

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

May 2019

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering May 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, there were 586,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 13,600 from April 2019 and 14,300 more than the number employed in May 2018.

Agricultural employment was 41,100 persons in May 2019, up 800 from the April 2019 level and 2,300 more than the May 2018 agricultural employment level of 38,800. Non-agricultural employment was 545,000 persons in May 2019. This is an increase of 12,800 from the April 2019 non-agriculture employment level of 532,200 and 12,000 more than May 2018.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for May 2019 was 5.5 percent. This is a decrease of 0.6 percentage points from the April 2019 rate of 6.1 percent and 1.4 percentage points lower than the May 2018 level of 6.9 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 10,000 to 619,900 persons in May 2019 from 609,900 persons in April 2019. This is 5,900 more than the May 2018 labour force of 614,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 1.1 percentage points to 69.8 percent in May 2019 from 68.7 percent in April 2019. The May 2018 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.4 percent.

There were 33,900 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during May 2019. This is a decrease of 3,600 from April 2019 and 8,300 less than the number unemployed in May 2018.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 579,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan in May 2019, down 1,000 from the April 2019 level of 580,400 but up 15,000 from the May 2018 employment level of 564,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2019 was 5.2 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the April 2019 rate of 5.4 percent and 1.5 percentage points lower than the May 2018 rate of 6.7 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian unadjusted employment increased by 385,500 persons in May 2019 to 19,237,900 persons from 18,852,400 persons in April 2019. In May 2018, there were 18,785,100 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unadjusted unemployment rate decreased 0.4 percentage points in May 2019 to 5.5 percent from the April 2019 level of 5.9 percent. In May 2018, Canada's unemployment rate was 5.9 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.4 percent in May 2019. This is 0.3 percentage points lower than April 2019 and 0.5 percentage points lower than the May 2018 level of 5.9 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**

	May <u>2019</u>	April <u>2019</u>	May <u>2018</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	20,348.0	20,044.7	19,972.8	↑ 303.3	↑ 375.2
Employed ('000)	19,237.9	18,852.4	18,785.1	↑ 385.5	↑ 452.8
Full-Time ('000)	15,641.3	15,176.2	15,345.3	↑ 465.1	↑ 296.0
Part-Time ('000)	3,596.6	3,676.2	3,439.8	↓ -79.6	↑ 156.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,110.1	1,192.4	1,187.8	↓ -82.3	↓ -77.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	5.9	5.9	↓ -0.4	↓ -0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.4	5.7	5.9	↓ -0.3	↓ -0.5
Participation Rate (%)	66.4	65.5	66.1	↑ 0.9	↑ 0.3
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	619.9	609.9	614.0	↑ 10.0	↑ 5.9
Employed ('000)	586.1	572.5	571.8	↑ 13.6	↑ 14.3
Full-Time ('000)	485.1	469.6	470.3	↑ 15.5	↑ 14.8
Part-Time ('000)	101.0	102.9	101.5	↓ -1.9	↓ -0.5
Unemployed ('000)	33.9	37.5	42.2	↓ -3.6	↓ -8.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	6.1	6.9	↓ -0.6	↓ -1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.2	5.4	6.7	↓ -0.2	↓ -1.5
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	68.7	69.4	↑ 1.1	↑ 0.4
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,538.6	2,505.3	2,507.6	↑ 33.3	↑ 31.0
Employed ('000)	2,366.9	2,335.8	2,345.2	↑ 31.1	↑ 21.7
Full-Time ('000)	1,938.7	1,909.7	1,945.8	↑ 29.0	↓ -7.1
Part-Time ('000)	428.2	426.1	399.3	↑ 2.1	↑ 28.9
Unemployed ('000)	171.7	169.5	162.5	↑ 2.2	↑ 9.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	6.8	6.5	→ 0.0	↑ 0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.7	6.7	6.3	→ 0.0	↑ 0.4
Participation Rate (%)	72.2	71.4	72.4	↑ 0.8	↓ -0.2
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	696.3	685.2	697.9	↑ 11.1	↓ -1.6
Employed ('000)	661.2	649.0	652.9	↑ 12.2	↑ 8.3
Full-Time ('000)	530.8	513.5	529.0	↑ 17.3	↑ 1.8
Part-Time ('000)	130.5	135.6	123.9	↓ -5.1	↑ 6.6
Unemployed ('000)	35.0	36.2	45.0	↓ -1.2	↓ -10.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	5.3	6.4	↓ -0.3	↓ -1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.0	5.2	6.5	↓ -0.2	↓ -1.5
Participation Rate (%)	67.3	66.2	68.2	↑ 1.1	↓ -0.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	May <u>2019</u>	April <u>2019</u>	May <u>2018</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	619.9	609.9	614.0	↑ 10.0	↑ 5.9
Male	338.1	331.4	333.0	↑ 6.7	↑ 5.1
Female	281.8	278.6	281.0	↑ 3.2	↑ 0.8
15-24 Years of Age	88.2	81.3	90.6	↑ 6.9	↓ -2.4
25+ Years of age	531.7	528.7	523.3	↑ 3.0	↑ 8.4
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	586.1	572.5	571.8	↑ 13.6	↑ 14.3
Male	317.8	307.3	306.8	↑ 10.5	↑ 11.0
Female	268.2	265.2	264.9	↑ 3.0	↑ 3.3
15-24 Years of Age	77.4	70.8	77.3	↑ 6.6	↑ 0.1
25+ Years of age	508.6	501.6	494.5	↑ 7.0	↑ 14.1
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	33.9	37.5	42.2	↓ -3.6	↓ -8.3
Male	20.3	24.1	26.1	↓ -3.8	↓ -5.8
Female	13.6	13.4	16.1	↑ 0.2	↓ -2.5
15-24 Years of Age	10.8	10.4	13.3	↑ 0.4	↓ -2.5
25+ Years of age	23.1	27.1	28.9	↓ -4.0	↓ -5.8
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	5.5	6.1	6.9	↓ -0.6	↓ -1.4
Male	6.0	7.3	7.8	↓ -1.3	↓ -1.8
Female	4.8	4.8	5.7	⇒ 0.0	↓ -0.9
15-24 Years of Age	12.2	12.8	14.7	↓ -0.6	↓ -2.5
25+ Years of age	4.3	5.1	5.5	↓ -0.8	↓ -1.2
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	69.8	68.7	69.4	↑ 1.1	↑ 0.4
Male	75.5	74.0	74.7	↑ 1.5	↑ 0.8
Female	64.0	63.3	64.1	↑ 0.7	↓ -0.1
15-24 Years of Age	67.0	61.7	68.2	↑ 5.3	↓ -1.2
25+ Years of age	70.2	69.9	69.7	↑ 0.3	↑ 0.5

TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<u>May</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Change from</u>	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	41.1	40.3	38.8	↑ 0.8	↑ 2.3
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	23.1	21.3	23.5	↑ 1.8	↓ -0.4
Utilities	7.1	7.3	7.0	↓ -0.2	↑ 0.1
Construction	47.2	44.1	48.6	↑ 3.1	↓ -1.4
Manufacturing	31.2	30.3	28.7	↑ 0.9	↑ 2.5
Trade	87.4	86.1	89.8	↑ 1.3	↓ -2.4
Transportation and Warehousing	26.2	27.0	28.5	↓ -0.8	↓ -2.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.8	29.6	29.2	↑ 0.2	↑ 0.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	28.6	27.9	25.9	↑ 0.7	↑ 2.7
Business, Building and Other Support Services	16.2	15.5	14.8	↑ 0.7	↑ 1.4
Educational Services	45.9	45.8	43.4	↑ 0.1	↑ 2.5
Health Care and Social Assistance	80.0	80.2	78.1	↓ -0.2	↑ 1.9
Information, Culture and Recreation	22.2	20.4	20.3	↑ 1.8	↑ 1.9
Accommodation and Food Services	40.1	39.3	37.7	↑ 0.8	↑ 2.4
Other Services	28.9	27.8	25.6	↑ 1.1	↑ 3.3
Public Administration	31.2	29.8	31.9	↑ 1.4	↓ -0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>586.1</b>	<b>572.5</b>	<b>571.8</b>	<b>↑ 13.6</b>	<b>↑ 14.3</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	485.1	469.6	470.3	↑ 15.5	↑ 14.8
Part-Time	101.0	102.9	101.5	↓ -1.9	↓ -0.5
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	486.0	471.8	470.3	↑ 14.2	↑ 15.7
Public Sector	149.3	143.8	142.4	↑ 5.5	↑ 6.9
Private Sector	336.8	328.0	327.9	↑ 8.8	↑ 8.9
Self-Employed	100.0	100.6	101.5	↓ -0.6	↓ -1.5

