

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

January 2019

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering January 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, there were 567,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 5,400 from December 2018, but 7,700 more than the number employed in January 2018.

Agricultural employment was 36,700 persons in January 2019, down 1,900 from the December 2018 level, but 3,500 more than the January 2018 agricultural employment level of 33,200. Non-agricultural employment was 531,100 persons in January 2019. This is a decrease of 3,500 from the December 2018 non-agriculture employment level of 534,600, but 4,200 more than January 2018.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for January 2019 was 5.8 percent. This is a slight increase of 0.4 percentage points from the December 2018 rate of 5.4 percent, but 0.2 percentage points lower than the January 2018 level of 6.0 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 3,000 to 602,900 persons in January 2019 from 605,900 persons in December 2018. This is 6,900 more than the January 2018 labour force of 596,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.4 percentage points to 67.9 percent in January 2019 from 68.3 percent in December 2018. The January 2018 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 67.7 percent.

There were 35,200 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during January 2019. This is an increase of 2,500 from December 2018, but is 700 less than the number unemployed in January 2018.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 576,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan in January 2019, down 2,800 from the December 2018 level of 579,000, but is up 7,900 from the January 2018 employment level of 568,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2019 was 5.5 percent. This is a slight decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the December 2018 and January 2018 rates of 5.6 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian unadjusted employment decreased by 198,500 persons in January 2019 to 18,569,800 persons from 18,768,300 persons in December 2018. In January 2018, there were 18,231,300 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unadjusted unemployment rate increased 1.0 percentage points in January 2019 to 6.2 percent from the December 2018 level of 5.2 percent. In January 2018, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.8 percent in January 2019. This is 0.2 percentage points higher than December 2018, but 0.1 percentage points lower than the January 2018 level of 5.9 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6330 or visit [www.Saskatchewan.ca/stats](http://www.Saskatchewan.ca/stats)

