

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

May 2018

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering May 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, there were 571,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 13,500 from April 2018 but 7,300 less than the number employed in May 2017.

Agricultural employment was 38,800 persons in May 2018, up 2,600 from the April 2018 level but 800 less than the May 2017 agricultural employment level of 39,600. Non-agricultural employment was 533,000 persons in May 2018. This is an increase of 10,900 from the April 2018 non-agriculture employment level of 522,100 but 6,500 less than May 2017.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for May 2018 was 6.9 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the April 2018 rate of 7.1 percent but 0.6 percentage points higher than the May 2017 level of 6.3 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 12,800 to 614,000 persons in May 2018 from 601,200 persons in April 2018. This is 4,100 less than the May 2017 labour force of 618,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 1.3 percentage points to 69.4 percent in May 2018 from 68.1 percent in April 2018. The May 2017 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.5 percent.

There were 42,200 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during May 2018. This is a decrease of 700 from April 2018 but is 3,200 more than the number unemployed in May 2017.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 563,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in May 2018, down 2,100 from the April 2018 level of 565,800 and is down 5,600 from the May 2017 employment level of 569,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2018 was 6.8 percent. This is an increase of 0.5 percentage points from the April 2018 rate of 6.3 percent and 0.4 percentage points higher than the May 2017 rate of 6.4 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 367,400 persons in May 2018 to 18,785,100 persons from 18,417,700 persons in April 2018. In May 2017, there were 18,575,000 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points in May 2018 to 5.9 percent from the April 2018 level of 6.1 percent. In May 2017, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.8 percent in May 2018. This is the same as April 2018 but 0.7 percentage points lower than the May 2017 level of 6.5 percent.

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

TABLE 1

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

	<u>May</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,972.8	19,611.2	19,882.0	361.6	90.8
Employed ('000)	18,785.1	18,417.7	18,575.0	367.4	210.1
Full-Time ('000)	15,345.3	14,915.0	15,070.4	430.3	274.9
Part-Time ('000)	3,439.8	3,502.7	3,504.7	-62.9	-64.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,187.8	1,193.4	1,307.0	-5.6	-119.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	6.1	6.6	-0.2	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.8	5.8	6.5	0.0	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	66.1	64.9	66.6	1.2	-0.5
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	614.0	601.2	618.1	12.8	-4.1
Employed ('000)	571.8	558.3	579.1	13.5	-7.3
Full-Time ('000)	470.3	451.6	477.4	18.7	-7.1
Part-Time ('000)	101.5	106.6	101.7	-5.1	-0.2
Unemployed ('000)	42.2	42.9	39.0	-0.7	3.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.9	7.1	6.3	-0.2	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.8	6.3	6.4	0.5	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	68.1	70.5	1.3	-1.1
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,507.6	2,473.4	2,510.2	34.2	-2.6
Employed ('000)	2,345.2	2,306.6	2,310.5	38.6	34.7
Full-Time ('000)	1,945.8	1,885.5	1,907.3	60.3	38.5
Part-Time ('000)	399.3	421.1	403.2	-21.8	-3.9
Unemployed ('000)	162.5	166.8	199.7	-4.3	-37.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	6.7	8.0	-0.2	-1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.2	6.7	7.8	-0.5	-1.6
Participation Rate (%)	72.4	71.5	73.3	0.9	-0.9
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	697.9	685.5	685.6	12.4	12.3
Employed ('000)	652.9	641.7	650.3	11.2	2.6
Full-Time ('000)	529.0	509.3	531.1	19.7	-2.1
Part-Time ('000)	123.9	132.4	119.2	-8.5	4.7
Unemployed ('000)	45.0	43.8	35.3	1.2	9.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.4	5.1	0.0	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.5	6.1	5.3	0.4	1.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	67.0	67.7	1.2	0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>May 2018</u>	<u>April 2018</u>	<u>May 2017</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	614.0	601.2	618.1	12.8	-4.1
Male	333.0	325.1	336.2	7.9	-3.2
Female	281.0	276.1	281.8	4.9	-0.8
15-24 Years of Age	90.6	79.5	94.2	11.1	-3.6
25+ Years of age	523.3	521.7	523.9	1.6	-0.6
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	571.8	558.3	579.1	13.5	-7.3
Male	306.8	296.6	312.4	10.2	-5.6
Female	264.9	261.6	266.7	3.3	-1.8
15-24 Years of Age	77.3	68.6	83.8	8.7	-6.5
25+ Years of age	494.5	489.7	495.3	4.8	-0.8
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	42.2	42.9	39.0	-0.7	3.2
Male	26.1	28.4	23.9	-2.3	2.2
Female	16.1	14.5	15.2	1.6	0.9
15-24 Years of Age	13.3	10.9	10.4	2.4	2.9
25+ Years of age	28.9	32.0	28.6	-3.1	0.3
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	6.9	7.1	6.3	-0.2	0.6
Male	7.8	8.7	7.1	-0.9	0.7
Female	5.7	5.3	5.4	0.4	0.3
15-24 Years of Age	14.7	13.7	11.0	1.0	3.7
25+ Years of age	5.5	6.1	5.5	-0.6	0.0
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	69.4	68.1	70.5	1.3	-1.1
Male	74.7	73.0	76.1	1.7	-1.4
Female	64.1	63.0	64.8	1.1	-0.7
15-24 Years of Age	68.2	59.8	70.4	8.4	-2.2
25+ Years of age	69.7	69.5	70.6	0.2	-0.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<u>May 2018</u>	<u>April 2018</u>	<u>May 2017</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	38.8	36.2	39.6	2.6	-0.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	23.5	23.5	22.4	0.0	1.1
Utilities	7.0	6.9	7.0	0.1	0.0
Construction	48.6	45.9	53.4	2.7	-4.8
Manufacturing	28.7	27.9	28.3	0.8	0.4
Trade	89.8	88.8	92.9	1.0	-3.1
Transportation and Warehousing	28.5	27.5	27.9	1.0	0.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.2	28.6	27.1	0.6	2.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	25.9	26.1	30.5	-0.2	-4.6
Business, Building and Other Support Services	14.8	13.9	15.5	0.9	-0.7
Educational Services	43.4	43.3	43.6	0.1	-0.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	78.1	77.7	77.6	0.4	0.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.3	19.2	20.9	1.1	-0.6
Accommodation and Food Services	37.7	36.8	37.7	0.9	0.0
Other Services	25.6	25.5	24.7	0.1	0.9
Public Administration	31.9	30.5	29.7	1.4	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>571.8</b>	<b>558.3</b>	<b>579.1</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>-7.3</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	470.3	451.6	477.4	18.7	-7.1
Part-Time	101.5	106.6	101.7	-5.1	-0.2
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	470.3	457.0	477.2	13.3	-6.9
Public Sector	142.4	141.1	142.7	1.3	-0.3
Private Sector	327.9	315.9	334.4	12.0	-6.5
Self-Employed	101.5	101.2	101.9	0.3	-0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>May</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	18,785.1	18,417.7	18,575.0	367.4	210.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	228.8	218.5	229.4	10.3	-0.6
Prince Edward Island	79.0	71.2	77.7	7.8	1.3
Nova Scotia	461.5	450.4	457.5	11.1	4.0
New Brunswick	362.1	346.2	357.8	15.9	4.3
Quebec	4,308.6	4,213.0	4,249.1	95.6	59.5
Ontario	7,291.9	7,147.0	7,175.8	144.9	116.1
Manitoba	652.9	641.7	650.3	11.2	2.6
Saskatchewan	571.8	558.3	579.1	13.5	-7.3
Alberta	2,345.2	2,306.6	2,310.5	38.6	34.7
British Columbia	2,483.3	2,464.8	2,487.8	18.5	-4.5
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	5.9	6.1	6.6	-0.2	-0.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.0	16.1	14.4	-2.1	-0.4
Prince Edward Island	8.0	15.0	8.5	-7.0	-0.5
Nova Scotia	6.9	7.7	7.6	-0.8	-0.7
New Brunswick	7.6	9.2	8.3	-1.6	-0.7
Quebec	5.2	5.8	5.8	-0.6	-0.6
Ontario	6.0	5.6	6.6	0.4	-0.6
Manitoba	6.4	6.4	5.1	0.0	1.3
Saskatchewan	6.9	7.1	6.3	-0.2	0.6
Alberta	6.5	6.7	8.0	-0.2	-1.5
British Columbia	4.9	5.0	5.7	-0.1	-0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>May</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	18,596.2	18,603.7	18,358.0	-7.5	238.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	223.4	222.9	224.2	0.5	-0.8
Prince Edward Island	75.8	75.0	74.7	0.8	1.1
Nova Scotia	454.1	457.7	449.6	-3.6	4.5
New Brunswick	356.9	355.1	352.5	1.8	4.4
Quebec	4,270.5	4,265.8	4,205.2	4.7	65.3
Ontario	7,209.5	7,208.5	7,083.8	1.0	125.7
Manitoba	646.1	647.2	643.2	-1.1	2.9
Saskatchewan	563.7	565.8	569.3	-2.1	-5.6
Alberta	2,326.2	2,323.3	2,288.9	2.9	37.3
British Columbia	2,470.0	2,482.4	2,466.5	-12.4	3.5
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	5.8	5.8	6.5	0.0	-0.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.5	14.5	14.8	0.0	-0.3
Prince Edward Island	9.3	11.2	9.9	-1.9	-0.6
Nova Scotia	7.2	6.7	8.1	0.5	-0.9
New Brunswick	7.3	8.0	8.2	-0.7	-0.9
Quebec	5.3	5.4	5.9	-0.1	-0.6
Ontario	5.7	5.6	6.4	0.1	-0.7
Manitoba	6.5	6.1	5.3	0.4	1.2
Saskatchewan	6.8	6.3	6.4	0.5	0.4
Alberta	6.2	6.7	7.8	-0.5	-1.6
British Columbia	4.8	5.0	5.6	-0.2	-0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>May</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2017</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	8.8	8.9	8.5	-0.1	0.3
Halifax	6.1	6.3	7.3	-0.2	-1.2
Saint John	6.8	6.8	5.9	0.0	0.9
Quebec	4.0	4.1	4.8	-0.1	-0.8
Montreal	6.1	6.4	6.8	-0.3	-0.7
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.3	4.2	5.7	0.1	-1.4
Toronto	6.3	5.9	6.9	0.4	-0.6
Greater Sudbury	7.5	7.8	7.1	-0.3	0.4
Winnipeg	6.8	6.8	5.6	0.0	1.2
Regina	6.4	5.9	4.9	0.5	1.5
Saskatoon	7.3	7.3	8.5	0.0	-1.2
Calgary	7.4	7.7	9.4	-0.3	-2.0
Edmonton	6.7	6.8	8.3	-0.1	-1.6
Vancouver	4.4	4.3	5.3	0.1	-0.9
Victoria	3.8	4.2	3.7	-0.4	0.1
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b><u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	185.2	183.0	183.7	2.2	1.5
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	49.7	49.5	51.3	0.2	-1.6
Saskatoon-Biggar	196.0	193.2	193.7	2.8	2.3
Yorkton-Melville	34.1	34.1	39.5	0.0	-5.4
Prince Albert & Northern	99.3	99.1	98.6	0.2	0.7

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>May</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	606.7	598.6	606.6	8.1	0.1
Employed ('000)	565.7	559.9	565.3	5.8	0.4
Unemployed ('000)	41.0	38.7	41.3	2.3	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	6.5	6.8	0.3	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	67.8	69.3	0.9	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	64.0	63.4	64.6	0.6	-0.6
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	549.6	542.2	551.0	7.4	-1.4
Employed ('000)	517.4	511.8	518.2	5.6	-0.8
Unemployed ('000)	32.2	30.4	32.8	1.8	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	5.6	6.0	0.3	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	68.1	69.7	0.8	-0.8
Employment Rate (%)	64.9	64.2	65.6	0.7	-0.7
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	57.1	56.5	55.6	0.6	1.5
Employed ('000)	48.3	48.1	47.1	0.2	1.2
Unemployed ('000)	8.8	8.4	8.5	0.4	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.4	14.8	15.2	0.6	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	66.4	65.8	65.2	0.6	1.2
Employment Rate (%)	56.2	56.0	55.3	0.2	0.9
<b><u>FIRST NATIONS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	22.6	22.4	22.5	0.2	0.1
Employed ('000)	18.1	18.1	18.0	0.0	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	4.5	4.3	4.5	0.2	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.8	19.3	19.9	0.5	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	58.6	58.2	59.0	0.4	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	47.0	47.0	47.3	0.0	-0.3
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	34.0	33.8	32.8	0.2	1.2
Employed ('000)	29.7	29.7	29.1	0.0	0.6
Unemployed ('000)	4.3	4.1	3.8	0.2	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.6	12.1	11.5	0.5	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	72.6	71.8	70.2	0.8	2.4
Employment Rate (%)	63.5	63.2	62.1	0.3	1.4

## 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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