

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

January 2020

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering January 12th to 18th, 2020, there were 571,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 8,200 from December 2019 but 3,900 more than the number employed in January 2019.

Agricultural employment was 37,300 persons in January 2020, down 1,700 from the December 2019 level but 600 more than the January 2019 agricultural employment level of 36,700. Non-agricultural employment was 534,400 persons in January 2020. This is a decrease of 6,500 from the December 2019 non-agriculture employment level of 540,900 but 3,300 more than January 2019.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for January 2020 was 6.2 percent. This is an increase of 1.0 percentage points from the December 2019 rate of 5.2 percent and 0.4 percentage points higher than the January 2019 level of 5.8 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 2,400 to 609,600 persons in January 2020 from 612,000 persons in December 2019. This is 6,700 more than the January 2019 labour force of 602,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.2 percentage points to 68.3 percent in January 2020 from 68.5 percent in December 2019. The January 2019 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 67.9 percent.

There were 37,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during January 2020. This is an increase of 5,700 from December 2019 and 2,600 more than the number unemployed in January 2019.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 580,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan in January 2020, up 1,200 from the December 2019 level of 579,100 and up 3,500 from the January 2019 employment level of 576,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2020 was 6.0 percent. This is an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the December 2019 rate of 5.7 percent and 0.4 percentage points higher than the January 2019 rate of 5.6 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian unadjusted employment decreased by 257,800 persons in January 2020 to 18,838,600 persons from 19,096,400 persons in December 2019. In January 2019, there were 18,569,800 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unadjusted unemployment rate increased 0.7 percentage points in January 2020 to 5.8 percent from the December 2019 level of 5.1 percent. In January 2019, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.5 percent in January 2020. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than December 2019 and 0.3 percentage points lower than the January 2019 level of 5.8 percent.

