

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

August 2019

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering August 11th to 17th, 2019, there were 587,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 3,800 from July 2019 and 13,000 more than the number employed in August 2018.

Agricultural employment was 40,400 persons in August 2019, unchanged from the July 2019 level but 1,000 more than the August 2018 agricultural employment level of 39,400. Non-agricultural employment was 547,000 persons in August 2019. This is an increase of 3,800 from the July 2019 non-agriculture employment level of 543,200 and 12,000 more than August 2018.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for August 2019 was 6.1 percent. This is unchanged from the July 2019 rate but 1.3 percentage points lower than the August 2018 level of 7.4 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 4,000 to 625,700 persons in August 2019 from 621,700 persons in July 2019. This is 5,300 more than the August 2018 labour force of 620,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.4 percentage points to 70.3 percent in August 2019 from 69.9 percent in July 2019. The August 2018 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.1 percent.

There were 38,300 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during August 2019. This is an increase of 200 from July 2019 but 7,800 less than the number unemployed in August 2018.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 582,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in August 2019, up 2,800 from the July 2019 level of 579,700 and up 12,500 from the August 2018 employment level of 570,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2019 was 5.1 percent. This is a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the July 2019 rate of 5.4 percent and 1.5 percentage points lower than the August 2018 rate of 6.6 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian unadjusted employment increased by 34,100 persons in August 2019 to 19,317,900 persons from 19,283,800 persons in July 2019. In August 2018, there were 18,839,100 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unadjusted unemployment rate increased 0.4 percentage points in August 2019 to 6.3 percent from the July 2019 level of 5.9 percent. In August 2018, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.7 percent in August 2019. This is unchanged from the July 2019 rate but 0.3 percentage points lower than the August 2018 level of 6.0 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	August <u>2019</u>	July <u>2019</u>	August <u>2018</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	20,623.0	20,497.3	20,177.1	↑ 125.7	↑ 445.9
Employed ('000)	19,317.9	19,283.8	18,839.1	↑ 34.1	↑ 478.8
Full-Time ('000)	16,058.6	16,011.1	15,756.6	↑ 47.5	↑ 302.0
Part-Time ('000)	3,259.3	3,272.7	3,082.5	↓ -13.4	↑ 176.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,305.1	1,213.4	1,338.0	↑ 91.7	↓ -32.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	5.9	6.6	↑ 0.4	↓ -0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.7	6.0	→ 0.0	↓ -0.3
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	66.6	66.5	↑ 0.3	↑ 0.4
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	625.7	621.7	620.4	↑ 4.0	↑ 5.3
Employed ('000)	587.4	583.6	574.4	↑ 3.8	↑ 13.0
Full-Time ('000)	487.4	478.5	483.1	↑ 8.9	↑ 4.3
Part-Time ('000)	100.1	105.2	91.3	↓ -5.1	↑ 8.8
Unemployed ('000)	38.3	38.1	46.1	↑ 0.2	↓ -7.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.1	7.4	→ 0.0	↓ -1.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.1	5.4	6.6	↓ -0.3	↓ -1.5
Participation Rate (%)	70.3	69.9	70.1	↑ 0.4	↑ 0.2
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,560.5	2,544.7	2,543.9	↑ 15.8	↑ 16.6
Employed ('000)	2,356.0	2,356.4	2,354.4	↓ -0.4	↑ 1.6
Full-Time ('000)	1,969.7	1,954.4	1,961.8	↑ 15.3	↑ 7.9
Part-Time ('000)	386.3	402.0	392.5	↓ -15.7	↓ -6.2
Unemployed ('000)	204.5	188.4	189.6	↑ 16.1	↑ 14.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	7.4	7.5	↑ 0.6	↑ 0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.2	7.0	6.7	↑ 0.2	↑ 0.5
Participation Rate (%)	72.5	72.1	73.2	↑ 0.4	↓ -0.7
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	703.8	698.1	701.2	↑ 5.7	↑ 2.6
Employed ('000)	659.3	654.2	653.9	↑ 5.1	↑ 5.4