TABLE 4

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>May</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Change from</u>	
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Canada	19,237.9	18,852.4	18,785.1	↑ 385.5	↑ 452.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	231.0	223.5	228.8	↑ 7.5	↑ 2.2
Prince Edward Island	80.3	73.7	79.0	↑ 6.6	↑ 1.3
Nova Scotia	477.3	458.2	461.5	↑ 19.1	↑ 15.8
New Brunswick	364.6	345.8	362.1	↑ 18.8	↑ 2.5
Quebec	4,366.2	4,289.6	4,308.6	↑ 76.6	↑ 57.6
Ontario	7,513.5	7,354.5	7,291.9	↑ 159.0	↑ 221.6
Manitoba	661.2	649.0	652.9	↑ 12.2	↑ 8.3
Saskatchewan	586.1	572.5	571.8	↑ 13.6	↑ 14.3
Alberta	2,366.9	2,335.8	2,345.2	↑ 31.1	↑ 21.7
British Columbia	2,590.9	2,549.8	2,483.3	↑ 41.1	↑ 107.6
 <u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.5	5.9	5.9	↓ -0.4	↓ -0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.4	12.9	14.0	↓ -0.5	↓ -1.6
Prince Edward Island	7.8	12.5	8.0	↓ -4.7	↓ -0.2
Nova Scotia	6.2	7.7	6.9	↓ -1.5	↓ -0.7
New Brunswick	7.4	9.4	7.6	↓ -2.0	↓ -0.2
Quebec	4.7	5.4	5.2	↓ -0.7	↓ -0.5
Ontario	5.4	5.9	6.0	↓ -0.5	↓ -0.6
Manitoba	5.0	5.3	6.4	↓ -0.3	↓ -1.4
Saskatchewan	5.5	6.1	6.9	↓ -0.6	↓ -1.4
Alberta	6.8	6.8	6.5	→ 0.0	↑ 0.3
British Columbia	4.5	4.5	4.9	→ 0.0	↓ -0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>	<b><u>May</u></b>	<b><u>April</u></b>	<b><u>May</u></b>	<b>Change from</b>	
	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
Canada	19,056.8	19,029.1	18603.7	↑ 27.7	↑ 453.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	226.1	228.8	223.5	↓ -2.7	↑ 2.6
Prince Edward Island	77.1	77.8	75.9	↓ -0.7	↑ 1.2
Nova Scotia	468.9	464.4	454.3	↑ 4.5	↑ 14.6
New Brunswick	358.7	355.7	356.7	↑ 3.0	↑ 2.0
Quebec	4,327.9	4,339.5	4267.8	↓ -11.6	↑ 60.1
Ontario	7,438.0	7,417.1	7215.8	↑ 20.9	↑ 222.2
Manitoba	654.8	654.2	646.6	↑ 0.6	↑ 8.2
Saskatchewan	579.4	580.4	564.4	↓ -1.0	↑ 15.0
Alberta	2,347.6	2,349.8	2327.5	↓ -2.2	↑ 20.1
British Columbia	2,578.4	2,561.6	2471.3	↑ 16.8	↑ 107.1
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	5.4	5.7	5.9	↓ -0.3	↓ -0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.4	11.7	14.4	↑ 0.7	↓ -2.0
Prince Edward Island	9.0	8.6	9.2	↑ 0.4	↓ -0.2
Nova Scotia	6.5	6.9	7.3	↓ -0.4	↓ -0.8
New Brunswick	7.2	8.0	7.4	↓ -0.8	↓ -0.2
Quebec	5.0	4.9	5.3	↑ 0.1	↓ -0.3
Ontario	5.2	6.0	5.7	↓ -0.8	↓ -0.5
Manitoba	5.0	5.2	6.5	↓ -0.2	↓ -1.5
Saskatchewan	5.2	5.4	6.7	↓ -0.2	↓ -1.5
Alberta	6.7	6.7	6.3	→ 0.0	↑ 0.4
British Columbia	4.3	4.6	4.8	↓ -0.3	↓ -0.5

