

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

August 2012

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## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended August 18, 2012, there were 549,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan during August 2012, an increase of 6,500 from July 2012 and 20,100 more than the number employed in August 2011.

Agricultural employment was 43,200 persons in August 2012, up 3,000 from the July 2012 level and 1,900 more than the August 2011 agricultural employment level of 41,300. Non-agricultural employment was 505,900 persons in August 2012. This is an increase of 3,500 from the July 2012 non-agriculture employment level of 502,400 and 18,200 more than August 2011.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for August 2012 was 5.2 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the July 2012 rate of 5.4 percent and 0.1 percentage points lower than the August 2011 level of 5.3 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 5,900 to 579,400 persons in August 2012 from 573,500 persons in July 2012. This is 20,600 more than the August 2011 labour force of 558,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.7 percentage points to 71.3 percent in August 2012 from 70.6 percent in July 2012. The August 2011 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.7 percent.

There were 30,300 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during August 2012. This is a decrease of 700 from July 2012 but is 600 more than the number unemployed in August 2011.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 542,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan in August 2012, up 4,600 from the July 2012 level of 537,400 and is up 18,600 from the August 2011 employment level of 523,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2012 was 4.4 percent. This is a decrease of 0.6 percentage points from the July 2012 rate of 5.0 percent and 0.1 percentage points lower than the August 2011 rate of 4.5 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 8,200 persons in August 2012 to 17,769,000 persons from 17,777,200 persons in July 2012. In August 2011, there were 17,588,800 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.3 percentage points in August 2012 to 7.8 percent from the July 2012 level of 7.5 percent. In August 2011, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.9 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.3 percent in August 2012. This is unchanged from the July 2012 rate and unchanged from the August 2011 level of 7.3 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**