TABLE 1

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

	January <u>2019</u>	December <u>2018</u>	January <u>2018</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,788.4	19,793.5	19,440.9	-5.1	347.5
Employed ('000)	18,569.8	18,768.3	18,231.3	-198.5	338.5
Full-Time ('000)	14,856.6	15,082.9	14,689.3	-226.3	167.3
Part-Time ('000)	3,713.3	3,685.4	3,542.0	27.9	171.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,218.6	1,025.2	1,209.6	193.4	9.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	5.2	6.2	1.0	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.8	5.6	5.9	0.2	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	64.8	64.9	64.6	-0.1	0.2
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	602.9	605.9	596.0	-3.0	6.9
Employed ('000)	567.8	573.2	560.1	-5.4	7.7
Full-Time ('000)	458.2	467.6	453.8	-9.4	4.4
Part-Time ('000)	109.5	105.6	106.3	3.9	3.2
Unemployed ('000)	35.2	32.7	35.9	2.5	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	5.4	6.0	0.4	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	5.6	5.6	-0.1	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.9	68.3	67.7	-0.4	0.2
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,470.5	2,477.9	2,462.8	-7.4	7.7
Employed ('000)	2,295.9	2,330.5	2,287.5	-34.6	8.4
Full-Time ('000)	1,863.8	1,896.7	1,879.0	-32.9	-15.2
Part-Time ('000)	432.0	433.8	408.6	-1.8	23.4
Unemployed ('000)	174.6	147.4	175.3	27.2	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	5.9	7.1	1.2	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.8	6.4	7.0	0.4	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.6	70.9	71.4	-0.3	-0.8
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	687.3	690.0	672.2	-2.7	15.1
Employed ('000)	647.4	650.4	632.0	-3.0	15.4
Full-Time ('000)	511.9	523.7	498.0	-11.8	13.9
Part-Time ('000)	135.5	126.7	134.1	8.8	1.4
Unemployed ('000)	39.9	39.6	40.1	0.3	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	5.7	6.0	0.1	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	6.0	5.6	-0.5	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	66.7	67.0	65.9	-0.3	0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<b>January <u>2019</u></b>	<b>December <u>2018</u></b>	<b>January <u>2018</u></b>	<b>Change from</b>	
				<b><u>Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	<b>602.9</b>	<b>605.9</b>	<b>596.0</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>6.9</b>
Male	325.3	325.6	322.8	-0.3	2.5
Female	277.6	280.3	273.2	-2.7	4.4
15-24 Years of Age	79.2	78.9	78.7	0.3	0.5
25+ Years of age	523.7	527.0	517.3	-3.3	6.4
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	<b>567.8</b>	<b>573.2</b>	<b>560.1</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Male	305.2	307.1	297.9	-1.9	7.3
Female	262.5	266.2	262.2	-3.7	0.3
15-24 Years of Age	71.1	71.6	69.3	-0.5	1.8
25+ Years of age	496.7	501.6	490.8	-4.9	5.9
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
Male	20.1	18.5	24.9	1.6	-4.8
Female	15.1	14.1	11.0	1.0	4.1
15-24 Years of Age	8.1	7.3	9.5	0.8	-1.4
25+ Years of age	27.1	25.4	26.4	1.7	0.7
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Male	6.2	5.7	7.7	0.5	-1.5
Female	5.4	5.0	4.0	0.4	1.4
15-24 Years of Age	10.2	9.3	12.1	0.9	-1.9
25+ Years of age	5.2	4.8	5.1	0.4	0.1
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	<b>67.9</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>67.7</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Male	72.7	72.8	72.7	-0.1	0.0
Female	63.1	63.7	62.5	-0.6	0.6
15-24 Years of Age	60.0	59.8	59.1	0.2	0.9
25+ Years of age	69.3	69.8	69.2	-0.5	0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<b>January <u>2019</u></b>	<b>December <u>2018</u></b>	<b>January <u>2018</u></b>	<b>Change from <u>Last Month</u></b>	<b>Change from <u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	36.7	38.6	33.2	-1.9	3.5
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	22.4	22.4	25.3	0.0	-2.9
Utilities	6.6	6.7	6.5	-0.1	0.1
Construction	44.7	46.8	45.2	-2.1	-0.5
Manufacturing	29.2	28.5	26.9	0.7	2.3
Trade	86.8	87.7	91.0	-0.9	-4.2
Transportation and Warehousing	27.3	28.3	30.0	-1.0	-2.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.7	29.4	27.2	0.3	2.5
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	26.4	26.2	27.0	0.2	-0.6
Business, Building and Other Support Services	15.9	15.8	14.5	0.1	1.4
Educational Services	46.9	47.8	43.5	-0.9	3.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	80.3	80.7	76.0	-0.4	4.3
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.4	19.1	20.6	0.3	-1.2
Accommodation and Food Services	38.9	38.5	36.4	0.4	2.5
Other Services	26.6	26.7	26.0	-0.1	0.6
Public Administration	29.9	29.9	30.9	0.0	-1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>567.8</b>	<b>573.2</b>	<b>560.1</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>7.7</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	458.2	467.6	453.8	-9.4	4.4
Part-Time	109.5	105.6	106.3	3.9	3.2
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	474.0	475.0	458.1	-1.0	15.9
Public Sector	143.0	141.6	143.3	1.4	-0.3
Private Sector	331.0	333.4	314.8	-2.4	16.2
Self-Employed	93.7	98.2	102.1	-4.5	-8.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>January</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	18,569.8	18,768.3	18,231.3	-198.5	338.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	220.9	224.8	212.3	-3.9	8.6
Prince Edward Island	71.1	72.9	70.9	-1.8	0.2
Nova Scotia	452.7	459.5	439.3	-6.8	13.4
New Brunswick	339.9	348.4	336.7	-8.5	3.2
Quebec	4,221.5	4,264.7	4,181.6	-43.2	39.9
Ontario	7,246.1	7,317.6	7,068.7	-71.5	177.4
Manitoba	647.4	650.4	632.0	-3.0	15.4
Saskatchewan	567.8	573.2	560.1	-5.4	7.7
Alberta	2,295.9	2,330.5	2,287.5	-34.6	8.4
British Columbia	2,506.7	2,526.1	2,442.1	-19.4	64.6
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	6.2	5.2	6.2	1.0	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.2	11.9	16.7	1.3	-3.5
Prince Edward Island	12.2	10.3	12.9	1.9	-0.7
Nova Scotia	7.4	6.2	8.9	1.2	-1.5
New Brunswick	9.5	8.0	10.2	1.5	-0.7
Quebec	5.9	5.2	6.0	0.7	-0.1
Ontario	5.9	4.7	5.7	1.2	0.2
Manitoba	5.8	5.7	6.0	0.1	-0.2
Saskatchewan	5.8	5.4	6.0	0.4	-0.2
Alberta	7.1	5.9	7.1	1.2	0.0
British Columbia	5.1	4.2	5.2	0.9	-0.1