Note: The LFS seasonally adjusted estimates have been revised back to January 2017 using updated seasonal factors.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	January <u>2020</u>	December <u>2019</u>	January <u>2019</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	20,006.2	20,129.4	19,788.4	↓ -123.2	↑ 217.8
Employed ('000)	18,838.6	19,096.4	18,569.8	↓ -257.8	↑ 268.8
Full-Time ('000)	15,136.7	15,332.0	14,856.6	↓ -195.3	↑ 280.1
Part-Time ('000)	3,701.9	3,764.4	3,713.3	↓ -62.5	↓ -11.4
Unemployed ('000)	1,167.6	1,033.0	1,218.6	↑ 134.6	↓ -51.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	5.1	6.2	↑ 0.7	↓ -0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	5.6	5.8	↓ -0.1	↓ -0.3
Participation Rate (%)	64.5	65.0	64.8	↓ -0.5	↓ -0.3
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	609.6	612.0	602.9	↓ -2.4	↑ 6.7
Employed ('000)	571.7	579.9	567.8	↓ -8.2	↑ 3.9
Full-Time ('000)	463.1	470.0	458.2	↓ -6.9	↑ 4.9
Part-Time ('000)	108.6	109.9	109.5	↓ -1.3	↓ -0.9
Unemployed ('000)	37.8	32.1	35.2	↑ 5.7	↑ 2.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	5.2	5.8	↑ 1.0	↑ 0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.0	5.7	5.6	↑ 0.3	↑ 0.4
Participation Rate (%)	68.3	68.5	67.9	↓ -0.2	↑ 0.4
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,468.5	2,497.1	2,470.5	↓ -28.6	↓ -2.0
Employed ('000)	2,281.6	2,334.1	2,295.9	↓ -52.5	↓ -14.3
Full-Time ('000)	1,850.9	1,873.7	1,863.8	↓ -22.8	↓ -12.9
Part-Time ('000)	430.7	460.4	432.0	↓ -29.7	↓ -1.3
Unemployed ('000)	187.0	163.0	174.6	↑ 24.0	↑ 12.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	6.5	7.1	↑ 1.1	↑ 0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.3	7.0	6.8	↑ 0.3	↑ 0.5
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	70.3	70.6	↓ -0.9	↓ -1.2
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	688.2	684.0	687.3	↑ 4.2	↑ 0.9
Employed ('000)	652.1	653.1	647.4	↓ -1.0	↑ 4.7
Full-Time ('000)	507.8	517.8	511.9	↓ -10.0	↓ -4.1
Part-Time ('000)	144.3	135.3	135.5	↑ 9.0	↑ 8.8
Unemployed ('000)	36.1	30.9	39.9	↑ 5.2	↓ -3.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	4.5	5.8	↑ 0.7	↓ -0.6
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.1	5.0	5.5	↑ 0.1	↓ -0.4
Participation Rate (%)	65.9	65.5	66.7	↑ 0.4	↓ -0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	January <u>2020</u>	December <u>2019</u>	January <u>2019</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	609.6	612.0	602.9	↓ -2.4	↑ 6.7
Male	329.5	330.3	325.3	↓ -0.8	↑ 4.2
Female	280.0	281.8	277.6	↓ -1.8	↑ 2.4
15-24 Years of Age	81.9	83.7	79.2	↓ -1.8	↑ 2.7
25+ Years of age	527.7	528.3	523.7	↓ -0.6	↑ 4.0
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	571.7	579.9	567.8	↓ -8.2	↑ 3.9
Male	304.4	310.6	305.2	↓ -6.2	↓ -0.8
Female	267.3	269.3	262.5	↓ -2.0	↑ 4.8
15-24 Years of Age	69.5	73.1	71.1	↓ -3.6	↓ -1.6
25+ Years of age	502.3	506.8	496.7	↓ -4.5	↑ 5.6
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	37.8	32.1	35.2	↑ 5.7	↑ 2.6
Male	25.1	19.7	20.1	↑ 5.4	↑ 5.0
Female	12.7	12.5	15.1	↑ 0.2	↓ -2.4
15-24 Years of Age	12.4	10.6	8.1	↑ 1.8	↑ 4.3
25+ Years of age	25.4	21.6	27.1	↑ 3.8	↓ -1.7
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	6.2	5.2	5.8	↑ 1.0	↑ 0.4
Male	7.6	6.0	6.2	↑ 1.6	↑ 1.4
Female	4.5	4.4	5.4	↑ 0.1	↓ -0.9
15-24 Years of Age	15.1	12.7	10.2	↑ 2.4	↑ 4.9
25+ Years of age	4.8	4.1	5.2	↑ 0.7	↓ -0.4
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	68.3	68.5	67.9	↓ -0.2	↑ 0.4
Male	73.1	73.3	72.7	↓ -0.2	↑ 0.4
Female	63.3	63.7	63.1	↓ -0.4	↑ 0.2
15-24 Years of Age	62.3	63.7	60.0	↓ -1.4	↑ 2.3
25+ Years of age	69.3	69.4	69.3	↓ -0.1	→ 0.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

