

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

August 2018

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering August 12th to 18th, 2018, there were 574,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 3,000 from July 2018 and 1,500 more than the number employed in August 2017.

Agricultural employment was 39,400 persons in August 2018, up 2,600 from the July 2018 level and remained unchanged from the August 2017 agricultural employment level of 39,400. Non-agricultural employment was 535,000 persons in August 2018. This is an increase of 400 from the July 2018 non-agriculture employment level of 534,600 and 1,500 more than August 2017.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for August 2018 was 7.4 percent. This is an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the July 2018 rate of 7.1 percent and 0.5 percentage points higher than the August 2017 level of 6.9 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 5,600 to 620,400 persons in August 2018 from 614,800 persons in July 2018. This is 4,900 more than the August 2017 labour force of 615,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.7 percentage points to 70.1 percent in August 2018 from 69.4 percent in July 2018. The August 2017 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.1 percent.

There were 46,100 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during August 2018. This is an increase 2,600 from July 2018 and 3,500 more than the number unemployed in August 2017.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 569,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan in August 2018, up 1,400 from the July 2018 level of 567,800 and is up 1,200 from the August 2017 employment level of 568,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2018 was 6.7 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the July 2018 rate of 6.6 percent and 0.4 percentage points higher than the August 2017 rate of 6.3 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 94,800 persons in August 2018 to 18,839,100 persons from 18,933,900 persons in July 2018. In August 2017, there were 18,675,200 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.6 percentage points in August 2018 to 6.6 percent from the July 2018 level of 6.0 percent. In August 2017, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.8 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.0 percent in August 2018. This is 0.2 percentage points higher than July 2018 but 0.2 percentage points lower than the August 2017 level of 6.8 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

	August <u>2018</u>	July <u>2018</u>	August <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	20,177.1	20,145.3	20,029.7	31.8	147.4
Employed ('000)	18,839.1	18,933.9	18,675.2	-94.8	163.9
Full-Time ('000)	15,756.6	15,702.6	15,433.5	54.0	323.1
Part-Time ('000)	3,082.5	3,231.3	3,241.8	-148.8	-159.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,338.0	1,211.3	1,354.5	126.7	-16.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.0	6.8	0.6	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.0	5.8	6.2	0.2	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	66.5	66.4	66.9	0.1	-0.4
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	620.4	614.8	615.5	5.6	4.9
Employed ('000)	574.4	571.4	572.9	3.0	1.5
Full-Time ('000)	483.1	479.6	480.3	3.5	2.8
Part-Time ('000)	91.3	91.8	92.6	-0.5	-1.3
Unemployed ('000)	46.1	43.5	42.6	2.6	3.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	7.1	6.9	0.3	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.7	6.6	6.3	0.1	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	70.1	69.4	70.1	0.7	0.0
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,543.9	2,517.0	2,524.7	26.9	19.2
Employed ('000)	2,354.4	2,341.7	2,300.7	12.7	53.7
Full-Time ('000)	1,961.8	1,942.3	1,922.3	19.5	39.5
Part-Time ('000)	392.5	399.4	378.4	-6.9	14.1
Unemployed ('000)	189.6	175.3	224.0	14.3	-34.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	7.0	8.9	0.5	-1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.7	6.7	8.1	0.0	-1.4
Participation Rate (%)	73.2	72.5	73.5	0.7	-0.3
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	701.2	695.0	695.6	6.2	5.6
Employed ('000)	653.9	651.0	653.9	2.9	0.0
Full-Time ('000)	539.9	542.3	537.4	-2.4	2.5
Part-Time ('000)	114.0	108.7	116.6	5.3	-2.6
Unemployed ('000)	47.3	44.1	41.7	3.2	5.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	6.3	6.0	0.4	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.8	6.0	5.0	-0.2	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	68.3	67.7	68.5	0.6	-0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>August 2018</u>	<u>July 2018</u>	<u>August 2017</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	620.4	614.8	615.5	5.6	4.9
Male	336.6	336.1	335.4	0.5	1.2
Female	283.9	278.7	280.0	5.2	3.9
15-24 Years of Age	96.8	97.3	97.0	-0.5	-0.2
25+ Years of age	523.7	517.6	518.5	6.1	5.2
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	574.4	571.4	572.9	3.0	1.5
Male	314.6	313.5	315.9	1.1	-1.3
Female	259.7	257.8	256.9	1.9	2.8
15-24 Years of Age	84.3	83.5	85.3	0.8	-1.0
25+ Years of age	490.1	487.8	487.6	2.3	2.5
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	46.1	43.5	42.6	2.6	3.5
Male	21.9	22.6	19.5	-0.7	2.4
Female	24.1	20.9	23.1	3.2	1.0
15-24 Years of Age	12.5	13.7	11.8	-1.2	0.7
25+ Years of age	33.6	29.7	30.9	3.9	2.7
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	7.4	7.1	6.9	0.3	0.5
Male	6.5	6.7	5.8	-0.2	0.7
Female	8.5	7.5	8.3	1.0	0.2
15-24 Years of Age	12.9	14.1	12.2	-1.2	0.7
25+ Years of age	6.4	5.7	6.0	0.7	0.4
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	70.1	69.4	70.1	0.7	0.0
Male	75.4	75.3	75.8	0.1	-0.4
Female	64.7	63.5	64.3	1.2	0.4
15-24 Years of Age	73.1	73.4	72.6	-0.3	0.5
25+ Years of age	69.6	68.8	69.7	0.8	-0.1