	August <u>2012</u>	July <u>2012</u>	August <u>2011</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,276.6	19,208.3	19,104.8	68.3	171.8
Employed ('000)	17,769.0	17,777.2	17,588.8	-8.2	180.2
Full-Time ('000)	14,832.4	14,847.4	14,652.8	-15.0	179.6
Part-Time ('000)	2,936.6	2,929.8	2,936.0	6.8	0.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,507.6	1,431.1	1,516.0	76.5	-8.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.8	7.5	7.9	0.3	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.3	7.3	7.3	0.0	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.0	67.8	68.2	0.2	-0.2
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	579.4	573.5	558.8	5.9	20.6
Employed ('000)	549.1	542.6	529.0	6.5	20.1
Full-Time ('000)	468.4	462.1	454.3	6.3	14.1
Part-Time ('000)	80.8	80.5	74.7	0.3	6.1
Unemployed ('000)	30.3	31.0	29.7	-0.7	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.4	5.3	-0.2	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.4	5.0	4.5	-0.6	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	71.3	70.6	69.7	0.7	1.6
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,289.8	2,286.7	2,271.7	3.1	18.1
Employed ('000)	2,173.6	2,180.0	2,127.7	-6.4	45.9
Full-Time ('000)	1,868.3	1,869.3	1,806.8	-1.0	61.5
Part-Time ('000)	305.3	310.7	320.9	-5.4	-15.6
Unemployed ('000)	116.3	106.7	144.0	9.6	-27.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	4.7	6.3	0.4	-1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.4	5.0	5.6	-0.6	-1.2
Participation Rate (%)	74.4	74.4	75.4	0.0	-1.0
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	681.6	671.6	675.7	10.0	5.9
Employed ('000)	635.9	630.6	631.0	5.3	4.9
Full-Time ('000)	531.9	522.7	522.7	9.2	9.2
Part-Time ('000)	104.0	107.9	108.3	-3.9	-4.3
Unemployed ('000)	45.7	41.0	44.8	4.7	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	6.1	6.6	0.6	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.4	5.0	5.4	-0.6	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	70.7	69.7	70.7	1.0	0.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>August 2012</u>	<u>July 2012</u>	<u>August 2011</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	579.4	573.5	558.8	5.9	20.6
Male	315.0	313.1	304.2	1.9	10.8
Female	264.4	260.4	254.6	4.0	9.8
15-24 Years of Age	104.0	105.3	101.1	-1.3	2.9
25+ Years of age	475.4	468.2	457.7	7.2	17.7
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	549.1	542.6	529.0	6.5	20.1
Male	302.1	299.1	293.2	3.0	8.9
Female	247.0	243.4	235.8	3.6	11.2
15-24 Years of Age	94.2	93.6	93.0	0.6	1.2
25+ Years of age	454.9	449.0	436.0	5.9	18.9
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	30.3	31.0	29.7	-0.7	0.6
Male	12.9	14.0	10.9	-1.1	2.0
Female	17.3	17.0	18.8	0.3	-1.5
15-24 Years of Age	9.7	11.7	8.0	-2.0	1.7
25+ Years of age	20.5	19.3	21.7	1.2	-1.2
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	5.2	5.4	5.3	-0.2	-0.1
Male	4.1	4.5	3.6	-0.4	0.5
Female	6.5	6.5	7.4	0.0	-0.9
15-24 Years of Age	9.3	11.1	7.9	-1.8	1.4
25+ Years of age	4.3	4.1	4.7	0.2	-0.4
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	71.3	70.6	69.7	0.7	1.6
Male	78.0	77.7	76.6	0.3	1.4
Female	64.6	63.7	63.0	0.9	1.6
15-24 Years of Age	76.2	77.1	74.0	-0.9	2.2
25+ Years of age	70.3	69.3	68.9	1.0	1.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<u>August 2012</u>	<u>July 2012</u>	<u>August 2011</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	43.2	40.2	41.3	3.0	1.9
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	27.1	27.8	26.8	-0.7	0.3
Utilities	6.5	6.3	5.4	0.2	1.1
Construction	50.3	48.8	43.2	1.5	7.1
Manufacturing	25.1	27.1	27.1	-2.0	-2.0
Trade	80.2	78.7	83.4	1.5	-3.2
Transportation and Warehousing	26.8	27.2	26.0	-0.4	0.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	32.9	29.9	30.2	3.0	2.7
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	27.7	26.1	25.6	1.6	2.1
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.7	15.2	12.9	-1.5	0.8
Educational Services	33.5	31.9	32.5	1.6	1.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	69.2	72.5	67.0	-3.3	2.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	21.6	22.6	19.9	-1.0	1.7
Accommodation and Food Services	29.9	31.1	31.4	-1.2	-1.5
Other Services	27.5	24.2	25.6	3.3	1.9
Public Administration	33.9	32.8	30.8	1.1	3.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>549.1</b>	<b>542.6</b>	<b>529.0</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>20.1</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	468.4	462.1	454.3	6.3	14.1
Part-Time	80.8	80.5	74.7	0.3	6.1
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	449.1	444.4	433.1	4.7	16.0
Public Sector	133.5	131.9	128.3	1.6	5.2
Private Sector	315.6	312.5	304.8	3.1	10.8
Self-Employed	100.0	95.9	95.9	4.1	4.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>August</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,769.0	17,777.2	17,588.8	-8.2	180.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	240.7	243.6	233.2	-2.9	7.5
Prince Edward Island	77.8	78.6	77.6	-0.8	0.2
Nova Scotia	468.0	470.0	467.1	-2.0	0.9
New Brunswick	366.2	366.3	366.1	-0.1	0.1
Quebec	4,063.2	4,065.9	4,026.9	-2.7	36.3
Ontario	6,845.9	6,860.5	6,833.1	-14.6	12.8
Manitoba	635.9	630.6	631.0	5.3	4.9
Saskatchewan	549.1	542.6	529.0	6.5	20.1
Alberta	2,173.6	2,180.0	2,127.7	-6.4	45.9
British Columbia	2,348.6	2,339.2	2,297.1	9.4	51.5
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	7.8	7.5	7.9	0.3	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.4	11.3	13.4	1.1	-1.0
Prince Edward Island	9.7	8.9	9.2	0.8	0.5
Nova Scotia	9.7	8.9	8.5	0.8	1.2
New Brunswick	10.4	9.9	9.1	0.5	1.3
Quebec	7.8	7.0	7.9	0.8	-0.1
Ontario	8.8	8.6	8.4	0.2	0.4
Manitoba	6.7	6.1	6.6	0.6	0.1
Saskatchewan	5.2	5.4	5.3	-0.2	-0.1
Alberta	5.1	4.7	6.3	0.4	-1.2
British Columbia	7.0	6.9	8.1	0.1	-1.1