INDUSTRY ('000)	January	December	January	Change from	
	2020	2019	2019	Last Month	Last Year
Agriculture	37.3	39.0	36.7	↓ -1.7	↑ 0.6
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	20.6	21.2	22.4	↓ -0.6	↓ -1.8
Utilities	5.4	5.5	6.6	↓ -0.1	↓ -1.2
Construction	38.4	43.4	44.7	↓ -5.0	↓ -6.3
Manufacturing	32.6	31.6	29.2	↑ 1.0	↑ 3.4
Trade	83.3	84.2	86.8	↓ -0.9	↓ -3.5
Transportation and Warehousing	26.0	26.0	27.3	→ 0.0	↓ -1.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.8	30.2	29.7	↑ 0.6	↑ 1.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	27.3	26.8	26.4	↑ 0.5	↑ 0.9
Business, Building and Other Support Services	15.0	15.4	15.9	↓ -0.4	↓ -0.9
Educational Services	49.7	50.8	46.9	↓ -1.1	↑ 2.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	79.8	80.1	80.3	↓ -0.3	↓ -0.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	23.0	22.6	19.4	↑ 0.4	↑ 3.6
Accommodation and Food Services	40.3	42.0	38.9	↓ -1.7	↑ 1.4
Other Services	29.1	28.5	26.6	↑ 0.6	↑ 2.5
Public Administration	33.1	32.5	29.9	↑ 0.6	↑ 3.2
Total	571.7	579.9	567.8	↓ -8.2	↑ 3.9
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	463.1	470.0	458.2	↓ -6.9	↑ 4.9
Part-Time	108.6	109.9	109.5	↓ -1.3	↓ -0.9
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	473.5	477.7	474.0	↓ -4.2	↓ -0.5
Public Sector	148.7	148.7	143.0	→ 0.0	↑ 5.7
Private Sector	324.8	329.0	331.0	↓ -4.2	↓ -6.2
Self-Employed	98.3	102.2	93.7	↓ -3.9	↑ 4.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	January 2020	December 2019	January 2019	Change from	
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Canada	18,838.6	19,096.4	18,569.8	↓ -257.8	↑ 268.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	212.4	216.7	220.9	↓ -4.3	↓ -8.5
Prince Edward Island	75.6	77.2	71.1	↓ -1.6	↑ 4.5
Nova Scotia	455.4	463.8	452.7	↓ -8.4	↑ 2.7
New Brunswick	345.8	352.9	339.9	↓ -7.1	↑ 5.9
Quebec	4,284.2	4,338.5	4,221.5	↓ -54.3	↑ 62.7
Ontario	7,453.9	7,545.7	7,246.1	↓ -91.8	↑ 207.8
Manitoba	652.1	653.1	647.4	↓ -1.0	↑ 4.7
Saskatchewan	571.7	579.9	567.8	↓ -8.2	↑ 3.9
Alberta	2,281.6	2,334.1	2,295.9	↓ -52.5	↓ -14.3
British Columbia	2,505.8	2,534.6	2,506.7	↓ -28.8	↓ -0.9
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.8	5.1	6.2	↑ 0.7	↓ -0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.5	12.1	13.2	↑ 1.4	↑ 0.3
Prince Edward Island	9.7	8.8	12.2	↑ 0.9	↓ -2.5
Nova Scotia	8.0	7.6	7.4	↑ 0.4	↑ 0.6
New Brunswick	9.1	6.8	9.5	↑ 2.3	↓ -0.4
Quebec	5.6	4.8	5.9	↑ 0.8	↓ -0.3
Ontario	5.2	4.7	5.9	↑ 0.5	↓ -0.7
Manitoba	5.2	4.5	5.8	↑ 0.7	↓ -0.6
Saskatchewan	6.2	5.2	5.8	↑ 1.0	↑ 0.4
Alberta	7.6	6.5	7.1	↑ 1.1	↑ 0.5
British Columbia	4.8	4.3	5.1	↑ 0.5	↓ -0.3

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	January <u>2020</u>	December <u>2019</u>	January <u>2019</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	19,159.1	19,124.6	18891.4	↑ 34.5	↑ 267.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	222.5	221.7	232.3	↑ 0.8	↓ -9.8
Prince Edward Island	80.3	80.0	75.5	↑ 0.3	↑ 4.8
Nova Scotia	467.3	465.6	465.6	↑ 1.7	↑ 1.7
New Brunswick	360.9	356.3	355.6	↑ 4.6	↑ 5.3
Quebec	4,364.5	4,345.4	4304.2	↑ 19.1	↑ 60.3
Ontario	7,558.3	7,542.4	7349.1	↑ 15.9	↑ 209.2
Manitoba	661.0	654.5	657.5	↑ 6.5	↑ 3.5
Saskatchewan	580.2	579.0	576.7	↑ 1.2	↑ 3.5
Alberta	2,318.5	2,337.4	2327.8	↓ -18.9	↓ -9.3
British Columbia	2,545.6	2,542.2	2547.1	↑ 3.4	↓ -1.5
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.5	5.6	5.8	↓ -0.1	↓ -0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.9	11.8	11.4	↑ 0.1	↑ 0.5
Prince Edward Island	7.5	7.9	9.6	↓ -0.4	↓ -2.1
Nova Scotia	7.4	7.9	6.7	↓ -0.5	↑ 0.7
New Brunswick	7.5	7.5	8.1	→ 0.0	↓ -0.6
Quebec	5.1	5.3	5.3	↓ -0.2	↓ -0.2
Ontario	5.2	5.3	5.8	↓ -0.1	↓ -0.6
Manitoba	5.1	5.0	5.5	↑ 0.1	↓ -0.4
Saskatchewan	6.0	5.7	5.6	↑ 0.3	↑ 0.4
Alberta	7.3	7.0	6.8	↑ 0.3	↑ 0.5
British Columbia	4.5	4.8	4.7	↓ -0.3	↓ -0.2

