

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

February 2021

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering February 14th to 20th, there were 538,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 700 from January 2021 and 22,700 less than the number employed in February 2020.

Agricultural employment was 30,200 persons in February 2021, up 200 from the January 2021 level but down 6,300 from the February 2020 agricultural employment level of 36,500. Non-agricultural employment was 508,500 persons in February 2021. This is a decrease of 900 from the January 2021 non-agriculture employment level of 509,400 and 16,400 less than February 2020.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for February 2021 was 7.9 per cent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the January 2021 rate of 7.7 per cent and 1.5 percentage points higher than the February 2020 level of 6.4 per cent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 600 to 584,700 persons in February 2021 from 584,100 persons in January 2021. This is 15,200 less than the February 2020 labour force of 599,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate did not change from the January rate of 65.8 per cent. The February 2020 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 67.5 per cent.

There were 46,000 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during February 2021. This is an increase of 1,300 from January 2021 and 7,500 more than the number unemployed in February 2020.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis, there were 549,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in February 2021, up 2,300 from the January 2021 level of 547,400 but down 23,000 from the February 2020 employment level of 572,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2021 was 7.3 per cent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the January 2021 rate of 7.2 per cent and 1.0 percentage points higher than the February 2020 rate of 6.3 per cent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian unadjusted employment increased by 309,300 persons in February 2021 to 18,251,600 persons from 17,942,300 persons in January 2021. In February 2020, there were 18,849,900 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unadjusted unemployment rate decreased by 1.2 percentage points in February 2021 from the January 2021 level of 9.8 per cent. In February 2020, Canada's unemployment rate was 5.9 per cent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 8.2 per cent in February 2021. This is 1.2 percentage points lower than January 2021 but 2.5 percentage points higher than the February 2020 level of 5.7 per cent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	February <u>2021</u>	January <u>2021</u>	February <u>2020</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,972.1	19,887.6	20,036.1	↑ 84.5	↓ -64.0
Employed ('000)	18,251.6	17,942.3	18,849.9	↑ 309.3	↓ -598.3
Full-Time ('000)	14,800.4	14,699.7	15,115.9	↑ 100.7	↓ -315.5
Part-Time ('000)	3,451.3	3,242.6	3,734.0	↑ 208.7	↓ -282.7
