

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

November 2017

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering November 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, there were 561,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 4,400 from October 2017 and 6,400 less than the number employed in November 2016.

Agricultural employment was 33,700 persons in November 2017, down 2,100 from the October 2017 level and 4,900 less than the November 2016 agricultural employment level of 38,600. Non-agricultural employment was 527,700 persons in November 2017. This is a decrease of 2,300 from the October 2017 non-agriculture employment level of 530,000 and 1,500 less than November 2016.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for November 2017 was 5.7 percent. This is an increase of 0.6 percentage points from the October 2017 rate of 5.1 percent but 0.7 percentage points lower than the November 2016 level of 6.4 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 1,000 to 595,200 persons in November 2017 from 596,200 persons in October 2017. This is 11,400 less than the November 2016 labour force of 606,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.1 percentage points to 67.7 percent in November 2017 from 67.8 percent in October 2017. The November 2016 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.6 percent.

There were 33,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during November 2017. This is an increase of 3,500 from October 2017 but is 5,000 less than the number unemployed in November 2016.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 563,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in November 2017, down 600 from the October 2017 level of 564,100 and is down 5,500 from the November 2016 employment level of 569,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2017 was 6.0 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the October 2017 rate of 5.9 percent but 0.8 percentage points lower than the November 2016 rate of 6.8 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 5,100 persons in November 2017 to 18,567,100 persons from 18,562,000 persons in October 2017. In November 2016, there were 18,179,700 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.3 percentage points in November 2017 to 5.4 percent from the October 2017 level of 5.7 percent. In November 2016, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.3 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.9 percent in November 2017. This is 0.4 percentage points lower than October 2017 and 0.9 percentage points lower than the November 2016 level of 6.8 percent.