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	January <u>2020</u>	December <u>2019</u>	January <u>2019</u>		Change from	
					<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES						
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>						
St. John's	7.2	6.1	7.0	↑	1.1	↑ 0.2
Halifax	6.5	6.7	4.5	↓	-0.2	↑ 2.0
Saint John	7.4	7.2	6.1	↑	0.2	↑ 1.3
Quebec	4.3	3.2	3.7	↑	1.1	↑ 0.6
Montreal	5.6	5.3	5.9	↑	0.3	↓ -0.3
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.1	4.0	4.7	↑	0.1	↓ -0.6
Toronto	5.0	5.0	5.6	→	0.0	↓ -0.6
Greater Sudbury	4.8	4.8	6.5	→	0.0	↓ -1.7
Winnipeg	4.8	4.7	5.5	↑	0.1	↓ -0.7
Regina	6.3	5.5	4.5	↑	0.8	↑ 1.8
Saskatoon	5.7	5.2	5.9	↑	0.5	↓ -0.2
Calgary	7.1	7.0	6.9	↑	0.1	↑ 0.2
Edmonton	7.9	7.4	6.2	↑	0.5	↑ 1.7
Vancouver	4.3	4.5	4.7	↓	-0.2	↓ -0.4
Victoria	3.6	3.2	3.3	↑	0.4	↑ 0.3
SASKATCHEWAN						
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>						
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>						
Regina-Moose Mountain	179.7	181.5	185.9	↓	-1.8	↓ -6.2
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.4	53.6	50.6	↓	-0.2	↑ 2.8
Saskatoon-Biggar	207.8	209.9	203.9	↓	-2.1	↑ 3.9
Yorkton-Melville	37.6	37.6	36.4	→	0.0	↑ 1.2
Prince Albert & Northern	99.4	100.1	96.1	↓	-0.7	↑ 3.3

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)**

	January <u>2020</u>	December <u>2019</u>	January <u>2019</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	613.5	614.6	605.3	↓ -1.1	↑ 8.2
Employed ('000)	578.8	583.7	572.9	↓ -4.9	↑ 5.9
Unemployed ('000)	34.7	30.9	32.5	↑ 3.8	↑ 2.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.0	5.4	↑ 0.7	↑ 0.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	68.9	68.2	↓ -0.2	↑ 0.5
Employment Rate (%)	64.8	65.4	64.6	↓ -0.6	↑ 0.2
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	557.0	557.8	554.4	↓ -0.8	↑ 2.6
Employed ('000)	530.2	534.2	529.2	↓ -4.0	↑ 1.0
Unemployed ('000)	26.8	23.6	25.2	↑ 3.2	↑ 1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.2	4.5	↑ 0.6	↑ 0.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	69.4	69.3	↓ -0.1	→ 0.0
Employment Rate (%)	66.0	66.5	66.1	↓ -0.5	↓ -0.1
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	56.5	56.8	50.9	↓ -0.3	↑ 5.6
Employed ('000)	48.7	49.5	43.7	↓ -0.8	↑ 5.0
Unemployed ('000)	7.9	7.4	7.3	↑ 0.5	↑ 0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.9	12.9	14.3	↑ 1.0	↓ -0.4
Participation Rate (%)	63.4	63.9	58.6	↓ -0.5	↑ 4.8
Employment Rate (%)	54.6	55.6	50.2	↓ -1.0	↑ 4.4
<u>FIRST NATIONS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	22.7	23.3	21.8	↓ -0.6	↑ 0.9
Employed ('000)	19.0	19.5	17.8	↓ -0.5	↑ 1.2
Unemployed ('000)	3.7	3.8	3.9	↓ -0.1	↓ -0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.2	16.2	18.0	→ 0.0	↓ -1.8
Participation Rate (%)	56.2	57.9	55.4	↓ -1.7	↑ 0.8
Employment Rate (%)	47.1	48.5	45.5	↓ -1.4	↑ 1.6
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	33.5	33.1	28.8	↑ 0.4	↑ 4.7
Employed ('000)	29.6	29.8	25.5	↓ -0.2	↑ 4.1
Unemployed ('000)	3.9	3.3	3.4	↑ 0.6	↑ 0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.7	10.1	11.7	↑ 1.6	→ 0.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	68.6	61.0	↑ 0.7	↑ 8.3
Employment Rate (%)	61.2	61.7	53.8	↓ -0.5	↑ 7.4

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.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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