Unemployed ('000)	1,720.4	1,945.3	1,186.2	↓ -224.9	↑ 534.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.6	9.8	5.9	↓ -1.2	↑ 2.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	8.2	9.4	5.7	↓ -1.2	↑ 2.5
Participation Rate (%)	64.0	63.8	64.7	↑ 0.2	↓ -0.7
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	584.7	584.1	599.9	↑ 0.6	↓ -15.2
Employed ('000)	538.7	539.4	561.4	↓ -0.7	↓ -22.7
Full-Time ('000)	435.5	435.4	453.5	↑ 0.1	↓ -18.0
Part-Time ('000)	103.2	104.0	107.9	↓ -0.8	↓ -4.7
Unemployed ('000)	46.0	44.7	38.5	↑ 1.3	↑ 7.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	7.7	6.4	↑ 0.2	↑ 1.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.3	7.2	6.3	↑ 0.1	↑ 1.0
Participation Rate (%)	65.8	65.8	67.5	▬ 0.0	↓ -1.7
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,433.6	2,418.6	2,433.0	↑ 15.0	↑ 0.6
Employed ('000)	2,173.3	2,146.4	2,247.2	↑ 26.9	↓ -73.9
Full-Time ('000)	1,742.9	1,728.3	1,810.6	↑ 14.6	↓ -67.7
Part-Time ('000)	430.4	418.1	436.5	↑ 12.3	↓ -6.1
Unemployed ('000)	260.3	272.2	185.9	↓ -11.9	↑ 74.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.7	11.3	7.6	↓ -0.6	↑ 3.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	9.9	10.7	7.5	↓ -0.8	↑ 2.4
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	68.6	69.7	↑ 0.3	↓ -0.8
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	685.5	676.3	692.2	↑ 9.2	↓ -6.7
Employed ('000)	639.2	621.6	655.7	↑ 17.6	↓ -16.5
Full-Time ('000)	514.1	510.3	507.1	↑ 3.8	↑ 7.0
Part-Time ('000)	125.2	111.3	148.6	↑ 13.9	↓ -23.4
Unemployed ('000)	46.3	54.7	36.5	↓ -8.4	↑ 9.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	8.1	5.3	↓ -1.3	↑ 1.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.8	8.0	5.1	↓ -1.2	↑ 1.7
Participation Rate (%)	65.3	64.4	66.1	↑ 0.9	↓ -0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	February <u>2021</u>	January <u>2021</u>	February <u>2020</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	584.7	584.1	599.9	↑ 0.6	↓ -15.2
Male	314.1	317.1	324.3	↓ -3.0	↓ -10.2
Female	270.6	267.0	275.6	↑ 3.6	↓ -5.0
15-24 Years of Age	80.3	79.4	83.2	↑ 0.9	↓ -2.9
25+ Years of age	504.4	504.7	516.7	↓ -0.3	↓ -12.3
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	538.7	539.4	561.4	↓ -0.7	↓ -22.7
Male	285.9	288.0	299.4	↓ -2.1	↓ -13.5
Female	252.7	251.4	262.0	↑ 1.3	↓ -9.3
15-24 Years of Age	68.0	66.5	72.0	↑ 1.5	↓ -4.0
25+ Years of age	470.6	472.9	489.4	↓ -2.3	↓ -18.8
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	46.0	44.7	38.5	↑ 1.3	↑ 7.5
Male	28.2	29.1	24.9	↓ -0.9	↑ 3.3
Female	17.9	15.6	13.6	↑ 2.3	↑ 4.3
15-24 Years of Age	12.3	12.9	11.2	↓ -0.6	↑ 1.1
25+ Years of age	33.8	31.8	27.3	↑ 2.0	↑ 6.5
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	7.9	7.7	6.4	↑ 0.2	↑ 1.5
Male	9.0	9.2	7.7	↓ -0.2	↑ 1.3
Female	6.6	5.8	4.9	↑ 0.8	↑ 1.7
15-24 Years of Age	15.3	16.2	13.5	↓ -0.9	↑ 1.8
25+ Years of age	6.7	6.3	5.3	↑ 0.4	↑ 1.4
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	65.8	65.8	67.5	— 0.0	↓ -1.7
Male	70.3	71.1	72.7	↓ -0.8	↓ -2.4
Female	61.2	60.4	62.4	↑ 0.8	↓ -1.2
15-24 Years of Age	59.7	59.1	61.8	↑ 0.6	↓ -2.1
25+ Years of age	66.8	67.0	68.6	↓ -0.2	↓ -1.8

TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

INDUSTRY ('000)	February 2021	January 2021	February 2020	Change from	
				Last Month	Last Year
Agriculture	30.2	30.0	36.5	↑ 0.2	↓ -6.3
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	21.8	21.4	21.3	↑ 0.4	↑ 0.5
Utilities	5.5	5.4	5.4	↑ 0.1	↑ 0.1
Construction	38.1	36.8	37.7	↑ 1.3	↑ 0.4
Manufacturing	30.9	29.4	33.3	↑ 1.5	↓ -2.4
Trade	86.8	86.7	82.9	↑ 0.1	↑ 3.9
Transportation and Warehousing	22.9	24.4	26.1	↓ -1.5	↓ -3.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	26.1	25.7	29.1	↑ 0.4	↓ -3.0
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	27.2	28.2	26.8	↓ -1.0	↑ 0.4
Business, Building and Other Support Services	15.1	15.8	14.7	↓ -0.7	↑ 0.4
Educational Services	45.2	46.5	49.3	↓ -1.3	↓ -4.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	82.6	83.4	79.7	↓ -0.8	↑ 2.9
Information, Culture and Recreation	13.4	12.7	21.5	↑ 0.7	↓ -8.1
Accommodation and Food Services	29.7	29.0	36.9	↑ 0.7	↓ -7.2
Other Services	28.0	30.1	29.0	↓ -2.1	↓ -1.0
Public Administration	35.3	34.0	31.2	↑ 1.3	↑ 4.1
Total	538.7	539.4	561.4	↓ -0.7	↓ -22.7
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	435.5	435.4	453.5	↑ 0.1	↓ -18.0
Part-Time	103.2	104.0	107.9	↓ -0.8	↓ -4.7
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	453.4	453.3	466.6	↑ 0.1	↓ -13.2
Public Sector	143.5	142.3	145.2	↑ 1.2	↓ -1.7
Private Sector	309.9	311.0	321.4	↓ -1.1	↓ -11.5
Self-Employed	85.3	86.1	94.8	↓ -0.8	↓ -9.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	February <u>2021</u>	January <u>2021</u>	February <u>2020</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,251.6	17,942.3	18,849.9	↑ 309.3	↓ -598.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	195.8	211.2	214.3	↓ -15.4	↓ -18.5
Prince Edward Island	73.2	73.6	77.3	↓ -0.4	↓ -4.1
Nova Scotia	453.5	449.6	454.0	↑ 3.9	↓ -0.5
New Brunswick	346.0	345.7	353.5	↑ 0.3	↓ -7.5
Quebec	4,138.1	4,014.0	4,278.9	↑ 124.1	↓ -140.8
Ontario	7,100.3	6,981.9	7,394.8	↑ 118.4	↓ -294.5
Manitoba	639.2	621.6	655.7	↑ 17.6	↓ -16.5
Saskatchewan	538.7	539.4	561.4	↓ -0.7	↓ -22.7
Alberta	2,173.3	2,146.4	2,247.2	↑ 26.9	↓ -73.9
British Columbia	2,593.6	2,559.0	2,612.9	↑ 34.6	↓ -19.3
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	8.6	9.8	5.9	↓ -1.2	↑ 2.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	17.2	14.4	13.7	↑ 2.8	↑ 3.5
Prince Edward Island	11.7	10.1	10.0	↑ 1.6	↑ 1.7
Nova Scotia	9.0	9.1	8.8	↓ -0.1	↑ 0.2
New Brunswick	10.5	10.8	8.3	↓ -0.3	↑ 2.2
Quebec	7.1	9.5	5.1	↓ -2.4	↑ 2.0
Ontario	9.1	10.2	5.5	↓ -1.1	↑ 3.6
Manitoba	6.8	8.1	5.3	↓ -1.3	↑ 1.5
Saskatchewan	7.9	7.7	6.4	↑ 0.2	↑ 1.5
Alberta	10.7	11.3	7.6	↓ -0.6	↑ 3.1
British Columbia	7.5	8.3	5.3	↓ -0.8	↑ 2.2

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	February <u>2021</u>	January <u>2021</u>	February <u>2020</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,531.2	18,272.0	19,130.3	↑ 259.2	↓ -599.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	207.1	222.1	224.2	↓ -15.0	↓ -17.1
Prince Edward Island	77.9	78.4	81.8	↓ -0.5	↓ -3.9
Nova Scotia	465.2	462.7	467.0	↑ 2.5	↓ -1.8
New Brunswick	359.2	361.8	365.4	↓ -2.6	↓ -6.2
Quebec	4,214.7	4,102.1	4,353.3	↑ 112.6	↓ -138.6
Ontario	7,185.8	7,085.5	7,491.1	↑ 100.3	↓ -305.3
Manitoba	647.2	631.0	664.3	↑ 16.2	↓ -17.1
Saskatchewan	549.7	547.4	572.7	↑ 2.3	↓ -23.0
Alberta	2,198.2	2,181.4	2,269.2	↑ 16.8	↓ -71.0
British Columbia	2,626.2	2,599.6	2,641.3	↑ 26.6	↓ -15.1
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	8.2	9.4	5.7	↓ -1.2	↑ 2.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.3	12.8	12.4	↑ 2.5	↑ 2.9
Prince Edward Island	9.2	7.9	8.0	↑ 1.3	↑ 1.2
Nova Scotia	8.1	8.3	8.0	↓ -0.2	↑ 0.1
New Brunswick	8.9	8.8	7.3	↑ 0.1	↑ 1.6
Quebec	6.4	8.8	4.5	↓ -2.4	↑ 1.9
Ontario	9.2	10.2	5.5	↓ -1.0	↑ 3.7
Manitoba	6.8	8.0	5.1	↓ -1.2	↑ 1.7
Saskatchewan	7.3	7.2	6.3	↑ 0.1	↑ 1.0
Alberta	9.9	10.7	7.5	↓ -0.8	↑ 2.4
British Columbia	6.9	8.0	5.1	↓ -1.1	↑ 1.8

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**(3 Month Moving Average)**