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>May</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2018</u>		<b>Change from</b>	
					<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>						
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>						
St. John's	8.0	7.8	8.8	↑	0.2	↓ -0.8
Halifax	5.5	5.5	6.1	→	0.0	↓ -0.6
Saint John	6.1	6.2	6.8	↓	-0.1	↓ -0.7
Quebec	2.9	3.5	4.0	↓	-0.6	↓ -1.1
Montreal	5.5	5.8	6.1	↓	-0.3	↓ -0.6
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.4	5.3	4.3	↑	0.1	↑ 1.1
Toronto	6.4	6.6	6.3	↓	-0.2	↑ 0.1
Greater Sudbury	5.6	5.8	7.5	↓	-0.2	↓ -1.9
Winnipeg	5.1	5.3	6.8	↓	-0.2	↓ -1.7
Regina	4.4	4.6	6.4	↓	-0.2	↓ -2.0
Saskatoon	6.5	6.4	7.3	↑	0.1	↓ -0.8
Calgary	6.6	7.2	7.4	↓	-0.6	↓ -0.8
Edmonton	7.0	7.0	6.7	→	0.0	↑ 0.3
Vancouver	4.3	4.5	4.4	↓	-0.2	↓ -0.1
Victoria	3.4	2.8	3.8	↑	0.6	↓ -0.4
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>						
<b><u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u></b>						
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>						
Regina-Moose Mountain	190.8	188.3	185.2	↑	2.5	↑ 5.6
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	49.5	49.3	49.7	↑	0.2	↓ -0.2
Saskatoon-Biggar	201.9	201.1	196.0	↑	0.8	↑ 5.9
Yorkton-Melville	36.9	35.2	34.1	↑	1.7	↑ 2.8
Prince Albert & Northern	98.0	96.1	99.3	↑	1.9	↓ -1.3

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>2019</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2018</u>		<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>						
Labour Force ('000)	611.2	604.4	606.7	↑	6.8	↑ 4.5
Employed ('000)	577.4	570.2	565.7	↑	7.2	↑ 11.7
Unemployed ('000)	33.9	34.2	41.0	↓	-0.3	↓ -7.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	5.7	6.8	↓	-0.2	↓ -1.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	68.1	68.7	↑	0.7	↑ 0.1
Employment Rate (%)	65.0	64.2	64.0	↑	0.8	↑ 1.0
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>						
Labour Force ('000)	558.0	552.7	549.6	↑	5.3	↑ 8.4
Employed ('000)	531.5	525.9	517.4	↑	5.6	↑ 14.1
Unemployed ('000)	26.5	26.8	32.2	↓	-0.3	↓ -5.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.9	5.9	↓	-0.2	↓ -1.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.7	69.1	68.9	↑	0.6	↑ 0.8
Employment Rate (%)	66.4	65.7	64.9	↑	0.7	↑ 1.5
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>						
Labour Force ('000)	53.2	51.7	57.1	↑	1.5	↓ -3.9
Employed ('000)	45.8	44.3	48.3	↑	1.5	↓ -2.5
Unemployed ('000)	7.4	7.4	8.8	→	0.0	↓ -1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.9	14.4	15.4	↓	-0.5	↓ -1.5
Participation Rate (%)	60.6	59.0	66.4	↑	1.6	↓ -5.8
Employment Rate (%)	52.2	50.5	56.2	↑	1.7	↓ -4.0
<b><u>FIRST NATIONS</u></b>						
Labour Force ('000)	21.9	21.7	22.6	↑	0.2	↓ -0.7
Employed ('000)	17.8	17.3	18.1	↑	0.5	↓ -0.3
Unemployed ('000)	4.2	4.3	4.5	↓	-0.1	↓ -0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.0	20.0	19.8	↓	-1.0	↓ -0.8
Participation Rate (%)	55.1	54.6	58.6	↑	0.5	↓ -3.5
Employment Rate (%)	44.6	43.7	47.0	↑	0.9	↓ -2.4
<b><u>METIS</u></b>						
Labour Force ('000)	30.9	29.8	34.0	↑	1.1	↓ -3.1
Employed ('000)	27.7	26.7	29.7	↑	1.0	↓ -2.0
Unemployed ('000)	3.2	3.1	4.3	↑	0.1	↓ -1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.4	10.4	12.6	→	0.0	↓ -2.2
Participation Rate (%)	64.9	62.4	72.6	↑	2.5	↓ -7.7
Employment Rate (%)	58.2	56.0	63.5	↑	2.2	↓ -5.3

## 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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