

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

November 2018

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering November 4th to 10th, 2018, there were 577,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 2,500 from October 2018 and 16,300 more than the number employed in November 2017.

Agricultural employment was 38,700 persons in November 2018, down 100 from the October 2018 level but 5,000 more than the November 2017 agricultural employment level of 33,700. Non-agricultural employment was 539,000 persons in November 2018. This is an increase of 2,600 from the October 2018 non-agriculture employment level of 536,400 and 11,300 more than November 2017.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for November 2018 was 5.0 percent. This is a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the October 2018 rate of 5.4 percent and 0.7 percentage points lower than the November 2017 level of 5.7 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 200 to 607,800 persons in November 2018 from 608,000 persons in October 2018. This is 12,600 more than the November 2017 labour force of 595,200 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate was unchanged from October 2018 at 68.6 percent. The November 2017 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 67.7 percent.

There were 30,100 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during November 2018. This is a decrease of 2,700 from October 2018 and 3,700 less than the number unemployed in November 2017.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 579,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan in November 2018, up 5,500 from the October 2018 level of 573,500 and is up 15,100 from the November 2017 employment level of 563,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2018 was 5.5 percent. This is a decrease of 0.7 percentage points from the October 2018 rate of 6.2 percent and also 0.7 percentage points lower than the November 2017 rate of 6.2 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 48,900 persons in November 2018 to 18,820,100 persons from 18,771,200 persons in October 2018. In November 2017, there were 18,567,100 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage points in November 2018 to 5.2 percent from the October 2018 level of 5.3 percent. In November 2017, Canada's unemployment rate was 5.4 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.6 percent in November 2018. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than October 2018 and 0.3 percentage points lower than the November 2017 level of 5.9 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