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>August</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,513.6	17,479.3	17,337.0	34.3	176.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	228.9	227.2	222.0	1.7	6.9
Prince Edward Island	72.2	73.6	72.2	-1.4	0.0
Nova Scotia	456.8	455.5	455.5	1.3	1.3
New Brunswick	351.9	353.7	351.1	-1.8	0.8
Quebec	3,989.3	3,956.8	3,964.8	32.5	24.5
Ontario	6,767.7	6,792.6	6,743.4	-24.9	24.3
Manitoba	628.4	625.0	623.1	3.4	5.3
Saskatchewan	542.0	537.4	523.4	4.6	18.6
Alberta	2,153.9	2,150.0	2,110.6	3.9	43.3
British Columbia	2,322.6	2,307.7	2,270.9	14.9	51.7
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	7.3	7.3	7.3	0.0	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.7	12.8	13.8	-0.1	-1.1
Prince Edward Island	11.7	10.2	11.4	1.5	0.3
Nova Scotia	9.7	9.4	8.6	0.3	1.1
New Brunswick	10.4	10.0	9.3	0.4	1.1
Quebec	7.6	7.6	7.6	0.0	0.0
Ontario	8.0	7.9	7.5	0.1	0.5
Manitoba	5.4	5.7	5.4	-0.3	0.0
Saskatchewan	4.4	5.0	4.5	-0.6	-0.1
Alberta	4.4	4.6	5.6	-0.2	-1.2
British Columbia	6.7	7.0	7.4	-0.3	-0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>August</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2011</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	7.6	7.2	7.1	0.4	0.5
Halifax	6.6	6.9	6.5	-0.3	0.1
Saint John	9.4	8.6	6.3	0.8	3.1
Quebec	5.2	5.1	4.7	0.1	0.5
Montreal	8.2	7.9	8.5	0.3	-0.3
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.5	6.4	5.6	0.1	0.9
Greater Sudbury	7.7	7.2	7.3	0.5	0.4
Toronto	9.4	9.3	8.9	0.1	0.5
Winnipeg	6.0	5.4	6.3	0.6	-0.3
Regina	4.9	4.4	4.9	0.5	0.0
Saskatoon	5.8	5.9	5.6	-0.1	0.2
Calgary	4.9	4.7	6.3	0.2	-1.4
Edmonton	4.6	4.3	5.6	0.3	-1.0
Vancouver	7.0	7.0	7.6	0.0	-0.6
Victoria	5.7	5.3	6.1	0.4	-0.4
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b>ECONOMIC REGIONS</b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	171.4	170.2	168.6	1.2	2.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.8	51.5	50.3	-0.7	0.5
Saskatoon-Biggar	186.2	185.0	176.2	1.2	10.0
Yorkton-Melville	36.1	37.2	39.9	-1.1	-3.8
Prince Albert & Northern	102.4	102.0	98.0	0.4	4.4

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>2012</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	575.9	573.1	560.1	2.8	15.8
Employed ('000)	546.9	545.6	532.0	1.3	14.9
Unemployed ('000)	29.0	27.5	28.1	1.5	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.8	5.0	0.2	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	71.0	70.7	70.0	0.3	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	67.4	67.3	66.5	0.1	0.9
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	529.5	526.7	511.7	2.8	17.8
Employed ('000)	507.3	505.8	490.0	1.5	17.3
Unemployed ('000)	22.2	20.9	21.7	1.3	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.0	4.2	0.2	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	71.5	71.3	70.0	0.2	1.5
Employment Rate (%)	68.5	68.4	67.1	0.1	1.4
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	46.4	46.4	48.4	0.0	-2.0
Employed ('000)	39.6	39.8	42.1	-0.2	-2.5
Unemployed ('000)	6.8	6.6	6.4	0.2	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.7	14.3	13.2	0.4	1.5
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	65.2	69.4	-0.1	-4.3
Employment Rate (%)	55.6	55.9	60.2	-0.3	-4.6
<b><u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18.4	18.5	20.0	-0.1	-1.6
Employed ('000)	14.4	14.5	16.4	-0.1	-2.0
Unemployed ('000)	4.1	3.9	3.6	0.2	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	22.1	21.3	17.9	0.8	4.2
Participation Rate (%)	59.1	59.3	65.6	-0.2	-6.5
Employment Rate (%)	46.1	46.6	53.9	-0.5	-7.8
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	27.6	27.5	28.4	0.1	-0.8
Employed ('000)	25.0	24.9	25.6	0.1	-0.6
Unemployed ('000)	2.7	2.6	2.8	0.1	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.7	9.4	9.9	0.3	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.7	69.6	72.4	0.1	-2.7
Employment Rate (%)	62.9	63.0	65.2	-0.1	-2.3

## Notes:

- 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.
- The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
- 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)
- Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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