

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

May 2020

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering May 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>st</sup>, 2020, there were 512,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 13,800 from April 2020 but 73,400 less than the number employed in May 2019.

Agricultural employment was 41,100 persons in May 2020, up 3,200 from the April 2020 level but unchanged from the May 2019 agricultural employment level of 41,100. Non-agricultural employment was 471,600 persons in May 2020. This is an increase of 10,600 from the April 2020 non-agriculture employment level of 461,000 but 73,400 less than May 2019.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for May 2020 was 12.9 percent. This is an increase of 0.5 percentage points from the April 2020 rate of 12.4 percent and 7.4 percentage points higher than the May 2019 level of 5.5 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 19,200 to 588,900 persons in May 2020 from 569,700 persons in April 2020. This is 31,000 less than the May 2019 labour force of 619,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate increased 2.2 percentage points to 65.9 percent in May 2020 from 63.7 percent in April 2020. The May 2019 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.8 percent.

There were 76,200 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during May 2020. This is an increase of 5,500 from April 2020 and is 42,300 more than the number unemployed in May 2019.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 507,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in May 2020, up 600 from the April 2020 level of 506,900 but down 72,000 from the May 2019 employment level of 579,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2020 was 12.5 percent. This is an increase of 1.2 percentage points from the April 2020 rate of 11.3 percent and 7.3 percentage points higher than the May 2019 rate of 5.2 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian unadjusted employment increased by 620,500 persons in May 2020 to 16,631,900 persons from 16,011,400 persons in April 2020. In May 2019, there were 19,237,900 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unadjusted unemployment rate increased 0.3 percentage points in May 2020 to 13.8 percent from the April 2020 level of 13.5 percent. In May 2019, Canada's unemployment rate was 5.5 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 13.7 percent in May 2020. This is 0.7 percentage points higher than April 2020 and 8.3 percentage points higher than the May 2019 level of 5.4 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>2020</u>	April <u>2020</u>	May <u>2019</u>		Change from		
					Last Month	Last Year	
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>							
Labour Force ('000)	19,290.2	18,507.9	20,348.0	↑	782.3	↓	-1,057.8
Employed ('000)	16,631.9	16,011.4	19,237.9	↑	620.5	↓	-2,606.0
Full-Time ('000)	14,048.1	13,425.6	15,641.3	↑	622.5	↓	-1,593.2
Part-Time ('000)	2,583.8	2,585.8	3,596.6	↓	-2.0	↓	-1,012.8
Unemployed ('000)	2,658.4	2,496.5	1,110.1	↑	161.9	↑	1,548.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.8	13.5	5.5	↑	0.3	↑	8.3
Unemployment Rate (%)							
Seasonally Adjusted	13.7	13.0	5.4	↑	0.7	↑	8.3
Participation Rate (%)	62.0	59.5	66.4	↑	2.5	↓	-4.4
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>							
Labour Force ('000)	588.9	569.7	619.9	↑	19.2	↓	-31.0
Employed ('000)	512.7	498.9	586.1	↑	13.8	↓	-73.4
Full-Time ('000)	433.6	420.7	485.1	↑	12.9	↓	-51.5
Part-Time ('000)	79.1	78.3	101.0	↑	0.8	↓	-21.9
Unemployed ('000)	76.2	70.7	33.9	↑	5.5	↑	42.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.9	12.4	5.5	↑	0.5	↑	7.4
Unemployment Rate (%)							
Seasonally Adjusted	12.5	11.3	5.2	↑	1.2	↑	7.3
Participation Rate (%)	65.9	63.7	69.8	↑	2.2	↓	-3.9
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>							
Labour Force ('000)	2,394.0	2,266.6	2,538.6	↑	127.4	↓	-144.6
Employed ('000)	2,016.1	1,953.1	2,366.9	↑	63.0	↓	-350.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,667.5	1,652.4	1,938.7	↑	15.1	↓	-271.2
Part-Time ('000)	348.6	300.7	428.2	↑	47.9	↓	-79.6
Unemployed ('000)	377.9	313.6	171.7	↑	64.3	↑	206.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.8	13.8	6.8	↑	2.0	↑	9.0
Unemployment Rate (%)							
Seasonally Adjusted	15.5	13.4	6.7	↑	2.1	↑	8.8
Participation Rate (%)	67.0	63.5	72.2	↑	3.5	↓	-5.2
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>							
Labour Force ('000)	668.3	643.6	696.3	↑	24.7	↓	-28.0
Employed ('000)	594.8	570.2	661.2	↑	24.6	↓	-66.4
Full-Time ('000)	489.5	469.6	530.8	↑	19.9	↓	-41.3