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

TABLE 1

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

	November <u>2017</u>	October <u>2017</u>	November <u>2016</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,635.8	19,676.2	19,406.0	-40.4	229.8
Employed ('000)	18,567.1	18,562.0	18,179.7	5.1	387.4
Full-Time ('000)	14,938.3	15,036.9	14,499.0	-98.6	439.3
Part-Time ('000)	3,628.8	3,525.1	3,680.7	103.7	-51.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,068.7	1,114.2	1,226.2	-45.5	-157.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.7	6.3	-0.3	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.9	6.3	6.8	-0.4	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	65.4	65.6	65.3	-0.2	0.1
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	595.2	596.2	606.6	-1.0	-11.4
Employed ('000)	561.4	565.8	567.8	-4.4	-6.4
Full-Time ('000)	461.4	466.9	466.1	-5.5	-4.7
Part-Time ('000)	100.0	98.9	101.7	1.1	-1.7
Unemployed ('000)	33.8	30.3	38.8	3.5	-5.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.1	6.4	0.6	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.0	5.9	6.8	0.1	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	67.7	67.8	69.6	-0.1	-1.9
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,458.8	2,464.5	2,466.6	-5.7	-7.8
Employed ('000)	2,289.5	2,299.5	2,257.9	-10.0	31.6
Full-Time ('000)	1,859.9	1,884.0	1,816.2	-24.1	43.7
Part-Time ('000)	429.6	415.5	441.7	14.1	-12.1
Unemployed ('000)	169.3	165.0	208.8	4.3	-39.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.9	6.7	8.5	0.2	-1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.3	7.8	9.0	-0.5	-1.7
Participation Rate (%)	71.4	71.7	72.4	-0.3	-1.0
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	680.0	681.9	670.7	-1.9	9.3
Employed ('000)	645.5	650.9	633.2	-5.4	12.3
Full-Time ('000)	511.4	517.0	499.0	-5.6	12.4
Part-Time ('000)	134.1	133.9	134.1	0.2	0.0
Unemployed ('000)	34.5	31.0	37.5	3.5	-3.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	4.5	5.6	0.6	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.4	5.2	6.1	0.2	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	66.8	67.0	66.8	-0.2	0.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	November <u>2017</u>	October <u>2017</u>	November <u>2016</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	595.2	596.2	606.6	-1.0	-11.4
Male	321.4	325.1	333.0	-3.7	-11.6
Female	273.9	271.0	273.5	2.9	0.4
15-24 Years of Age	81.1	80.9	85.6	0.2	-4.5
25+ Years of Age	514.1	515.3	520.9	-1.2	-6.8
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	561.4	565.8	567.8	-4.4	-6.4
Male	301.7	308.0	308.6	-6.3	-6.9
Female	259.7	257.8	259.2	1.9	0.5
15-24 Years of Age	72.0	71.7	74.4	0.3	-2.4
25+ Years of Age	489.4	494.1	493.4	-4.7	-4.0
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	33.8	30.3	38.8	3.5	-5.0
Male	19.7	17.1	24.4	2.6	-4.7
Female	14.1	13.2	14.4	0.9	-0.3
15-24 Years of Age	9.1	9.2	11.2	-0.1	-2.1
25+ Years of Age	24.7	21.2	27.6	3.5	-2.9
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	5.7	5.1	6.4	0.6	-0.7
Male	6.1	5.3	7.3	0.8	-1.2
Female	5.1	4.9	5.3	0.2	-0.2
15-24 Years of Age	11.2	11.4	13.1	-0.2	-1.9
25+ Years of Age	4.8	4.1	5.3	0.7	-0.5
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	67.7	67.8	69.6	-0.1	-1.9
Male	72.5	73.3	75.8	-0.8	-3.3
Female	62.8	62.2	63.3	0.6	-0.5
15-24 Years of Age	60.8	60.6	63.7	0.2	-2.9
25+ Years of Age	68.9	69.1	70.6	-0.2	-1.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	November <u>2017</u>	October <u>2017</u>	November <u>2016</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	33.7	35.8	38.6	-2.1	-4.9
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.3	24.4	25.4	-0.1	-1.1
Utilities	6.7	6.7	6.7	0.0	0.0
Construction	49.6	53.5	50.1	-3.9	-0.5
Manufacturing	28.1	26.9	26.6	1.2	1.5
Trade	92.6	92.5	91.0	0.1	1.6
Transportation and Warehousing	28.8	29.8	29.0	-1.0	-0.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.1	27.3	26.7	0.8	1.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	27.3	28.8	30.3	-1.5	-3.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	14.2	13.8	12.9	0.4	1.3
Educational Services	43.0	41.6	42.5	1.4	0.5
Health Care and Social Assistance	75.4	74.6	76.8	0.8	-1.4
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.9	18.5	20.1	0.4	-1.2
Accommodation and Food Services	35.9	35.4	37.5	0.5	-1.6
Other Services	24.2	24.9	23.9	-0.7	0.3
Public Administration	30.5	31.3	29.9	-0.8	0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>561.4</b>	<b>565.8</b>	<b>567.8</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>-6.4</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	461.4	466.9	466.1	-5.5	-4.7
Part-Time	100.0	98.9	101.7	1.1	-1.7
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	460.8	465.4	466.8	-4.6	-6.0
Public Sector	141.3	140.5	141.1	0.8	0.2
Private Sector	319.5	324.9	325.7	-5.4	-6.2
Self-Employed	100.6	100.4	101.0	0.2	-0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	November <u>2017</u>	October <u>2017</u>	November <u>2016</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	18,567.1	18,562.0	18,179.7	5.1	387.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	224.6	227.3	228.0	-2.7	-3.4
Prince Edward Island	72.5	73.9	70.1	-1.4	2.4
Nova Scotia	449.1	452.6	447.8	-3.5	1.3
New Brunswick	350.8	358.9	353.1	-8.1	-2.3
Quebec	4,256.4	4,270.6	4,178.8	-14.2	77.6
Ontario	7,233.4	7,190.8	7,049.9	42.6	183.5
Manitoba	645.5	650.9	633.2	-5.4	12.3
Saskatchewan	561.4	565.8	567.8	-4.4	-6.4
Alberta	2,289.5	2,299.5	2,257.9	-10.0	31.6
British Columbia	2,484.0	2,471.7	2,393.1	12.3	90.9
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	5.4	5.7	6.3	-0.3	-0.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.5	12.7	14.5	1.8	0.0
Prince Edward Island	9.8	9.1	11.6	0.7	-1.8
Nova Scotia	8.3	7.8	7.5	0.5	0.8
New Brunswick	7.9	6.8	8.0	1.1	-0.1
Quebec	4.9	5.6	5.8	-0.7	-0.9
Ontario	4.9	5.4	5.6	-0.5	-0.7
Manitoba	5.1	4.5	5.6	0.6	-0.5
Saskatchewan	5.7	5.1	6.4	0.6	-0.7
Alberta	6.9	6.7	8.5	0.2	-1.6
British Columbia	4.7	4.7	5.9	0.0	-1.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	November <u>2017</u>	October <u>2017</u>	November <u>2016</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	18,568.9	18,489.4	18,178.9	79.5	390.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	223.8	224.3	228.0	-0.5	-4.2
Prince Edward Island	74.0	72.6	71.5	1.4	2.5
Nova Scotia	448.9	447.6	448.1	1.3	0.8
New Brunswick	352.2	354.9	354.4	-2.7	-2.2
Quebec	4,259.0	4,242.8	4,180.9	16.2	78.1
Ontario	7,220.8	7,177.3	7,040.0	43.5	180.8
Manitoba	645.4	647.9	631.9	-2.5	13.5
Saskatchewan	563.5	564.1	569.0	-0.6	-5.5
Alberta	2,296.0	2,290.6	2,261.7	5.4	34.3
British Columbia	2,485.4	2,467.2	2,393.4	18.2	92.0
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	5.9	6.3	6.8	-0.4	-0.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.4	14.5	14.7	-0.1	-0.3
Prince Edward Island	8.8	10.3	10.6	-1.5	-1.8
Nova Scotia	8.8	8.7	8.0	0.1	0.8
New Brunswick	8.3	7.8	8.8	0.5	-0.5
Quebec	5.4	6.1	6.2	-0.7	-0.8
Ontario	5.5	5.9	6.2	-0.4	-0.7
Manitoba	5.4	5.2	6.1	0.2	-0.7
Saskatchewan	6.0	5.9	6.8	0.1	-0.8
Alberta	7.3	7.8	9.0	-0.5	-1.7
British Columbia	4.8	4.9	6.1	-0.1	-1.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	November <u>2017</u>	October <u>2017</u>	November <u>2016</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	8.0	8.6	8.8	-0.6	-0.8
Halifax	6.5	6.9	5.4	-0.4	1.1
Saint John	5.8	6.1	6.5	-0.3	-0.7
Quebec	3.7	4.2	3.7	-0.5	0.0
Montreal	6.1	6.8	6.3	-0.7	-0.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.3	6.0	5.6	-0.7	-0.3
Toronto	5.5	6.0	6.6	-0.5	-1.1
Greater Sudbury	5.7	5.9	6.8	-0.2	-1.1
Winnipeg	5.4	5.8	6.5	-0.4	-1.1
Regina	4.3	5.1	5.0	-0.8	-0.7
Saskatoon	7.2	7.4	7.1	-0.2	0.1
Calgary	7.4	8.2	10.1	-0.8	-2.7
Edmonton	6.9	7.7	6.4	-0.8	0.5
Vancouver	4.1	4.3	5.1	-0.2	-1.0
Victoria	3.0	3.8	4.8	-0.8	-1.8
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b>ECONOMIC REGIONS</b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	182.0	181.6	183.1	0.4	-1.1
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.1	49.7	53.5	0.4	-3.4
Saskatoon-Biggar	199.7	203.6	198.0	-3.9	1.7
Yorkton-Melville	37.9	38.9	37.6	-1.0	0.3
Prince Albert & Northern	96.7	96.5	98.0	0.2	-1.3

