11.2	205.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	226.3	227.1	224.8	-0.8	1.5
Prince Edward Island	76.9	76.4	72.8	0.5	4.1
Nova Scotia	457.5	456.2	448.0	1.3	9.5
New Brunswick	352.8	354.6	354.8	-1.8	-2.0
Quebec	4,254.1	4,245.0	4,247.7	9.1	6.4
Ontario	7,263.5	7,261.0	7,180.7	2.5	82.8
Manitoba	649.9	648.1	646.8	1.8	3.1
Saskatchewan	573.5	571.0	563.9	2.5	9.6
Alberta	2,335.2	2,337.9	2,292.9	-2.7	42.3
British Columbia	2,515.3	2,516.4	2,466.9	-1.1	48.4
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.8	5.9	6.2	-0.1	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.7	13.6	14.2	-0.9	-1.5
Prince Edward Island	7.2	8.7	10.2	-1.5	-3.0
Nova Scotia	7.7	7.8	8.8	-0.1	-1.1
New Brunswick	7.2	7.9	7.8	-0.7	-0.6
Quebec	5.2	5.3	6.0	-0.1	-0.8
Ontario	5.6	5.9	5.8	-0.3	-0.2
Manitoba	6.1	5.8	5.3	0.3	0.8
Saskatchewan	6.2	6.4	5.9	-0.2	0.3
Alberta	7.3	7.0	7.6	0.3	-0.3
British Columbia	4.1	4.2	4.9	-0.1	-0.8

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>October</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>October</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	8.7	10.1	8.6	-1.4	0.1
Halifax	6.3	6.5	6.9	-0.2	-0.6
Saint John	5.7	5.8	6.1	-0.1	-0.4
Quebec	4.0	3.9	4.2	0.1	-0.2
Montreal	6.0	6.3	6.8	-0.3	-0.8
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.8	5.0	6.0	-0.2	-1.2
Toronto	6.4	6.5	6.0	-0.1	0.4
Greater Sudbury	5.5	6.2	5.9	-0.7	-0.4
Winnipeg	6.1	6.6	5.8	-0.5	0.3
Regina	6.7	6.7	5.1	0.0	1.6
Saskatoon	6.6	7.4	7.4	-0.8	-0.8
Calgary	8.3	8.4	8.2	-0.1	0.1
Edmonton	6.2	6.6	7.7	-0.4	-1.5
Vancouver	4.2	4.6	4.3	-0.4	-0.1
Victoria	3.9	4.0	3.8	-0.1	0.1
SASKATCHEWAN					
ECONOMIC REGIONS					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	183.8	184.5	181.6	-0.7	2.2
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.8	50.7	49.7	0.1	1.1
Saskatoon-Biggar	205.1	204.0	203.6	1.1	1.5
Yorkton-Melville	37.3	36.6	38.9	0.7	-1.6
Prince Albert & Northern	98.0	97.9	96.5	0.1	1.5

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>October</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>October</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	612.7	615.3	605.9	-2.6	6.8
Employed ('000)	575.5	574.6	571.3	0.9	4.2
Unemployed ('000)	37.2	40.7	34.7	-3.5	2.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.6	5.7	-0.5	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	69.5	69.0	-0.3	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	65.0	64.9	65.0	0.1	0.0
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	558.1	560.5	552.5	-2.4	5.6
Employed ('000)	529.0	528.6	524.8	0.4	4.2
Unemployed ('000)	29.1	32.0	27.7	-2.9	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.7	5.0	-0.5	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	70.2	69.6	-0.4	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	66.2	66.2	66.1	0.0	0.1
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	54.6	54.8	53.4	-0.2	1.2
Employed ('000)	46.5	46.0	46.5	0.5	0.0
Unemployed ('000)	8.1	8.8	7.0	-0.7	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.9	16.0	13.0	-1.1	1.9
Participation Rate (%)	63.2	63.4	62.7	-0.2	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	53.8	53.2	54.6	0.6	-0.8
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Labour Force ('000)	22.6	22.4	21.7	0.2	0.9
Employed ('000)	17.5	17.0	17.4	0.5	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	5.2	5.4	4.3	-0.2	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	22.8	24.2	19.8	-1.4	3.0
Participation Rate (%)	58.2	57.8	56.9	0.4	1.3
Employment Rate (%)	45.0	43.8	45.6	1.2	-0.6
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	31.6	31.9	31.5	-0.3	0.1
Employed ('000)	28.7	28.6	28.9	0.1	-0.2
Unemployed ('000)	2.9	3.2	2.6	-0.3	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.1	10.2	8.3	-1.1	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	67.2	67.8	67.5	-0.6	-0.3
Employment Rate (%)	61.1	60.9	61.9	0.2	-0.8

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.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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