	February <u>2021</u>	January <u>2021</u>	February <u>2020</u>		Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	
CANADIAN CITIES							
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>							
St. John's	9.6	8.3	8.4	↑	1.3	↑	1.2
Halifax	8.1	7.4	6.7	↑	0.7	↑	1.4
Saint John	12.8	12.4	7.4	↑	0.4	↑	5.4
Quebec	5.6	4.8	4.6	↑	0.8	↑	1.0
Montreal	8.3	8.4	5.5	↓	-0.1	↑	2.8
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.2	6.4	4.1	↓	-0.2	↑	2.1
Toronto	10.7	10.6	5.0	↑	0.1	↑	5.7
Greater Sudbury	9.1	7.9	5.5	↑	1.2	↑	3.6
Winnipeg	8.2	8.6	4.9	↓	-0.4	↑	3.3
Regina	8.5	7.3	6.6	↑	1.2	↑	1.9
Saskatoon	8.5	8.3	6.5	↑	0.2	↑	2.0
Calgary	10.5	10.2	7.5	↑	0.3	↑	3.0
Edmonton	11.7	11.7	7.9	→	0.0	↑	3.8
Vancouver	7.8	7.6	4.3	↑	0.2	↑	3.5
Victoria	5.1	5.0	3.6	↑	0.1	↑	1.5
SASKATCHEWAN							
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>							
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>							
Regina-Moose Mountain	167.7	170.9	175.7	↓	-3.2	↓	-8.0
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	51.4	51.1	54.1	↑	0.3	↓	-2.7
Saskatoon-Biggar	191.6	193.2	197.7	↓	-1.6	↓	-6.1
Yorkton-Melville	35.5	34.7	39.4	↑	0.8	↓	-3.9
Prince Albert & Northern	94.4	95.4	98.5	↓	-1.0	↓	-4.1

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)

	February <u>2021</u>	January <u>2021</u>	February <u>2020</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	582.3	584.0	601.2	↓ -1.7	↓ -18.9
Employed ('000)	536.4	540.2	564.3	↓ -3.8	↓ -27.9
Unemployed ('000)	45.9	43.8	36.9	↑ 2.1	↑ 9.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	7.5	6.1	↑ 0.4	↑ 1.8
Participation Rate (%)	65.5	65.8	67.7	↓ -0.3	↓ -2.2
Employment Rate (%)	60.4	60.8	63.6	↓ -0.4	↓ -3.2
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	519.8	523.1	540.6	↓ -3.3	↓ -20.8
Employed ('000)	482.6	488.0	512.2	↓ -5.4	↓ -29.6
Unemployed ('000)	37.2	35.1	28.4	↑ 2.1	↑ 8.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	6.7	5.3	↑ 0.5	↑ 1.9
Participation Rate (%)	66.0	66.4	68.4	↓ -0.4	↓ -2.4
Employment Rate (%)	61.3	61.9	64.8	↓ -0.6	↓ -3.5
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	62.4	60.9	60.5	↑ 1.5	↑ 1.9
Employed ('000)	53.8	52.2	52.1	↑ 1.6	↑ 1.7
Unemployed ('000)	8.7	8.7	8.4	▬ 0.0	↑ 0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.9	14.4	13.9	↓ -0.5	▬ 0.0
Participation Rate (%)	62.0	60.7	62.0	↑ 1.3	▬ 0.0
Employment Rate (%)	53.4	52.0	53.4	↑ 1.4	▬ 0.0
<u>FIRST NATIONS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	29.9	29.2	25.4	↑ 0.7	↑ 4.5
Employed ('000)	24.9	24.3	21.5	↑ 0.6	↑ 3.4
Unemployed ('000)	4.9	4.9	3.9	▬ 0.0	↑ 1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.5	16.9	15.3	↓ -0.4	↑ 1.2
Participation Rate (%)	60.6	59.6	53.7	↑ 1.0	↑ 6.9
Employment Rate (%)	50.6	49.5	45.5	↑ 1.1	↑ 5.1
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	32.0	31.0	34.7	↑ 1.0	↓ -2.7
Employed ('000)	28.6	27.7	30.4	↑ 0.9	↓ -1.8
Unemployed ('000)	3.4	3.4	4.3	▬ 0.0	↓ -0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.6	10.8	12.4	↓ -0.2	↓ -1.8
Participation Rate (%)	63.6	61.8	69.8	↑ 1.8	↓ -6.2
Employment Rate (%)	56.9	55.1	61.2	↑ 1.8	↓ -4.3

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.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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