Full-Time ('000)	549.0	537.8	539.9	↑ 11.2	↑ 9.1
Part-Time ('000)	110.3	116.4	114.0	↓ -6.1	↓ -3.7
Unemployed ('000)	44.5	43.9	47.3	↑ 0.6	↓ -2.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.3	6.7	→ 0.0	↓ -0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.6	5.8	5.7	↓ -0.2	↓ -0.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.7	67.2	68.3	↑ 0.5	↓ -0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>August 2019</u>	<u>July 2019</u>	<u>August 2018</u>	<u>Change from</u>	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	625.7	621.7	620.4	↑ 4.0	↑ 5.3
Male	338.2	339.5	336.6	↓ -1.3	↑ 1.6
Female	287.5	282.1	283.9	↑ 5.4	↑ 3.6
15-24 Years of Age	96.7	97.5	96.8	↓ -0.8	↓ -0.1
25+ Years of age	529.0	524.1	523.7	↑ 4.9	↑ 5.3
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	587.4	583.6	574.4	↑ 3.8	↑ 13.0
Male	323.8	322.0	314.6	↑ 1.8	↑ 9.2
Female	263.7	261.6	259.7	↑ 2.1	↑ 4.0
15-24 Years of Age	84.5	83.8	84.3	↑ 0.7	↑ 0.2
25+ Years of age	502.9	499.8	490.1	↑ 3.1	↑ 12.8
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	38.3	38.1	46.1	↑ 0.2	↓ -7.8
Male	14.4	17.6	21.9	↓ -3.2	↓ -7.5
Female	23.8	20.5	24.1	↑ 3.3	↓ -0.3
15-24 Years of Age	12.2	13.7	12.5	↓ -1.5	↓ -0.3
25+ Years of age	26.1	24.4	33.6	↑ 1.7	↓ -7.5
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	6.1	6.1	7.4	→ 0.0	↑ 6.1
Male	4.3	5.2	6.5	↓ -0.9	↓ -2.2
Female	8.3	7.3	8.5	↑ 1.0	↓ -0.2
15-24 Years of Age	12.6	14.1	12.9	↓ -1.5	↓ -0.3
25+ Years of age	4.9	4.7	6.4	↑ 0.2	↓ -1.5
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	70.3	69.9	70.1	↑ 0.4	↑ 0.2
Male	75.3	75.6	75.4	↓ -0.3	↓ -0.1
Female	65.2	64.0	64.7	↑ 1.2	↑ 0.5
15-24 Years of Age	73.5	74.1	73.1	↓ -0.6	↑ 0.4
25+ Years of age	69.7	69.1	69.6	↑ 0.6	↑ 0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	August 2019	July 2019	August 2018	Change from	
				Last Month	Last Year
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	40.4	40.4	39.4	→ 0.0	↑ 1.0
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.2	23.4	23.5	↑ 0.8	↑ 0.7
Utilities	5.7	5.9	7.7	↓ -0.2	↓ -2.0
Construction	52.4	50.9	52.7	↑ 1.5	↓ -0.3
Manufacturing	30.8	31.1	27.4	↓ -0.3	↑ 3.4
Trade	87.0	88.2	89.9	↓ -1.2	↓ -2.9
Transportation and Warehousing	26.2	26.2	26.9	→ 0.0	↓ -0.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.3	29.6	30	↑ 0.7	↑ 0.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	28.8	28.5	25.6	↑ 0.3	↑ 3.2
Business, Building and Other Support Services	15.5	15.8	17.6	↓ -0.3	↓ -2.1
Educational Services	32.8	30.9	33.5	↑ 1.9	↓ -0.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	80.7	81.7	79.2	↓ -1.0	↑ 1.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	24.1	23.3	22.3	↑ 0.8	↑ 1.8
Accommodation and Food Services	44.2	44.1	39.8	↑ 0.1	↑ 4.4
Other Services	30.1	29.4	26.9	↑ 0.7	↑ 3.2
Public Administration	34.2	34.1	32.1	↑ 0.1	↑ 2.1
Total	587.4	583.6	574.4	↑ 3.8	↑ 13.0
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	487.4	478.5	483.1	↑ 8.9	↑ 4.3
Part-Time	100.1	105.2	91.3	↓ -5.1	↑ 8.8
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	487.1	482.0	476	↑ 5.1	↑ 11.1
Public Sector	139.3	138.4	134.4	↑ 0.9	↑ 4.9
Private Sector	347.8	343.7	341.6	↑ 4.1	↑ 6.2
Self-Employed	100.3	101.6	98.4	↓ -1.3	↑ 1.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>	August	July	August	Change from	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Canada	19,317.9	19,283.8	18,839.1	↑ 34.1	↑ 478.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	234.5	236.2	236.5	↓ -1.7	↓ -2.0
Prince Edward Island	83.9	83.6	81.1	↑ 0.3	↑ 2.8
Nova Scotia	471.9	474.6	464.8	↓ -2.7	↑ 7.1
New Brunswick	368.8	366.0	365.1	↑ 2.8	↑ 3.7
Quebec	4,412.7	4,422.9	4,294.9	↓ -10.2	↑ 117.8
Ontario	7,562.9	7,511.6	7,302.3	↑ 51.3	↑ 260.6
Manitoba	659.3	654.2	653.9	↑ 5.1	↑ 5.4
Saskatchewan	587.4	583.6	574.4	↑ 3.8	↑ 13.0
Alberta	2,356.0	2,356.4	2,354.4	↓ -0.4	↑ 1.6
British Columbia	2,580.6	2,594.8	2,511.8	↓ -14.2	↑ 68.8
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	6.3	5.9	6.6	↑ 0.4	↓ -0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.2	11.9	12.9	↑ 0.3	↓ -0.7
Prince Edward Island	6.9	7.4	7.0	↓ -0.5	↓ -0.1
Nova Scotia	8.5	7.0	8.6	↑ 1.5	↓ -0.1
New Brunswick	8.6	8.0	8.2	↑ 0.6	↑ 0.4
Quebec	5.2	4.7	6.1	↑ 0.5	↓ -0.9
Ontario	6.3	6.2	6.5	↑ 0.1	↓ -0.2
Manitoba	6.3	6.3	6.7	→ 0.0	↓ -0.4
Saskatchewan	6.1	6.1	7.4	→ 0.0	↓ -1.3
Alberta	8.0	7.4	7.5	↑ 0.6	↑ 0.5
British Columbia	5.5	4.4	5.6	↑ 1.1	↓ -0.1

