

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

October 2017

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering October 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, there were 565,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 6,200 from September 2017 and 3,400 less than the number employed in October 2016.

Agricultural employment was 35,800 persons in October 2017, down 2,100 from the September 2017 level and 3,400 less than the October 2016 agricultural employment level of 39,200. Non-agricultural employment was 530,000 persons in October 2017. This is a decrease of 4,100 from the September 2017 non-agriculture employment level of 534,100 and remained unchanged from October 2016.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for October 2017 was 5.1 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the September 2017 rate of 5.3 percent and 1.0 percentage points lower than the October 2016 level of 6.1 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 7,800 to 596,200 persons in October 2017 from 604,000 persons in September 2017. This is 9,600 less than the October 2016 labour force of 605,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.9 percentage points to 67.8 percent in October 2017 from 68.7 percent in September 2017. The October 2016 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.5 percent.

There were 30,300 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during October 2017. This is a decrease of 1,700 from September 2017 and is 6,400 less than the number unemployed in October 2016.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 564,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan in October 2017, down 4,000 from the September 2017 level of 568,100 and down 2,200 from the October 2016 employment level of 566,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2017 was 5.9 percent. This is a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the September 2017 rate of 6.2 percent and 1.1 percentage points lower than the October 2016 rate of 7.0 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 37,200 persons in October 2017 to 18,562,000 persons from 18,524,800 persons in September 2017. In October 2016, there were 18,256,700 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.1 percentage points in October 2017 to 5.7 percent from the September 2017 level of 5.6 percent. In October 2016, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.3 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.3 percent in October 2017. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than September 2017 but 0.7 percentage points lower than the October 2016 level of 7.0 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**

