

# Saskatchewan Place of Work & Commute

2016 Census of Canada

## PLACE OF WORK

According to the 2016 Census, 76.3 percent of employed Saskatchewan residents had a usual place of work. This compares with 75.8 percent in 2006. In addition, a higher proportion of Saskatchewan persons had no fixed workplace address (12.6 percent in 2016 versus 9.9 percent in 2006). However, the proportion of Saskatchewan residents working at home dropped from 14.1 percent in 2006 to 10.9 percent in 2016.

Table 1 provides the 2016 and 2006 data for Saskatchewan by place of work characteristics.

**Table 1: Place of Work Characteristics 2016 and 2006**

	2016	2006	% Change
Total	544,090	494,400	10.1%
Usual Place of Work	415,355	375,185	10.7%
No Fixed Workplace			
Address	68,510	49,025	39.7%
Worked at Home	59,385	69,650	-14.7%
Worked outside Canada	840	1,040	-19.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

The proportion of Saskatchewan residents who work at home (11.2 percent) is nearly double the national average (6.9 percent). This difference can be attributed to the large number of farmers whom live on their land, 56.3 percent of all people in Saskatchewan who reported working from home work as farmers.

## MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

Compared to Canada, Saskatchewan residents drive to work at much higher rates. The census states that, 75.4 percent of Saskatchewan residents drive alone to work. This is compared to 67.4 percent of Canadians in general.

The number of Saskatchewan residents who commute to work using sustainable transportation (public transit, walk or bicycle) was 9.6 percent in 2016, down from 11.8

percent in 2006. This is far below the national rate of 19.3 percent, which is up from 18.7 percent in 2006.

Table 2 provides mode of transportation data for Canada and Saskatchewan.

**Table 2: Mode of Transportation by Percent of Total, 2016**

	Canada	Saskatchewan
Total	100.0	100.0
Car, truck or van as driver	74.0	83.2
Car, truck or van as passenger	5.5	5.8
Sustainable transportation	19.3	9.6
Public Transport	12.4	2.9
Walked	5.5	5.6
Bicycled	1.4	1.1
Other	1.1	1.3

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Canada

## LENGTH OF COMMUTE

In 2016, 43.9 percent of Saskatchewan residents spent less than 15 minutes commuting to work. Swift Current has the greatest percent share of short commutes at 74.8 percent, whereas Saskatoon had the lowest percent share of shortest commutes at 32.7 percent.

**Table 3: Length of Commute by Percent Total and by Location, 2016**

	Less than 15 minutes	15 - 29 minutes	30 - 44 minutes	45 minutes or more
Saskatchewan	43.9%	37.0%	11.0%	8.0%
Regina	35.3%	49.9%	10.1%	4.6%
Yorkton	71.4%	18.0%	5.0%	5.6%
MooseJaw	62.6%	23.5%	4.5%	9.5%
Swift Current	74.8%	16.2%	4.9%	4.1%
Saskatoon	32.7%	49.2%	12.0%	6.1%
North Battleford	71.0%	18.6%	4.3%	6.0%
Prince Albert	61.2%	25.4%	6.8%	6.6%
Estevan	69.9%	21.1%	4.3%	4.6%
Weyburn	73.9%	10.9%	6.6%	8.6%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Canada

All data in this report are based on the 2016 Census of Canada and 2006 Census of Canada, which may not be directly comparable due to methodological changes. 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).