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>	August	July	August	Change from	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Canada	19,111.5	19,030.4	18640.2	↑ 81.1	↑ 471.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	224.9	225.2	226.4	↓ -0.3	↓ -1.5
Prince Edward Island	78.4	78.5	76.2	↓ -0.1	↑ 2.2
Nova Scotia	463.7	462.2	455.2	↑ 1.5	↑ 8.5
New Brunswick	357.3	355.0	353.0	↑ 2.3	↑ 4.3
Quebec	4,366.0	4,346.3	4253.9	↑ 19.7	↑ 112.1
Ontario	7,478.1	7,420.3	7228.4	↑ 57.8	↑ 249.7
Manitoba	654.7	649.5	649.1	↑ 5.2	↑ 5.6
Saskatchewan	582.5	579.7	570.0	↑ 2.8	↑ 12.5
Alberta	2,344.3	2,343.7	2340.2	↑ 0.6	↑ 4.1
British Columbia	2,561.6	2,569.9	2487.8	↓ -8.3	↑ 73.8
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.7	5.7	6.0	→ 0.0	↓ -0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.1	12.8	14.1	↑ 0.3	↓ -1.0
Prince Edward Island	8.9	8.4	9.1	↑ 0.5	↓ -0.2
Nova Scotia	7.9	7.4	8.3	↑ 0.5	↓ -0.4
New Brunswick	8.6	8.5	8.3	↑ 0.1	↑ 0.3
Quebec	4.7	4.9	5.5	↓ -0.2	↓ -0.8
Ontario	5.6	5.7	5.7	↓ -0.1	↓ -0.1
Manitoba	5.6	5.8	5.7	↓ -0.2	↓ -0.1
Saskatchewan	5.1	5.4	6.6	↓ -0.3	↓ -1.5
Alberta	7.2	7.0	6.7	↑ 0.2	↑ 0.5
British Columbia	5.0	4.4	5.1	↑ 0.6	↓ -0.1

