

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

February 2009

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## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended February 21, 2009, there were 514,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan during February 2009, an increase of 1,700 from January 2009 and 14,500 more than the number employed in February 2008.

Agricultural employment was 38,700 persons in February 2009, down 400 from January 2009 but 1,700 more than the February 2008 agricultural employment level of 37,000. Non-agricultural employment was 475,600 persons in February 2009. This is an increase of 2,100 from the January 2009 non-agriculture employment level of 473,500 and 12,800 more than February 2008.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for February 2009 was 5.2 percent. This is an increase of 0.6 percentage points from the January 2009 rate of 4.6 percent and 0.9 percentage points higher than the February 2008 level of 4.3 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 5,400 to 542,500 persons in February 2009 from 537,100 persons in January 2009. This is 20,100 more than the February 2008 labour force of 522,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.6 percentage points to 69.9 percent in February 2009 from 69.3 percent in January 2009. The February 2008 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.7 percent.

There were 28,200 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during February 2009. This is an increase of 3,600 from January 2009 and is 5,600 more than the number unemployed in February 2008.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 522,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in February 2009, up 600 from the January 2009 level of 521,900 and is up 12,800 from the February 2008 employment level of 509,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2009 was 4.7 percent. This is an increase of 0.6 percentage points from the January 2009 rate of 4.1 percent and 0.6 percentage points higher than the February 2008 rate of 4.1 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 22,700 persons in February 2009 to 16,578,200 persons from 16,600,900 persons in January 2009. In February 2008, there were 16,810,500 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.5 percentage points to 8.3 percent from the January 2009 level of 7.8 percent. In February 2008, Canada's unemployment rate 6.1 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.7 percent in February 2009. This is 0.5 percentage points higher than January 2009 and 1.8 percentage points higher than the February 2008 level of 5.9 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit [www.stats.gov.sk.ca](http://www.stats.gov.sk.ca)