	<u>October</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>October</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,676.2	19,633.8	19,482.2	42.4	194.0
Employed ('000)	18,562.0	18,524.8	18,256.7	37.2	305.3
Full-Time ('000)	15,036.9	15,048.3	14,637.0	-11.4	399.9
Part-Time ('000)	3,525.1	3,476.4	3,619.7	48.7	-94.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,114.2	1,109.0	1,225.5	5.2	-111.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.6	6.3	0.1	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.3	6.2	7.0	0.1	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	65.6	65.5	65.6	0.1	0.0
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	596.2	604.0	605.8	-7.8	-9.6
Employed ('000)	565.8	572.0	569.2	-6.2	-3.4
Full-Time ('000)	466.9	475.7	467.0	-8.8	-0.1
Part-Time ('000)	98.9	96.3	102.2	2.6	-3.3
Unemployed ('000)	30.3	32.0	36.7	-1.7	-6.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	5.3	6.1	-0.2	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.9	6.2	7.0	-0.3	-1.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.8	68.7	69.5	-0.9	-1.7
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,464.5	2,464.3	2,468.0	0.2	-3.5
Employed ('000)	2,299.5	2,294.5	2,282.4	5.0	17.1
Full-Time ('000)	1,884.0	1,887.0	1,830.6	-3.0	53.4
Part-Time ('000)	415.5	407.4	451.8	8.1	-36.3
Unemployed ('000)	165.0	169.8	185.7	-4.8	-20.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	6.9	7.5	-0.2	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.8	7.9	8.6	-0.1	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	71.7	71.7	72.4	0.0	-0.7
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	681.9	682.8	675.0	-0.9	6.9
Employed ('000)	650.9	646.7	636.3	4.2	14.6
Full-Time ('000)	517.0	523.2	505.6	-6.2	11.4
Part-Time ('000)	133.9	123.4	130.7	10.5	3.2
Unemployed ('000)	31.0	36.1	38.7	-5.1	-7.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	5.3	5.7	-0.8	-1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.2	5.5	6.5	-0.3	-1.3
Participation Rate (%)	67.0	67.2	67.3	-0.2	-0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>October</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>October</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Change from</u>	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	596.2	604.0	605.8	-7.8	-9.6
Male	325.1	328.2	330.7	-3.1	-5.6
Female	271.0	275.8	275.1	-4.8	-4.1
15-24 Years of Age	80.9	82.8	86.3	-1.9	-5.4
25+ Years of age	515.3	521.3	519.6	-6.0	-4.3
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	565.8	572.0	569.2	-6.2	-3.4
Male	308.0	310.9	308.1	-2.9	-0.1
Female	257.8	261.2	261.1	-3.4	-3.3
15-24 Years of Age	71.7	73.0	76.8	-1.3	-5.1
25+ Years of age	494.1	499.1	492.4	-5.0	1.7
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	30.3	32.0	36.7	-1.7	-6.4
Male	17.1	17.3	22.6	-0.2	-5.5
Female	13.2	14.6	14.1	-1.4	-0.9
15-24 Years of Age	9.2	9.8	9.5	-0.6	-0.3
25+ Years of age	21.2	22.2	27.2	-1.0	-6.0
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	5.1	5.3	6.1	-0.2	-1.0
Male	5.3	5.3	6.8	0.0	-1.5
Female	4.9	5.3	5.1	-0.4	-0.2
15-24 Years of Age	11.4	11.8	11.0	-0.4	0.4
25+ Years of age	4.1	4.3	5.2	-0.2	-1.1
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	67.8	68.7	69.5	-0.9	-1.7
Male	73.3	74.1	75.3	-0.8	-2.0
Female	62.2	63.3	63.7	-1.1	-1.5
15-24 Years of Age	60.6	61.9	64.2	-1.3	-3.6
25+ Years of age	69.1	70.0	70.5	-0.9	-1.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<u>October 2017</u>	<u>September 2017</u>	<u>October 2016</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	35.8	37.9	39.2	-2.1	-3.4
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.4	24.1	24.6	0.3	-0.2
Utilities	6.7	6.7	6.6	0.0	0.1
Construction	53.5	54.6	51.7	-1.1	1.8
Manufacturing	26.9	27.2	26.3	-0.3	0.6
Trade	92.5	92.7	91.4	-0.2	1.1
Transportation and Warehousing	29.8	29.2	28.5	0.6	1.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	27.3	28.0	26.1	-0.7	1.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	28.8	29.7	29.0	-0.9	-0.2
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.8	13.8	13.3	0.0	0.5
Educational Services	41.6	40.5	43.7	1.1	-2.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	74.6	75.3	79.2	-0.7	-4.6
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.5	20.5	19.7	-2.0	-1.2
Accommodation and Food Services	35.4	35.2	37.3	0.2	-1.9
Other Services	24.9	25.9	22.7	-1.0	2.2
Public Administration	31.3	30.9	30.0	0.4	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>565.8</b>	<b>572.0</b>	<b>569.2</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>-3.4</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	466.9	475.7	467.0	-8.8	-0.1
Part-Time	98.9	96.3	102.2	2.6	-3.3
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	465.4	468.1	467.6	-2.7	-2.2
Public Sector	140.5	139.9	142.6	0.6	-2.1
Private Sector	324.9	328.2	325.0	-3.3	-0.1
Self-Employed	100.4	104.0	101.5	-3.6	-1.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>October</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>October</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,562.0	18,524.8	18,256.7	37.2	305.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	227.3	227.0	230.9	0.3	-3.6
Prince Edward Island	73.9	75.5	72.8	-1.6	1.1
Nova Scotia	452.6	453.4	450.4	-0.8	2.2
New Brunswick	358.9	360.4	356.8	-1.5	2.1
Quebec	4,270.6	4,261.0	4,203.9	9.6	66.7
Ontario	7,190.8	7,158.4	7,041.4	32.4	149.4
Manitoba	650.9	646.7	636.3	4.2	14.6
Saskatchewan	565.8	572.0	569.2	-6.2	-3.4
Alberta	2,299.5	2,294.5	2,282.4	5.0	17.1
British Columbia	2,471.7	2,476.0	2,412.7	-4.3	59.0
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.7	5.6	6.3	0.1	-0.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.7	12.9	13.3	-0.2	-0.6
Prince Edward Island	9.1	7.2	9.7	1.9	-0.6
Nova Scotia	7.8	8.0	6.8	-0.2	1.0
New Brunswick	6.8	6.4	8.4	0.4	-1.6
Quebec	5.6	5.4	6.0	0.2	-0.4
Ontario	5.4	5.3	5.8	0.1	-0.4
Manitoba	4.5	5.3	5.7	-0.8	-1.2
Saskatchewan	5.1	5.3	6.1	-0.2	-1.0
Alberta	6.7	6.9	7.5	-0.2	-0.8
British Columbia	4.7	4.7	5.8	0.0	-1.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>October</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>October</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	18,489.4	18,454.1	18,181.3	35.3	308.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	224.3	220.9	229.0	3.4	-4.7
Prince Edward Island	72.6	73.1	71.4	-0.5	1.2
Nova Scotia	447.6	446.9	445.4	0.7	2.2
New Brunswick	354.9	352.6	354.2	2.3	0.7
Quebec	4,242.8	4,224.4	4,176.3	18.4	66.5
Ontario	7,177.3	7,172.1	7,028.1	5.2	149.2
Manitoba	647.9	643.9	633.5	4.0	14.4
Saskatchewan	564.1	568.1	566.3	-4.0	-2.2
Alberta	2,290.6	2,278.7	2,274.1	11.9	16.5
British Columbia	2,467.2	2,473.3	2,403.0	-6.1	64.2
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	6.3	6.2	7.0	0.1	-0.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.5	15.1	15.2	-0.6	-0.7
Prince Edward Island	10.3	9.5	11.5	0.8	-1.2
Nova Scotia	8.7	9.0	7.7	-0.3	1.0
New Brunswick	7.8	7.8	9.8	0.0	-2.0
Quebec	6.1	6.0	6.7	0.1	-0.6
Ontario	5.9	5.6	6.4	0.3	-0.5
Manitoba	5.2	5.5	6.5	-0.3	-1.3
Saskatchewan	5.9	6.2	7.0	-0.3	-1.1
Alberta	7.8	7.9	8.6	-0.1	-0.8
British Columbia	4.9	4.9	6.1	0.0	-1.2