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	August	July	August	Change from	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	8.4	7.7	9.9	↑ 0.7	↓ -1.5
Halifax	5.7	5.0	6.6	↑ 0.7	↓ -0.9
Saint John	7.5	6.8	6.0	↑ 0.7	↑ 1.5
Quebec	2.5	1.9	3.8	↑ 0.6	↓ -1.3
Montreal	6.0	5.9	6.3	↑ 0.1	↓ -0.3
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.1	5.0	5.2	↑ 0.1	↓ -0.1
Toronto	6.3	6.0	6.6	↑ 0.3	↓ -0.3
Greater Sudbury	5.4	5.0	6.7	↑ 0.4	↓ -1.3
Winnipeg	5.9	5.4	6.7	↑ 0.5	↓ -0.8
Regina	5.6	5.6	6.6	→ 0.0	↓ -1.0
Saskatoon	6.1	5.9	7.3	↑ 0.2	↓ -1.2
Calgary	7.6	6.6	8.4	↑ 1.0	↓ -0.8
Edmonton	7.9	7.8	6.7	↑ 0.1	↑ 1.2
Vancouver	4.6	4.2	4.9	↑ 0.4	↓ -0.3
Victoria	3.6	3.8	4.5	↓ -0.2	↓ -0.9
SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	188.8	190.0	186.1	↓ -1.2	↑ 2.7
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	51.7	51.3	50.6	↑ 0.4	↑ 1.1
Saskatoon-Biggar	208.8	207.1	205.2	↑ 1.7	↑ 3.6
Yorkton-Melville	39.5	39.4	36.2	↑ 0.1	↑ 3.3
Prince Albert & Northern	99.1	99.6	98.5	↓ -0.5	↑ 0.6

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>August</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Change from</u>	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	623.2	621.5	618.9	↑ 1.7	↑ 4.3
Employed ('000)	588.3	588.2	577.7	↑ 0.1	↑ 10.6
Unemployed ('000)	34.9	33.3	41.2	↑ 1.6	↓ -6.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.4	6.7	↑ 0.2	↓ -1.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.1	69.9	69.9	↑ 0.2	↑ 0.2
Employment Rate (%)	66.1	66.2	65.3	↓ -0.1	↑ 0.8
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	565.3	564.9	563.3	↑ 0.4	↑ 2.0
Employed ('000)	538.1	539.0	531.3	↓ -0.9	↑ 6.8
Unemployed ('000)	27.2	25.9	32.0	↑ 1.3	↓ -4.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.6	5.7	↑ 0.2	↓ -0.9
Participation Rate (%)	70.6	70.5	70.5	↑ 0.1	↑ 0.1
Employment Rate (%)	67.2	67.3	66.5	↓ -0.1	↑ 0.7
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	57.9	56.6	55.5	↑ 1.3	↑ 2.4
Employed ('000)	50.2	49.2	46.4	↑ 1.0	↑ 3.8
Unemployed ('000)	7.7	7.4	9.2	↑ 0.3	↓ -1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.3	13.1	16.5	↑ 0.2	↓ -3.2
Participation Rate (%)	65.5	64.2	64.4	↑ 1.3	↑ 1.1
Employment Rate (%)	56.8	55.8	53.7	↑ 1.0	↑ 3.1
<u>FIRST NATIONS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	23.4	22.7	21.8	↑ 0.7	↑ 1.6
Employed ('000)	19.1	18.3	16.5	↑ 0.8	↑ 2.6
Unemployed ('000)	4.4	4.5	5.3	↓ -0.1	↓ -0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	18.7	19.6	24.3	↓ -0.9	↓ -5.6
Participation Rate (%)	58.5	56.9	56.3	↑ 1.6	↑ 2.2
Employment Rate (%)	47.6	45.7	42.6	↑ 1.9	↑ 5.0
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	34.2	33.5	33.2	↑ 0.7	↑ 1.0
Employed ('000)	30.8	30.6	29.4	↑ 0.2	↑ 1.4
Unemployed ('000)	3.3	2.9	3.8	↑ 0.4	↓ -0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.8	8.8	11.5	↑ 1.0	↓ -1.7
Participation Rate (%)	71.4	70.2	70.8	↑ 1.2	↑ 0.6
Employment Rate (%)	64.4	64.1	62.7	↑ 0.3	↑ 1.7

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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