TABLE 1

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

	February <u>2009</u>	January <u>2009</u>	February <u>2008</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,081.4	18,008.7	17,908.6	72.7	172.8
Employed ('000)	16,578.2	16,600.9	16,810.5	-22.7	-232.3
Full-Time ('000)	13,214.2	13,306.0	13,561.9	-91.8	-347.7
Part-Time ('000)	3,364.1	3,294.9	3,248.5	69.2	115.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,503.2	1,407.9	1,098.2	95.3	405.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	7.8	6.1	0.5	2.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.7	7.2	5.9	0.5	1.8
Participation Rate (%)	66.6	66.4	66.9	0.2	-0.3
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	542.5	537.1	522.4	5.4	20.1
Employed ('000)	514.3	512.6	499.8	1.7	14.5
Full-Time ('000)	407.1	407.4	401.0	-0.3	6.1
Part-Time ('000)	107.3	105.1	98.8	2.2	8.5
Unemployed ('000)	28.2	24.6	22.6	3.6	5.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	4.6	4.3	0.6	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.7	4.1	4.1	0.6	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.9	69.3	68.7	0.6	1.2
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,101.3	2,096.3	2,048.1	5.0	53.2
Employed ('000)	1,978.0	1,994.1	1,973.6	-16.1	4.4
Full-Time ('000)	1,605.6	1,630.6	1,635.1	-25.0	-29.5
Part-Time ('000)	372.4	363.6	338.6	8.8	33.8
Unemployed ('000)	123.3	102.2	74.5	21.1	48.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	4.9	3.6	1.0	2.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.4	4.4	3.6	1.0	1.8
Participation Rate (%)	74.1	74.1	73.8	0.0	0.3
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	632.5	626.0	621.4	6.5	11.1
Employed ('000)	599.0	595.2	593.3	3.8	5.7
Full-Time ('000)	479.9	476.8	475.5	3.1	4.4
Part-Time ('000)	119.2	118.4	117.8	0.8	1.4
Unemployed ('000)	33.4	30.8	28.1	2.6	5.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	4.9	4.5	0.4	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.8	4.6	4.2	0.2	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	68.4	68.7	0.6	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	February <u>2009</u>	January <u>2009</u>	February <u>2008</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	542.5	537.1	522.4	5.4	20.1
Male	287.1	285.6	282.7	1.5	4.4
Female	255.4	251.5	239.7	3.9	15.7
15-24 Years of Age	96.6	94.5	94.6	2.1	2.0
25+ Years of age	445.9	442.6	427.8	3.3	18.1
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	514.3	512.6	499.8	1.7	14.5
Male	268.9	270.0	269.7	-1.1	-0.8
Female	245.4	242.6	230.1	2.8	15.3
15-24 Years of Age	86.1	85.9	88.8	0.2	-2.7
25+ Years of age	428.2	426.7	411.0	1.5	17.2
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	28.2	24.6	22.6	3.6	5.6
Male	18.1	15.7	13.0	2.4	5.1
Female	10.1	8.9	9.6	1.2	0.5
15-24 Years of Age	10.6	8.6	5.8	2.0	4.8
25+ Years of age	17.6	15.9	16.8	1.7	0.8
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	5.2	4.6	4.3	0.6	0.9
Male	6.3	5.5	4.6	0.8	1.7
Female	4.0	3.5	4.0	0.5	0.0
15-24 Years of Age	11.0	9.1	6.1	1.9	4.9
25+ Years of age	3.9	3.6	3.9	0.3	0.0
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	69.9	69.3	68.7	0.6	1.2
Male	75.1	74.8	75.3	0.3	-0.2
Female	65.0	64.0	62.2	1.0	2.8
15-24 Years of Age	69.2	67.6	68.1	1.6	1.1
25+ Years of age	70.1	69.7	68.8	0.4	1.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	February <u>2009</u>	January <u>2009</u>	February <u>2008</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	38.7	39.1	37.0	-0.4	1.7
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.3	26.1	25.2	-0.8	0.1
Utilities	4.8	5.2	4.8	-0.4	0.0
Construction	34.3	35.0	31.2	-0.7	3.1
Manufacturing	30.6	31.6	30.2	-1.0	0.4
Trade	83.2	82.6	83.2	0.6	0.0
Transportation and Warehousing	24.3	22.8	26.7	1.5	-2.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.9	30.2	26.3	-0.3	3.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.2	20.5	19.6	0.7	1.6
Business, Building and Other Support Services	10.9	11.7	10.8	-0.8	0.1
Educational Services	41.5	42.5	40.5	-1.0	1.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	64.4	63.0	60.8	1.4	3.6
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.0	19.9	19.8	0.1	0.2
Accommodation and Food Services	31.4	29.4	33.2	2.0	-1.8
Other Services	23.6	24.3	22.8	-0.7	0.8
Public Administration	30.3	28.9	27.7	1.4	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>514.3</b>	<b>512.6</b>	<b>499.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>14.5</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	407.1	407.4	401.0	-0.3	6.1
Part-Time	107.3	105.1	98.8	2.2	8.5
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	420.1	417.6	409.9	2.5	10.2
Public Sector	133.3	131.5	124.8	1.8	8.5
Private Sector	286.8	286.1	285.2	0.7	1.6
Self-Employed	94.3	95.0	89.8	-0.7	4.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>February</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	16,578.2	16,600.9	16,810.5	-22.7	-232.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	200.2	199.1	207.8	1.1	-7.6
Prince Edward Island	64.1	63.3	65.6	0.8	-1.5
Nova Scotia	441.0	439.4	432.2	1.6	8.8
New Brunswick	351.4	353.3	353.8	-1.9	-2.4
Quebec	3,751.0	3,746.7	3,813.6	4.3	-62.6
Ontario	6,452.3	6,463.6	6,595.7	-11.3	-143.4
Manitoba	599.0	595.2	593.3	3.8	5.7
Saskatchewan	514.3	512.6	499.8	1.7	14.5
Alberta	1,978.0	1,994.1	1,973.6	-16.1	4.4
British Columbia	2,226.9	2,233.7	2,275.1	-6.8	-48.2
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	8.3	7.8	6.1	0.5	2.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	17.7	17.2	14.6	0.5	3.1
Prince Edward Island	15.4	15.9	11.8	-0.5	3.6
Nova Scotia	9.9	9.9	8.6	0.0	1.3
New Brunswick	9.7	9.8	8.9	-0.1	0.8
Quebec	9.0	9.0	7.7	0.0	1.3
Ontario	8.9	8.2	6.1	0.7	2.8
Manitoba	5.3	4.9	4.5	0.4	0.8
Saskatchewan	5.2	4.6	4.3	0.6	0.9
Alberta	5.9	4.9	3.6	1.0	2.3
British Columbia	7.2	6.7	4.4	0.5	2.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>Dec-Feb</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Nov-Jan</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Dec-Feb</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	7.5	6.6	8.0	0.9	-0.5
Halifax	5.9	5.4	4.4	0.5	1.5
Saint John	5.7	5.6	4.8	0.1	0.9
Quebec	4.8	4.2	5.8	0.6	-1.0
Montreal	8.5	8.1	7.5	0.4	1.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.5	4.4	4.3	0.1	0.2
Greater Sudbury	6.9	5.8	5.4	1.1	1.5
Toronto	8.1	7.4	6.1	0.7	2.0
Winnipeg	4.7	4.4	4.2	0.3	0.5
Regina	3.5	3.0	3.9	0.5	-0.4
Saskatoon	4.6	4.0	3.4	0.6	1.2
Calgary	5.0	4.2	3.0	0.8	2.0
Edmonton	4.5	3.9	3.7	0.6	0.8
Vancouver	5.6	4.9	3.7	0.7	1.9
Victoria	4.9	3.9	3.3	1.0	1.6
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b><u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	155.6	156.1	151.3	-0.5	4.3
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.0	53.3	51.9	-0.3	1.1
Saskatoon-Biggar	168.7	169.1	162.2	-0.4	6.5
Yorkton-Melville	38.6	39.5	40.9	-0.9	-2.3
Prince Albert & Northern	98.4	98.4	92.1	0.0	6.3