	November <u>2018</u>	October <u>2018</u>	November <u>2017</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,843.1	19,813.9	19,635.8	29.2	207.3
Employed ('000)	18,820.1	18,771.2	18,567.1	48.9	253.0
Full-Time ('000)	15,171.8	15,207.8	14,938.3	-36.0	233.5
Part-Time ('000)	3,648.3	3,563.5	3,628.8	84.8	19.5
Unemployed ('000)	1,022.9	1,042.7	1,068.7	-19.8	-45.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.3	5.4	-0.1	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.6	5.8	5.9	-0.2	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	65.2	65.1	65.4	0.1	-0.2
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	607.8	608.0	595.2	-0.2	12.6
Employed ('000)	577.7	575.2	561.4	2.5	16.3
Full-Time ('000)	471.6	472.6	461.4	-1.0	10.2
Part-Time ('000)	106.1	102.6	100.0	3.5	6.1
Unemployed ('000)	30.1	32.8	33.8	-2.7	-3.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	5.4	5.7	-0.4	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	6.2	6.2	-0.7	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	68.6	67.7	0.0	0.9
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,495.0	2,503.3	2,458.8	-8.3	36.2
Employed ('000)	2,350.7	2,341.3	2,289.5	9.4	61.2
Full-Time ('000)	1,941.8	1,916.5	1,859.9	25.3	81.9
Part-Time ('000)	408.9	424.8	429.6	-15.9	-20.7
Unemployed ('000)	144.3	162.0	169.3	-17.7	-25.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	6.5	6.9	-0.7	-1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.3	7.3	7.3	-1.0	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	71.5	71.8	71.4	-0.3	0.1
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	688.8	691.3	680.0	-2.5	8.8
Employed ('000)	653.2	654.2	645.5	-1.0	7.7
Full-Time ('000)	519.4	522.7	511.4	-3.3	8.0
Part-Time ('000)	133.8	131.4	134.1	2.4	-0.3
Unemployed ('000)	35.5	37.2	34.5	-1.7	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.4	5.1	-0.2	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	6.1	5.4	-0.4	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	67.0	67.3	66.8	-0.3	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	November <u>2018</u>	October <u>2018</u>	November <u>2017</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	607.8	608.0	595.2	-0.2	12.6
Male	328.3	330.3	321.4	-2.0	6.9
Female	279.6	277.7	273.9	1.9	5.7
15-24 Years of Age	79.9	83.0	81.1	-3.1	-1.2
25+ Years of age	527.9	525.0	514.1	2.9	13.8
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	577.7	575.2	561.4	2.5	16.3
Male	311.5	311.9	301.7	-0.4	9.8
Female	266.2	263.2	259.7	3.0	6.5
15-24 Years of Age	73.3	73.6	72.0	-0.3	1.3
25+ Years of age	504.5	501.6	489.4	2.9	15.1
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	30.1	32.8	33.8	-2.7	-3.7
Male	16.7	18.3	19.7	-1.6	-3.0
Female	13.4	14.5	14.1	-1.1	-0.7
15-24 Years of Age	6.7	9.4	9.1	-2.7	-2.4
25+ Years of age	23.4	23.4	24.7	0.0	-1.3
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	5.0	5.4	5.7	-0.4	-0.7
Male	5.1	5.5	6.1	-0.4	-1.0
Female	4.8	5.2	5.1	-0.4	-0.3
15-24 Years of Age	8.4	11.3	11.2	-2.9	-2.8
25+ Years of age	4.4	4.5	4.8	-0.1	-0.4
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	68.6	68.6	67.7	0.0	0.9
Male	73.5	73.9	72.5	-0.4	1.0
Female	63.6	63.2	62.8	0.4	0.8
15-24 Years of Age	60.5	62.8	60.8	-2.3	-0.3
25+ Years of age	70.0	69.7	68.9	0.3	1.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	November <u>2018</u>	October <u>2018</u>	November <u>2017</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	38.7	38.8	33.7	-0.1	5.0
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	21.9	21.9	24.3	0.0	-2.4
Utilities	6.8	6.9	6.7	-0.1	0.1
Construction	51.1	53.2	49.6	-2.1	1.5
Manufacturing	28.0	28.3	28.1	-0.3	-0.1
Trade	88.6	86.5	92.6	2.1	-4.0
Transportation and Warehousing	27.9	28.3	28.8	-0.4	-0.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.8	28.3	28.1	0.5	0.7
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	26.8	26.4	27.3	0.4	-0.5
Business, Building and Other Support Services	15.2	16.4	14.2	-1.2	1.0
Educational Services	48.1	47.5	43.0	0.6	5.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	81.1	79.3	75.4	1.8	5.7
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.7	19.7	18.9	0.0	0.8
Accommodation and Food Services	37.9	37.6	35.9	0.3	2.0
Other Services	26.6	25.5	24.2	1.1	2.4
Public Administration	30.5	30.6	30.5	-0.1	0.0
Total	577.7	575.2	561.4	2.5	16.3
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	471.6	472.6	461.4	-1.0	10.2
Part-Time	106.1	102.6	100.0	3.5	6.1
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	482.2	479.5	460.8	2.7	21.4
Public Sector	145.1	142.8	141.3	2.3	3.8
Private Sector	337.0	336.7	319.5	0.3	17.5
Self-Employed	95.6	95.6	100.6	0.0	-5.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	November <u>2018</u>	October <u>2018</u>	November <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,820.1	18,771.2	18,567.1	48.9	253.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	225.4	229.5	224.6	-4.1	0.8
Prince Edward Island	75.0	77.9	72.5	-2.9	2.5
Nova Scotia	457.3	462.1	449.1	-4.8	8.2
New Brunswick	352.8	356.9	350.8	-4.1	2.0
Quebec	4,277.9	4,277.1	4,256.4	0.8	21.5
Ontario	7,316.1	7,274.4	7,233.4	41.7	82.7
Manitoba	653.2	654.2	645.5	-1.0	7.7
Saskatchewan	577.7	575.2	561.4	2.5	16.3
Alberta	2,350.7	2,341.3	2,289.5	9.4	61.2
British Columbia	2,534.0	2,522.6	2,484.0	11.4	50.0
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.2	5.3	5.4	-0.1	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.9	10.9	14.5	1.0	-2.6
Prince Edward Island	8.8	6.4	9.8	2.4	-1.0
Nova Scotia	6.5	6.7	8.3	-0.2	-1.8
New Brunswick	7.5	6.2	7.9	1.3	-0.4
Quebec	4.9	4.9	4.9	0.0	0.0
Ontario	4.9	5.2	4.9	-0.3	0.0
Manitoba	5.2	5.4	5.1	-0.2	0.1
Saskatchewan	5.0	5.4	5.7	-0.4	-0.7
Alberta	5.8	6.5	6.9	-0.7	-1.1
British Columbia	4.3	3.9	4.7	0.4	-0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	November <u>2018</u>	October <u>2018</u>	November <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,799.1	18,705.0	18,580.3	94.1	218.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	225.0	226.3	224.4	-1.3	0.6
Prince Edward Island	76.7	76.9	74.0	-0.2	2.7
Nova Scotia	457.7	457.5	449.7	0.2	8.0
New Brunswick	354.5	352.8	352.9	1.7	1.6
Quebec	4,279.9	4,254.1	4,263.5	25.8	16.4
Ontario	7,283.7	7,263.5	7,217.7	20.2	66.0
Manitoba	652.5	649.9	645.5	2.6	7.0
Saskatchewan	579.0	573.5	563.9	5.5	15.1
Alberta	2,358.9	2,335.2	2,300.0	23.7	58.9
British Columbia	2,531.2	2,515.3	2,488.7	15.9	42.5
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.6	5.8	5.9	-0.2	-0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.2	12.7	14.6	-0.5	-2.4
Prince Edward Island	8.5	7.2	9.0	1.3	-0.5
Nova Scotia	7.0	7.7	8.7	-0.7	-1.7
New Brunswick	7.9	7.2	8.5	0.7	-0.6
Quebec	5.4	5.2	5.4	0.2	0.0
Ontario	5.6	5.6	5.5	0.0	0.1
Manitoba	5.7	6.1	5.4	-0.4	0.3
Saskatchewan	5.5	6.2	6.2	-0.7	-0.7
Alberta	6.3	7.3	7.3	-1.0	-1.0
British Columbia	4.4	4.1	4.8	0.3	-0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	November <u>2018</u>	October <u>2018</u>	November <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	7.0	8.7	8.0	-1.7	-1.0
Halifax	5.4	6.3	6.5	-0.9	-1.1
Saint John	5.0	5.7	5.8	-0.7	-0.8
Quebec	3.5	4.0	3.7	-0.5	-0.2
Montreal	5.5	6.0	6.1	-0.5	-0.6
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.2	4.8	5.3	-0.6	-1.1
Toronto	5.9	6.4	5.5	-0.5	0.4
Greater Sudbury	5.4	5.5	5.7	-0.1	-0.3
Winnipeg	5.4	6.1	5.4	-0.7	0.0
Regina	5.7	6.7	4.3	-1.0	1.4
Saskatoon	5.6	6.6	7.2	-1.0	-1.6
Calgary	7.6	8.3	7.4	-0.7	0.2
Edmonton	5.7	6.2	6.9	-0.5	-1.2
Vancouver	4.0	4.2	4.1	-0.2	-0.1
Victoria	3.4	3.9	3.0	-0.5	0.4
SASKATCHEWAN					
ECONOMIC REGIONS					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	183.5	183.8	182.0	-0.3	1.5
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.9	50.8	50.1	0.1	0.8
Saskatoon-Biggar	207.0	205.1	199.7	1.9	7.3
Yorkton-Melville	37.3	37.3	37.9	0.0	-0.6
Prince Albert & Northern	97.4	98.0	96.7	-0.6	0.7