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>October</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>October</u> <u>2016</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	8.6	9.1	8.1	-0.5	0.5
Halifax	6.9	7.0	5.6	-0.1	1.3
Saint John	6.1	5.7	7.2	0.4	-1.1
Quebec	4.2	4.0	4.3	0.2	-0.1
Montreal	6.8	6.9	7.1	-0.1	-0.3
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.0	6.2	6.3	-0.2	-0.3
Toronto	6.0	6.5	7.3	-0.5	-1.3
Greater Sudbury	5.9	6.2	7.4	-0.3	-1.5
Winnipeg	5.8	6.1	7.0	-0.3	-1.2
Regina	5.1	5.6	5.1	-0.5	0.0
Saskatoon	7.4	7.8	7.1	-0.4	0.3
Calgary	8.2	8.7	10.2	-0.5	-2.0
Edmonton	7.7	8.8	6.9	-1.1	0.8
Vancouver	4.3	4.7	5.2	-0.4	-0.9
Victoria	3.8	4.5	5.0	-0.7	-1.2
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b>ECONOMIC REGIONS</b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	181.6	182.6	184.5	-1.0	-2.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	49.7	50.2	53.6	-0.5	-3.9
Saskatoon-Biggar	203.6	204.3	198.4	-0.7	5.2
Yorkton-Melville	38.9	39.7	37.3	-0.8	1.6
Prince Albert & Northern	96.5	96.3	98.7	0.2	-2.2

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>October</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>October</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	605.9	611.6	611.1	-5.7	-5.2
Employed ('000)	571.3	573.3	572.8	-2.0	-1.5
Unemployed ('000)	34.7	38.3	38.3	-3.6	-3.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	6.3	6.3	-0.6	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	69.6	70.2	-0.6	-1.2
Employment Rate (%)	65.0	65.3	65.8	-0.3	-0.8
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	552.5	558.4	556.8	-5.9	-4.3
Employed ('000)	524.8	527.4	526.0	-2.6	-1.2
Unemployed ('000)	27.7	31.0	30.8	-3.3	-3.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	5.5	5.5	-0.5	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	70.4	70.7	-0.8	-1.1
Employment Rate (%)	66.1	66.5	66.8	-0.4	-0.7
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	53.4	53.2	54.3	0.2	-0.9
Employed ('000)	46.5	45.9	46.8	0.6	-0.3
Unemployed ('000)	7.0	7.3	7.5	-0.3	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.0	13.7	13.8	-0.7	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	62.7	62.5	65.3	0.2	-2.6
Employment Rate (%)	54.6	53.9	56.3	0.7	-1.7
<b><u>FIRST NATIONS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	21.7	21.5	20.9	0.2	0.8
Employed ('000)	17.4	17.3	16.8	0.1	0.6
Unemployed ('000)	4.3	4.3	4.1	0.0	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.8	19.8	19.7	0.0	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	56.9	56.4	56.9	0.5	0.0
Employment Rate (%)	45.6	45.3	45.7	0.3	-0.1
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	31.5	31.4	33.2	0.1	-1.7
Employed ('000)	28.9	28.5	29.9	0.4	-1.0
Unemployed ('000)	2.6	2.9	3.3	-0.3	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	9.2	10.1	-0.9	-1.8
Participation Rate (%)	67.5	67.3	72.0	0.2	-4.5
Employment Rate (%)	61.9	61.1	64.8	0.8	-2.9

## 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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