Part-Time ('000)	105.2	100.6	130.5	↑	4.6	↓	-25.3
Unemployed ('000)	73.5	73.4	35.0	↑	0.1	↑	38.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.0	11.4	5.0	↓	-0.4	↑	6.0
Unemployment Rate (%)							
Seasonally Adjusted	11.2	11.4	5.1	↓	-0.2	↑	6.1
Participation Rate (%)	63.9	61.5	67.3	↑	2.4	↓	-3.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>May 2020</u>	<u>April 2020</u>	<u>May 2019</u>		<u>Change from</u>		
					<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	588.9	569.7	619.9	↑	19.2	↓	-31.0
Male	322.2	311.8	338.1	↑	10.4	↓	-15.9
Female	266.7	257.9	281.8	↑	8.8	↓	-15.1
15-24 Years of Age	80.3	70.2	88.2	↑	10.1	↓	-7.9
25+ Years of age	508.6	499.5	531.7	↑	9.1	↓	-23.1
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	512.7	498.9	586.1	↑	13.8	↓	-73.4
Male	279.3	272.4	317.8	↑	6.9	↓	-38.5
Female	233.3	226.6	268.2	↑	6.7	↓	-34.9
15-24 Years of Age	56.3	52.0	77.4	↑	4.3	↓	-21.1
25+ Years of age	456.4	446.9	508.6	↑	9.5	↓	-52.2
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	76.2	70.7	33.9	↑	5.5	↑	42.3
Male	42.9	39.4	20.3	↑	3.5	↑	22.6
Female	33.4	31.3	13.6	↑	2.1	↑	19.8
15-24 Years of Age	24.0	18.1	10.8	↑	5.9	↑	13.2
25+ Years of age	52.2	52.6	23.1	↓	-0.4	↑	29.1
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	12.9	12.4	5.5	↑	0.5	↑	7.4
Male	13.3	12.6	6.0	↑	0.7	↑	7.3
Female	12.5	12.1	4.8	↑	0.4	↑	7.7
15-24 Years of Age	29.9	25.8	12.2	↑	4.1	↑	17.7
25+ Years of age	10.3	10.5	4.3	↓	-0.2	↑	6.0
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	65.9	63.7	69.8	↑	2.2	↓	-3.9
Male	71.4	69.1	75.5	↑	2.3	↓	-4.1
Female	60.2	58.2	64.0	↑	2.0	↓	-3.8
15-24 Years of Age	61.1	53.3	67.0	↑	7.8	↓	-5.9
25+ Years of age	66.7	65.5	70.2	↑	1.2	↓	-3.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	May <u>2020</u>	April <u>2020</u>	May <u>2019</u>		Change from		
					<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>							
Agriculture	41.1	37.9	41.1	↑	3.2	→	0.0
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	16.5	16.4	23.1	↑	0.1	↓	-6.6
Utilities	5.7	6.0	7.1	↓	-0.3	↓	-1.4
Construction	37.3	34.6	47.2	↑	2.7	↓	-9.9
Manufacturing	30.1	27.8	31.2	↑	2.3	↓	-1.1
Trade	76.1	72.6	87.4	↑	3.5	↓	-11.3
Transportation and Warehousing	23.1	22.9	26.2	↑	0.2	↓	-3.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.4	29.4	29.8	→	0.0	↓	-0.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	26.2	27.0	28.6	↓	-0.8	↓	-2.4
Business, Building and Other Support Services	14.7	13.2	16.2	↑	1.5	↓	-1.5
Educational Services	43.0	42.2	45.9	↑	0.8	↓	-2.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	75.3	74.9	80.0	↑	0.4	↓	-4.7
Information, Culture and Recreation	14.6	16.0	22.2	↓	-1.4	↓	-7.6
Accommodation and Food Services	22.1	20.4	40.1	↑	1.7	↓	-18.0
Other Services	25.6	26.1	28.9	↓	-0.5	↓	-3.3
Public Administration	32.1	31.6	31.2	↑	0.5	↑	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>512.7</b>	<b>498.9</b>	<b>586.1</b>	<b>↑</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>↓</b>	<b>-73.4</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>							
Full-Time	433.6	420.7	485.1	↑	12.9	↓	-51.5
Part-Time	79.1	78.3	101.0	↑	0.8	↓	-21.9
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>							
Employees	420.1	405.3	486.0	↑	14.8	↓	-65.9
Public Sector	140.3	140.7	149.3	↓	-0.4	↓	-9.0
Private Sector	279.8	264.7	336.8	↑	15.1	↓	-57.0
Self-Employed	92.6	93.6	100.0	↓	-1.0	↓	-7.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>May</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2019</u>		<u>Change from</u>		
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	
Canada	16,631.9	16,011.4	19,237.9	↑	620.5	↓	-2,606.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	201.5	182.8	231.0	↑	18.7	↓	-29.5
Prince Edward Island	73.9	65.3	80.3	↑	8.6	↓	-6.4
Nova Scotia	412.1	389.3	477.3	↑	22.8	↓	-65.2
New Brunswick	332.4	300.9	364.6	↑	31.5	↓	-32.2
Quebec	3,834.4	3,513.3	4,366.2	↑	321.1	↓	-531.8
Ontario	6,456.7	6,409.2	7,513.5	↑	47.5	↓	-1,056.8
Manitoba	594.8	570.2	661.2	↑	24.6	↓	-66.4
Saskatchewan	512.7	498.9	586.1	↑	13.8	↓	-73.4
Alberta	2,016.1	1,953.1	2,366.9	↑	63.0	↓	-350.8
British Columbia	2,197.2	2,128.3	2,590.9	↑	68.9	↓	-393.7
 <u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>							
Canada	13.8	13.5	5.5	↑	0.3	↑	8.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	17.1	18.2	12.4	↓	-1.1	↑	4.7
Prince Edward Island	13.1	15.2	7.8	↓	-2.1	↑	5.3
Nova Scotia	13.1	13.0	6.2	↑	0.1	↑	6.9
New Brunswick	13.2	15.4	7.4	↓	-2.2	↑	5.8
Quebec	13.4	18.2	4.7	↓	-4.8	↑	8.7
Ontario	13.9	11.3	5.4	↑	2.6	↑	8.5
Manitoba	11.0	11.4	5.0	↓	-0.4	↑	6.0
Saskatchewan	12.9	12.4	5.5	↑	0.5	↑	7.4
Alberta	15.8	13.8	6.8	↑	2.0	↑	9.0
British Columbia	13.1	11.5	4.5	↑	1.6	↑	8.6