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>November</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>October</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>November</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	608.6	612.7	599.1	-4.1	9.5
Employed ('000)	576.7	575.5	567.4	1.2	9.3
Unemployed ('000)	31.9	37.2	31.7	-5.3	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	6.1	5.3	-0.9	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	69.2	68.1	-0.5	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	65.1	65.0	64.5	0.1	0.6
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	554.7	558.1	546.0	-3.4	8.7
Employed ('000)	530.1	529.0	521.2	1.1	8.9
Unemployed ('000)	24.6	29.1	24.8	-4.5	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	5.2	4.5	-0.8	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	69.8	68.8	-0.4	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	66.3	66.2	65.6	0.1	0.7
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	53.9	54.6	53.2	-0.7	0.7
Employed ('000)	46.6	46.5	46.2	0.1	0.4
Unemployed ('000)	7.3	8.1	7.0	-0.8	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.5	14.9	13.1	-1.4	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	62.1	63.2	62.4	-1.1	-0.3
Employment Rate (%)	53.7	53.8	54.2	-0.1	-0.5
<u>FIRST NATIONS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	22.6	22.6	21.4	0.0	1.2
Employed ('000)	18.2	17.5	17.0	0.7	1.2
Unemployed ('000)	4.4	5.2	4.3	-0.8	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.4	22.8	20.3	-3.4	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	57.9	58.2	56.2	-0.3	1.7
Employment Rate (%)	46.6	45.0	44.8	1.6	1.8
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	30.9	31.6	31.7	-0.7	-0.8
Employed ('000)	28.1	28.7	29.0	-0.6	-0.9
Unemployed ('000)	2.9	2.9	2.6	0.0	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.2	9.1	8.3	0.1	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	65.7	67.2	67.7	-1.5	-2.0
Employment Rate (%)	59.6	61.1	62.1	-1.5	-2.5

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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