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	August 2018	July 2018	August 2017	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	39.4	36.8	39.4	2.6	0.0
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	23.5	23.4	24.8	0.1	-1.3
Utilities	7.7	7.5	6.9	0.2	0.8
Construction	52.7	53.7	55.6	-1.0	-2.9
Manufacturing	27.4	28.3	29.3	-0.9	-1.9
Trade	89.9	90.6	92.3	-0.7	-2.4
Transportation and Warehousing	26.9	26.5	28.3	0.4	-1.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.0	29.7	28.4	0.3	1.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	25.6	26.2	29.5	-0.6	-3.9
Business, Building and Other Support Services	17.6	16.3	14.7	1.3	2.9
Educational Services	33.5	32.6	31.0	0.9	2.5
Health Care and Social Assistance	79.2	78.8	75.2	0.4	4.0
Information, Culture and Recreation	22.3	21.8	23.0	0.5	-0.7
Accommodation and Food Services	39.8	37.7	38.9	2.1	0.9
Other Services	26.9	27.7	24.7	-0.8	2.2
Public Administration	32.1	33.6	31.0	-1.5	1.1
Total	574.4	571.4	572.9	3.0	1.5
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	483.1	479.6	480.3	3.5	2.8
Part-Time	91.3	91.8	92.6	-0.5	-1.3
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	476.0	472.4	470.5	3.6	5.5
Public Sector	134.4	135.0	131.8	-0.6	2.6
Private Sector	341.6	337.4	338.7	4.2	2.9
Self-Employed	98.4	99.0	102.4	-0.6	-4.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>August</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,839.1	18,933.9	18,675.2	-94.8	163.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	236.5	236.4	229.3	0.1	7.2
Prince Edward Island	81.1	80.6	78.8	0.5	2.3
Nova Scotia	464.8	467.9	455.4	-3.1	9.4
New Brunswick	365.1	364.7	365.0	0.4	0.1
Quebec	4,294.9	4,320.8	4,276.7	-25.9	18.2
Ontario	7,302.3	7,396.9	7,231.8	-94.6	70.5
Manitoba	653.9	651.0	653.9	2.9	0.0
Saskatchewan	574.4	571.4	572.9	3.0	1.5
Alberta	2,354.4	2,341.7	2,300.7	12.7	53.7
British Columbia	2,511.8	2,502.5	2,510.8	9.3	1.0
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	6.6	6.0	6.8	0.6	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.9	13.6	13.8	-0.7	-0.9
Prince Edward Island	7.0	8.5	7.3	-1.5	-0.3
Nova Scotia	8.6	7.5	9.0	1.1	-0.4
New Brunswick	8.2	7.3	7.6	0.9	0.6
Quebec	6.1	5.4	6.5	0.7	-0.4
Ontario	6.5	5.9	6.3	0.6	0.2
Manitoba	6.7	6.3	6.0	0.4	0.7
Saskatchewan	7.4	7.1	6.9	0.3	0.5
Alberta	7.5	7.0	8.9	0.5	-1.4
British Columbia	5.6	4.8	5.4	0.8	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>August 2018</u>	<u>July 2018</u>	<u>August 2017</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,630.5	18,682.1	18,458.8	-51.6	171.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	226.3	225.2	220.3	1.1	6.0
Prince Edward Island	76.2	76.5	74.0	-0.3	2.2
Nova Scotia	454.6	453.4	445.4	1.2	9.2
New Brunswick	353.0	354.1	351.9	-1.1	1.1
Quebec	4,253.3	4,255.6	4,233.4	-2.3	19.9
Ontario	7,224.9	7,305.0	7,146.3	-80.1	78.6
Manitoba	649.2	646.6	649.2	2.6	0.0
Saskatchewan	569.2	567.8	568.0	1.4	1.2
Alberta	2,340.8	2,324.6	2,287.6	16.2	53.2
British Columbia	2,483.1	2,473.2	2,482.6	9.9	0.5
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	6.0	5.8	6.2	0.2	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.4	15.4	15.1	-1.0	-0.7
Prince Edward Island	9.3	9.5	9.1	-0.2	0.2
Nova Scotia	8.4	8.0	8.9	0.4	-0.5
New Brunswick	8.3	7.5	8.0	0.8	0.3
Quebec	5.6	5.6	6.0	0.0	-0.4
Ontario	5.7	5.4	5.5	0.3	0.2
Manitoba	5.8	6.0	5.0	-0.2	0.8
Saskatchewan	6.7	6.6	6.3	0.1	0.4
Alberta	6.7	6.7	8.1	0.0	-1.4
British Columbia	5.3	5.0	5.0	0.3	0.3