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>January</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	18,873.9	18,807.1	18,546.7	66.8	327.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	232.5	227.7	224.7	4.8	7.8
Prince Edward Island	75.5	75.5	75.1	0.0	0.4
Nova Scotia	465.1	459.0	453.5	6.1	11.6
New Brunswick	355.0	351.4	351.4	3.6	3.6
Quebec	4,299.6	4,283.2	4,261.5	16.4	38.1
Ontario	7,341.9	7,300.5	7,171.6	41.4	170.3
Manitoba	657.7	653.3	642.7	4.4	15.0
Saskatchewan	576.2	579.0	568.3	-2.8	7.9
Alberta	2,326.4	2,341.9	2,315.7	-15.5	10.7
British Columbia	2,544.2	2,535.5	2,482.3	8.7	61.9
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	5.8	5.6	5.9	0.2	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.4	11.7	14.2	-0.3	-2.8
Prince Edward Island	9.9	9.6	10.7	0.3	-0.8
Nova Scotia	6.9	7.0	8.2	-0.1	-1.3
New Brunswick	8.2	8.4	8.9	-0.2	-0.7
Quebec	5.4	5.5	5.4	-0.1	0.0
Ontario	5.7	5.4	5.6	0.3	0.1
Manitoba	5.5	6.0	5.6	-0.5	-0.1
Saskatchewan	5.5	5.6	5.6	-0.1	-0.1
Alberta	6.8	6.4	7.0	0.4	-0.2
British Columbia	4.7	4.4	4.8	0.3	-0.1

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>January</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2018</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	7.0	6.2	8.3	0.8	-1.3
Halifax	4.5	4.8	6.5	-0.3	-2.0
Saint John	6.1	5.7	6.2	0.4	-0.1
Quebec	3.7	3.4	3.3	0.3	0.4
Montreal	5.9	5.6	5.6	0.3	0.3
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.7	4.3	4.6	0.4	0.1
Toronto	5.6	5.5	5.4	0.1	0.2
Greater Sudbury	6.5	5.6	6.2	0.9	0.3
Winnipeg	5.5	5.3	5.7	0.2	-0.2
Regina	4.5	5.2	4.5	-0.7	0.0
Saskatoon	5.9	5.5	7.5	0.4	-1.6
Calgary	6.9	7.0	7.4	-0.1	-0.5
Edmonton	6.2	5.8	6.9	0.4	-0.7
Vancouver	4.7	4.2	4.0	0.5	0.7
Victoria	3.3	3.2	3.8	0.1	-0.5
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b><u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	185.9	184.5	183.0	1.4	2.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.6	51.0	50.3	-0.4	0.3
Saskatoon-Biggar	203.9	206.3	194.1	-2.4	9.8
Yorkton-Melville	36.4	37.0	35.6	-0.6	0.8
Prince Albert & Northern	96.1	96.6	98.2	-0.5	-2.1

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>January</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	605.3	607.4	597.4	-2.1	7.9
Employed ('000)	572.9	575.5	562.1	-2.6	10.8
Unemployed ('000)	32.5	31.9	35.4	0.6	-2.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.2	5.9	0.2	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	68.5	67.9	-0.3	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	64.6	64.9	63.9	-0.3	0.7
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	554.4	554.9	543.8	-0.5	10.6
Employed ('000)	529.2	530.4	516.6	-1.2	12.6
Unemployed ('000)	25.2	24.5	27.2	0.7	-2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.4	5.0	0.1	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	69.4	68.4	-0.1	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	66.1	66.3	65.0	-0.2	1.1
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	50.9	52.5	53.6	-1.6	-2.7
Employed ('000)	43.7	45.1	45.5	-1.4	-1.8
Unemployed ('000)	7.3	7.4	8.1	-0.1	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.3	14.1	15.2	0.2	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	58.6	60.5	62.9	-1.9	-4.3
Employment Rate (%)	50.2	52.0	53.3	-1.8	-3.1
<b><u>FIRST NATIONS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	21.8	21.8	21.5	0.0	0.3
Employed ('000)	17.8	18.0	16.9	-0.2	0.9
Unemployed ('000)	3.9	3.8	4.6	0.1	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	18.0	17.6	21.3	0.4	-3.3
Participation Rate (%)	55.4	55.8	56.4	-0.4	-1.0
Employment Rate (%)	45.5	46.0	44.3	-0.5	1.2
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	28.8	30.4	31.9	-1.6	-3.1
Employed ('000)	25.5	26.9	28.4	-1.4	-2.9
Unemployed ('000)	3.4	3.6	3.5	-0.2	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.7	11.7	11.0	0.0	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	61.0	64.5	68.3	-3.5	-7.3
Employment Rate (%)	53.8	56.9	60.7	-3.1	-6.9

## 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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