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>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b>Canada</b>	16,474.5	16,184.9	19,050.4	↑	289.6 ↓ -2,575.9
<b>Newfoundland &amp; Labrador</b>	198.2	188.2	226.2	↑	10.0 ↓ -28.0
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	71.9	69.3	77.3	↑	2.6 ↓ -5.4
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	404.2	395.6	468.8	↑	8.6 ↓ -64.6
<b>New Brunswick</b>	328.2	311.4	358.4	↑	16.8 ↓ -30.2
<b>Quebec</b>	3,794.9	3,564.0	4,327.9	↑	230.9 ↓ -533.0
<b>Ontario</b>	6,398.6	6,463.1	7,435.4	↓	-64.5 ↓ -1,036.8
<b>Manitoba</b>	587.8	574.7	654.2	↑	13.1 ↓ -66.4
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	507.5	506.9	579.5	↑	0.6 ↓ -72.0
<b>Alberta</b>	1,997.2	1,969.0	2,346.9	↑	28.2 ↓ -349.7
<b>British Columbia</b>	2,185.9	2,142.6	2,575.8	↑	43.3 ↓ -389.9
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
<b>Canada</b>	13.7	13.0	5.4	↑	0.7 ↑ 8.3
<b>Newfoundland &amp; Labrador</b>	16.3	16.0	12.5	↑	0.3 ↑ 3.8
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	13.9	10.8	9.0	↑	3.1 ↑ 4.9
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	13.6	12.0	6.7	↑	1.6 ↑ 6.9
<b>New Brunswick</b>	12.8	13.2	7.4	↓	-0.4 ↑ 5.4
<b>Quebec</b>	13.7	17.0	5.0	↓	-3.3 ↑ 8.7
<b>Ontario</b>	13.6	11.3	5.2	↑	2.3 ↑ 8.4
<b>Manitoba</b>	11.2	11.4	5.1	↓	-0.2 ↑ 6.1
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	12.5	11.3	5.2	↑	1.2 ↑ 7.3
<b>Alberta</b>	15.5	13.4	6.7	↑	2.1 ↑ 8.8
<b>British Columbia</b>	13.4	11.5	4.4	↑	1.9 ↑ 9.0