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 6

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY**  
**FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Dec-Feb <u>2009</u>	Nov-Jan <u>2009</u>	Dec-Feb <u>2008</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	537.6	536.0	519.9	1.6	17.7
Employed ('000)	512.6	514.6	497.9	-2.0	14.7
Unemployed ('000)	25.1	21.4	22.1	3.7	3.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.0	4.2	0.7	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	69.3	68.5	0.1	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	66.2	66.5	65.5	-0.3	0.7
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	496.8	495.3	481.7	1.5	15.1
Employed ('000)	476.0	477.5	464.8	-1.5	11.2
Unemployed ('000)	20.8	17.7	16.9	3.1	3.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	3.6	3.5	0.6	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	69.7	69.6	68.9	0.1	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	66.8	67.1	66.5	-0.3	0.3
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	40.9	40.8	38.3	0.1	2.6
Employed ('000)	36.6	37.1	33.1	-0.5	3.5
Unemployed ('000)	4.2	3.7	5.2	0.5	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.4	9.1	13.6	1.3	-3.2
Participation Rate (%)	65.9	65.9	63.1	0.0	2.8
Employment Rate (%)	59.0	59.9	54.6	-0.9	4.4
<b><u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	17.7	17.5	14.8	0.2	2.9
Employed ('000)	15.4	15.3	12.0	0.1	3.4
Unemployed ('000)	2.4	2.2	2.8	0.2	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.3	12.3	18.7	1.0	-5.4
Participation Rate (%)	63.3	62.6	54.1	0.7	9.2
Employment Rate (%)	54.9	54.9	44.0	0.0	10.9
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	23.0	23.2	23.3	-0.2	-0.3
Employed ('000)	21.1	21.6	20.9	-0.5	0.2
Unemployed ('000)	1.9	1.6	2.4	0.3	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.1	6.7	10.4	1.4	-2.3
Participation Rate (%)	67.9	68.8	70.5	-0.9	-2.6
Employment Rate (%)	62.4	64.1	63.2	-1.7	-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.

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