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>August</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>August</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	9.9	9.1	8.4	0.8	1.5
Halifax	6.6	6.2	6.9	0.4	-0.3
Saint John	6.0	5.5	6.0	0.5	0.0
Quebec	3.8	3.6	4.1	0.2	-0.3
Montreal	6.3	6.0	6.9	0.3	-0.6
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.2	4.8	6.4	0.4	-1.2
Toronto	6.6	6.5	6.8	0.1	-0.2
Greater Sudbury	6.7	6.5	6.5	0.2	0.2
Winnipeg	6.7	6.6	5.8	0.1	0.9
Regina	6.6	6.6	5.7	0.0	0.9
Saskatoon	7.3	7.0	8.2	0.3	-0.9
Calgary	8.4	7.8	8.7	0.6	-0.3
Edmonton	6.7	6.6	9.1	0.1	-2.4
Vancouver	4.9	4.6	4.8	0.3	0.1
Victoria	4.5	4.1	4.7	0.4	-0.2
SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	186.1	186.7	183.3	-0.6	2.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.6	50.2	50.7	0.4	-0.1
Saskatoon-Biggar	205.2	204.5	204.2	0.7	1.0
Yorkton-Melville	36.2	35.3	40.1	0.9	-3.9
Prince Albert & Northern	98.5	99.0	97.4	-0.5	1.1

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>August</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	618.9	617.2	615.1	1.7	3.8
Employed ('000)	577.7	577.4	575.4	0.3	2.3
Unemployed ('000)	41.2	39.8	39.7	1.4	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	6.5	6.5	0.2	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.9	69.8	70.1	0.1	-0.2
Employment Rate (%)	65.3	65.3	65.6	0.0	-0.3
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	563.3	560.8	561.5	2.5	1.8
Employed ('000)	531.3	529.8	529.8	1.5	1.5
Unemployed ('000)	32.0	31.0	31.8	1.0	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.5	5.7	0.2	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	70.2	70.9	0.3	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	66.5	66.3	66.9	0.2	-0.4
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	55.5	56.5	53.5	-1.0	2.0
Employed ('000)	46.4	47.6	45.6	-1.2	0.8
Unemployed ('000)	9.2	8.9	7.9	0.3	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.5	15.7	14.8	0.8	1.7
Participation Rate (%)	64.4	65.5	62.9	-1.1	1.5
Employment Rate (%)	53.7	55.2	53.6	-1.5	0.1
<u>FIRST NATIONS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	21.8	21.9	21.6	-0.1	0.2
Employed ('000)	16.5	17.3	17.0	-0.8	-0.5
Unemployed ('000)	5.3	4.6	4.6	0.7	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	24.3	21.2	21.2	3.1	3.1
Participation Rate (%)	56.3	56.6	56.7	-0.3	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	42.6	44.6	44.7	-2.0	-2.1
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	33.2	34.0	31.5	-0.8	1.7
Employed ('000)	29.4	29.8	28.4	-0.4	1.0
Unemployed ('000)	3.8	4.2	3.1	-0.4	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.5	12.3	9.9	-0.8	1.6
Participation Rate (%)	70.8	72.7	67.7	-1.9	3.1
Employment Rate (%)	62.7	63.7	60.9	-1.0	1.8

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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