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>May</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2019</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	11.3	10.1	8.0	↑	1.2	↑	3.3
Halifax	10.6	9.2	5.5	↑	1.4	↑	5.1
Saint John	12.0	9.9	6.1	↑	2.1	↑	5.9
Quebec	12.1	9.9	2.9	↑	2.2	↑	9.2
Montreal	14.1	10.7	5.5	↑	3.4	↑	8.6
Ottawa-Gatineau	8.8	7.0	5.4	↑	1.8	↑	3.4
Toronto	11.6	8.0	6.4	↑	3.6	↑	5.2
Greater Sudbury	9.5	7.5	5.6	↑	2.0	↑	3.9
Winnipeg	10.3	7.8	5.1	↑	2.5	↑	5.2
Regina	10.8	8.7	4.4	↑	2.1	↑	6.4
Saskatoon	13.0	10.3	6.5	↑	2.7	↑	6.5
Calgary	13.3	10.9	6.6	↑	2.4	↑	6.7
Edmonton	13.9	10.1	7.0	↑	3.8	↑	6.9
Vancouver	10.8	7.6	4.3	↑	3.2	↑	6.5
Victoria	10.0	7.1	3.4	↑	2.9	↑	6.6
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>							
<b><u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u></b>							
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>							
Regina-Moose Mountain	161.9	169.2	190.8	↓	-7.3	↓	-28.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	48.6	49.5	49.5	↓	-0.9	↓	-0.9
Saskatoon-Biggar	186.3	193.0	201.9	↓	-6.7	↓	-15.6
Yorkton-Melville	34.4	35.1	36.9	↓	-0.7	↓	-2.5
Prince Albert & Northern	89.9	93.2	98.0	↓	-3.3	↓	-8.1

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)

	May <u>2020</u>	April <u>2020</u>	May <u>2019</u>		Change from		
					<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>							
Labour Force ('000)	584.7	591.5	611.2	↓	-6.8	↓	-26.5
Employed ('000)	520.0	539.7	577.4	↓	-19.7	↓	-57.4
Unemployed ('000)	64.7	51.8	33.9	↑	12.9	↑	30.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.1	8.8	5.5	↑	2.3	↑	5.6
Participation Rate (%)	65.4	66.1	68.8	↓	-0.7	↓	-3.4
Employment Rate (%)	58.1	60.3	65.0	↓	-2.2	↓	-6.9
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>							
Labour Force ('000)	529.9	536.2	558.0	↓	-6.3	↓	-28.1
Employed ('000)	474.0	492.5	531.5	↓	-18.5	↓	-57.5
Unemployed ('000)	55.9	43.8	26.5	↑	12.1	↑	29.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.5	8.2	4.7	↑	2.3	↑	5.8
Participation Rate (%)	65.9	66.7	69.7	↓	-0.8	↓	-3.8
Employment Rate (%)	59.0	61.2	66.4	↓	-2.2	↓	-7.4
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>							
Labour Force ('000)	54.8	55.2	53.2	↓	-0.4	↑	1.6
Employed ('000)	46.0	47.2	45.8	↓	-1.2	↑	0.2
Unemployed ('000)	8.8	8.1	7.4	↑	0.7	↑	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.1	14.6	13.9	↑	1.5	↑	2.2
Participation Rate (%)	60.6	61.3	60.6	↓	-0.7	→	0.0
Employment Rate (%)	50.9	52.4	52.2	↓	-1.5	↓	-1.3
<b><u>FIRST NATIONS</u></b>							
Labour Force ('000)	21.8	21.7	21.9	↑	0.1	↓	-0.1
Employed ('000)	18.2	18.3	17.8	↓	-0.1	↑	0.4
Unemployed ('000)	3.6	3.3	4.2	↑	0.3	↓	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.4	15.4	19.0	↑	1.0	↓	-2.6
Participation Rate (%)	53.0	53.0	55.1	→	0.0	↓	-2.1
Employment Rate (%)	44.3	44.8	44.6	↓	-0.5	↓	-0.3
<b><u>METIS</u></b>							
Labour Force ('000)	32.7	33.2	30.9	↓	-0.5	↑	1.8
Employed ('000)	27.5	28.6	27.7	↓	-1.1	↓	-0.2
Unemployed ('000)	5.2	4.6	3.2	↑	0.6	↑	2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.8	13.8	10.4	↑	2.0	↑	5.4
Participation Rate (%)	67.0	68.3	64.9	↓	-1.3	↑	2.1
Employment Rate (%)	56.5	58.8	58.2	↓	-2.3	↓	-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.