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 7

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

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>November</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>October</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>November</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	599.1	605.9	611.1	-6.8	-12.0
Employed ('000)	567.4	571.3	572.8	-3.9	-5.4
Unemployed ('000)	31.7	34.7	38.3	-3.0	-6.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.7	6.3	-0.4	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.1	69.0	70.2	-0.9	-2.1
Employment Rate (%)	64.5	65.0	65.8	-0.5	-1.3
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	546.0	552.5	556.8	-6.5	-10.8
Employed ('000)	521.2	524.8	526.0	-3.6	-4.8
Unemployed ('000)	24.8	27.7	30.8	-2.9	-6.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	5.0	5.5	-0.5	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	69.6	70.7	-0.8	-1.9
Employment Rate (%)	65.6	66.1	66.8	-0.5	-1.2
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	53.2	53.4	54.3	-0.2	-1.1
Employed ('000)	46.2	46.5	46.8	-0.3	-0.6
Unemployed ('000)	7.0	7.0	7.5	0.0	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.1	13.0	13.8	0.1	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	62.4	62.7	65.3	-0.3	-2.9
Employment Rate (%)	54.2	54.6	56.3	-0.4	-2.1
<b><u>FIRST NATIONS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	21.4	21.7	20.9	-0.3	0.5
Employed ('000)	17.0	17.4	16.8	-0.4	0.2
Unemployed ('000)	4.3	4.3	4.1	0.0	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	20.3	19.8	19.7	0.5	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	56.2	56.9	56.9	-0.7	-0.7
Employment Rate (%)	44.8	45.6	45.7	-0.8	-0.9
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	31.7	31.5	33.2	0.2	-1.5
Employed ('000)	29.0	28.9	29.9	0.1	-0.9
Unemployed ('000)	2.6	2.6	3.3	0.0	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	8.3	10.1	0.0	-1.8
Participation Rate (%)	67.7	67.5	72.0	0.2	-4.3
Employment Rate (%)	62.1	61.9	64.8	0.2	-2.7

## 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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