

Saskatchewan Labour Report

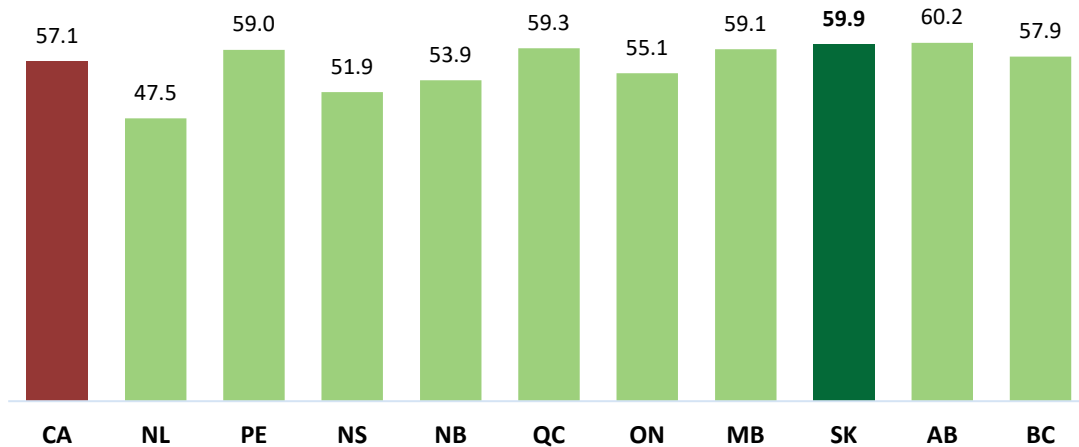
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This report highlights key indicators of Statistics Canada’s release on labour from the 2021 Census.

LABOUR FORCE OVERVIEW

According to the 2021 Census data, there were 528,900 of Saskatchewan residents aged 15 years and over who were employed and 48,605 who were unemployed, for a total labour force of 577,505. This is a decrease of 8,030 persons (1.4 per cent) from the 2016 Census labour force of 585,535 persons. The overall employment rate in Saskatchewan, at 59.9 per cent, was the second highest among the provinces and 2.8 percentage points above the national average. