

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

September 2018

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering September 9th to 15th, 2018, there were 575,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 900 from August 2018 and 3,300 more than the number employed in September 2017.

Agricultural employment was 40,400 persons in September 2018, up 1,000 from the August 2018 level and 2,500 more than the September 2017 agricultural employment level of 37,900. Non-agricultural employment was 534,900 persons in September 2018. This is a decrease of 100 from the August 2018 non-agriculture employment level of 535,000 and 800 more than September 2017.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for September 2018 was 5.5 percent. This is a decrease of 1.9 percentage points from the August 2018 rate of 7.4 percent but 0.2 percentage points higher than the September 2017 level of 5.3 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 11,800 to 608,600 persons in September 2018 from 620,400 persons in August 2018. This is 4,600 more than the September 2017 labour force of 604,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 1.4 percentage points to 68.7 percent in September 2018 from 70.1 percent in August 2018. The September 2017 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.7 percent.

There were 33,300 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during September 2018. This is a decrease of 12,800 from August 2018 but is 1,300 more than the number unemployed in September 2017.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 571,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan in September 2018, up 1,800 from the August 2018 level of 569,200 and is up 2,900 from the September 2017 employment level of 568,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2018 was 6.4 percent. This is a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the August 2018 rate of 6.7 percent and 0.2 percentage points higher than the September 2017 rate of 6.2 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 85,200 persons in September 2018 to 18,753,900 persons from 18,839,100 persons in August 2018. In September 2017, there were 18,524,800 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 1.2 percentage points in September 2018 to 5.4 percent from the August 2018 level of 6.6 percent. In September 2017, Canada's unemployment rate was 5.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.9 percent in September 2018. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than August 2018 and 0.3 percentage points lower than the September 2017 level of 6.2 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	September <u>2018</u>	August <u>2018</u>	September <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,824.5	20,177.1	19,633.8	-352.6	190.7
Employed ('000)	18,753.9	18,839.1	18,524.8	-85.2	229.1
Full-Time ('000)	15,266.6	15,756.6	15,048.3	-490.0	218.3
Part-Time ('000)	3,487.3	3,082.5	3,476.4	404.8	10.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,070.6	1,338.0	1,109.0	-267.4	-38.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	6.6	5.6	-1.2	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.9	6.0	6.2	-0.1	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	65.2	66.5	65.5	-1.3	-0.3
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	608.6	620.4	604.0	-11.8	4.6
Employed ('000)	575.3	574.4	572.0	0.9	3.3
Full-Time ('000)	476.7	483.1	475.7	-6.4	1.0
Part-Time ('000)	98.6	91.3	96.3	7.3	2.3
Unemployed ('000)	33.3	46.1	32.0	-12.8	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	7.4	5.3	-1.9	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.4	6.7	6.2	-0.3	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	70.1	68.7	-1.4	0.0
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,505.5	2,543.9	2,464.3	-38.4	41.2
Employed ('000)	2,348.1	2,354.4	2,294.5	-6.3	53.6
Full-Time ('000)	1,925.0	1,961.8	1,887.0	-36.8	38.0
Part-Time ('000)	423.2	392.5	407.4	30.7	15.8
Unemployed ('000)	157.4	189.6	169.8	-32.2	-12.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	7.5	6.9	-1.2	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.0	6.7	7.8	0.3	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	72.0	73.2	71.7	-1.2	0.3
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	687.3	701.2	682.8	-13.9	4.5
Employed ('000)	650.2	653.9	646.7	-3.7	3.5
Full-Time ('000)	525.5	539.9	523.2	-14.4	2.3
Part-Time ('000)	124.7	114.0	123.4	10.7	1.3
Unemployed ('000)	37.0	47.3	36.1	-10.3	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	6.7	5.3	-1.3	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.8	5.8	5.6	0.0	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	68.3	67.2	-1.4	-0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	September <u>2018</u>	August <u>2018</u>	September <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	608.6	620.4	604.0	-11.8	4.6
Male	331.4	336.6	328.2	-5.2	3.2
Female	277.2	283.9	275.8	-6.7	1.4
15-24 Years of Age	83.5	96.8	82.8	-13.3	0.7
25+ Years of age	525.1	523.7	521.3	1.4	3.8
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	575.3	574.4	572.0	0.9	3.3
Male	312.1	314.6	310.9	-2.5	1.2
Female	263.1	259.7	261.2	3.4	1.9
15-24 Years of Age	74.5	84.3	73.0	-9.8	1.5
25+ Years of age	500.7	490.1	499.1	10.6	1.6
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	33.3	46.1	32.0	-12.8	1.3
Male	19.3	21.9	17.3	-2.6	2.0
Female	14.0	24.1	14.6	-10.1	-0.6
15-24 Years of Age	8.9	12.5	9.8	-3.6	-0.9
25+ Years of age	24.4	33.6	22.2	-9.2	2.2
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	5.5	7.4	5.3	-1.9	0.2
Male	5.8	6.5	5.3	-0.7	0.5
Female	5.1	8.5	5.3	-3.4	-0.2
15-24 Years of Age	10.7	12.9	11.8	-2.2	-1.1
25+ Years of age	4.6	6.4	4.3	-1.8	0.3
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	68.7	70.1	68.7	-1.4	0.0
Male	74.2	75.4	74.1	-1.2	0.1
Female	63.1	64.7	63.3	-1.6	-0.2
15-24 Years of Age	63.1	73.1	61.9	-10.0	1.2
25+ Years of age	69.7	69.6	70.0	0.1	-0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	September <u>2018</u>	August <u>2018</u>	September <u>2017</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	40.4	39.4	37.9	1.0	2.5
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	22.5	23.5	24.1	-1.0	-1.6
Utilities	7.2	7.7	6.7	-0.5	0.5
Construction	53.4	52.7	54.6	0.7	-1.2
Manufacturing	27.3	27.4	27.2	-0.1	0.1
Trade	88.1	89.9	92.7	-1.8	-4.6
Transportation and Warehousing	28.1	26.9	29.2	1.2	-1.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.5	30.0	28.0	-1.5	0.5
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	26.2	25.6	29.7	0.6	-3.5
Business, Building and Other Support Services	16.2	17.6	13.8	-1.4	2.4
Educational Services	45.4	33.5	40.5	11.9	4.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	77.3	79.2	75.3	-1.9	2.0
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.7	22.3	20.5	-2.6	-0.8
Accommodation and Food Services	38.0	39.8	35.2	-1.8	2.8
Other Services	26.7	26.9	25.9	-0.2	0.8
Public Administration	30.2	32.1	30.9	-1.9	-0.7
Total	575.3	574.4	572	0.9	3.3
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	476.7	483.1	475.7	-6.4	1.0
Part-Time	98.6	91.3	96.3	7.3	2.3
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	476.3	476.0	468.1	0.3	8.2
Public Sector	141.4	134.4	139.9	7.0	1.5
Private Sector	334.8	341.6	328.2	-6.8	6.6
Self-Employed	99.0	98.4	104.0	0.6	-5.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	September <u>2018</u>	August <u>2018</u>	September <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,753.9	18,839.1	18,524.8	-85.2	229.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	233.6	236.5	227.0	-2.9	6.6
Prince Edward Island	78.6	81.1	75.5	-2.5	3.1
Nova Scotia	461.7	464.8	453.4	-3.1	8.3
New Brunswick	362.0	365.1	360.4	-3.1	1.6
Quebec	4,271.5	4,294.9	4,261.0	-23.4	10.5
Ontario	7,246.4	7,302.3	7,158.4	-55.9	88.0
Manitoba	650.2	653.9	646.7	-3.7	3.5
Saskatchewan	575.3	574.4	572.0	0.9	3.3
Alberta	2,348.1	2,354.4	2,294.5	-6.3	53.6
British Columbia	2,526.4	2,511.8	2,476.0	14.6	50.4
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.4	6.6	5.6	-1.2	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.7	12.9	12.9	-1.2	-1.2
Prince Edward Island	5.9	7.0	7.2	-1.1	-1.3
Nova Scotia	6.8	8.6	8.0	-1.8	-1.2
New Brunswick	6.6	8.2	6.4	-1.6	0.2
Quebec	4.9	6.1	5.4	-1.2	-0.5
Ontario	5.6	6.5	5.3	-0.9	0.3
Manitoba	5.4	6.7	5.3	-1.3	0.1
Saskatchewan	5.5	7.4	5.3	-1.9	0.2
Alberta	6.3	7.5	6.9	-1.2	-0.6
British Columbia	3.9	5.6	4.7	-1.7	-0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	September <u>2018</u>	August <u>2018</u>	September <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,693.8	18,630.5	18,471.4	63.3	222.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	227.1	226.3	221.6	0.8	5.5
Prince Edward Island	76.4	76.2	73.2	0.2	3.2
Nova Scotia	456.2	454.6	448.0	1.6	8.2
New Brunswick	354.6	353.0	353.1	1.6	1.5
Quebec	4,245.0	4,253.3	4,228.9	-8.3	16.1
Ontario	7,261.0	7,224.9	7,178.2	36.1	82.8
Manitoba	648.1	649.2	644.5	-1.1	3.6
Saskatchewan	571.0	569.2	568.1	1.8	2.9
Alberta	2,337.9	2,340.8	2,282.4	-2.9	55.5
British Columbia	2,516.4	2,483.1	2,473.4	33.3	43.0
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.9	6.0	6.2	-0.1	-0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.6	14.4	15.0	-0.8	-1.4
Prince Edward Island	8.7	9.3	10.2	-0.6	-1.5
Nova Scotia	7.8	8.4	9.0	-0.6	-1.2
New Brunswick	7.9	8.3	7.9	-0.4	0.0
Quebec	5.3	5.6	6.0	-0.3	-0.7
Ontario	5.9	5.7	5.7	0.2	0.2
Manitoba	5.8	5.8	5.6	0.0	0.2
Saskatchewan	6.4	6.7	6.2	-0.3	0.2
Alberta	7.0	6.7	7.8	0.3	-0.8
British Columbia	4.2	5.3	4.9	-1.1	-0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	September <u>2018</u>	August <u>2018</u>	September <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	10.1	9.9	9.1	0.2	1.0
Halifax	6.5	6.6	7.0	-0.1	-0.5
Saint John	5.8	6.0	5.7	-0.2	0.1
Quebec	3.9	3.8	4.0	0.1	-0.1
Montreal	6.3	6.3	6.9	0.0	-0.6
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.0	5.2	6.2	-0.2	-1.2
Toronto	6.5	6.6	6.5	-0.1	0.0
Greater Sudbury	6.2	6.7	6.2	-0.5	0.0
Winnipeg	6.6	6.7	6.1	-0.1	0.5
Regina	6.7	6.6	5.6	0.1	1.1
Saskatoon	7.4	7.3	7.8	0.1	-0.4
Calgary	8.4	8.4	8.7	0.0	-0.3
Edmonton	6.6	6.7	8.8	-0.1	-2.2
Vancouver	4.6	4.9	4.7	-0.3	-0.1
Victoria	4.0	4.5	4.5	-0.5	-0.5
SASKATCHEWAN					
ECONOMIC REGIONS					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	184.5	186.1	182.6	-1.6	1.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.7	50.6	50.2	0.1	0.5
Saskatoon-Biggar	204.0	205.2	204.3	-1.2	-0.3
Yorkton-Melville	36.6	36.2	39.7	0.4	-3.1
Prince Albert & Northern	97.9	98.5	96.3	-0.6	1.6

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>September</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	615.3	618.9	611.6	-3.6	3.7
Employed ('000)	574.6	577.7	573.3	-3.1	1.3
Unemployed ('000)	40.7	41.2	38.3	-0.5	2.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.7	6.3	-0.1	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	69.9	69.6	-0.4	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	64.9	65.3	65.3	-0.4	-0.4
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	560.5	563.3	558.4	-2.8	2.1
Employed ('000)	528.6	531.3	527.4	-2.7	1.2
Unemployed ('000)	32.0	32.0	31.0	0.0	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.7	5.5	0.0	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	70.5	70.4	-0.3	-0.2
Employment Rate (%)	66.2	66.5	66.5	-0.3	-0.3
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	54.8	55.5	53.2	-0.7	1.6
Employed ('000)	46.0	46.4	45.9	-0.4	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	8.8	9.2	7.3	-0.4	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.0	16.5	13.7	-0.5	2.3
Participation Rate (%)	63.4	64.4	62.5	-1.0	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	53.2	53.7	53.9	-0.5	-0.7
<u>FIRST NATIONS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	22.4	21.8	21.5	0.6	0.9
Employed ('000)	17.0	16.5	17.3	0.5	-0.3
Unemployed ('000)	5.4	5.3	4.3	0.1	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	24.2	24.3	19.8	-0.1	4.4
Participation Rate (%)	57.8	56.3	56.4	1.5	1.4
Employment Rate (%)	43.8	42.6	45.3	1.2	-1.5
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	31.9	33.2	31.4	-1.3	0.5
Employed ('000)	28.6	29.4	28.5	-0.8	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	3.2	3.8	2.9	-0.6	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.2	11.5	9.2	-1.3	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	67.8	70.8	67.3	-3.0	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	60.9	62.7	61.1	-1.8	-0.2

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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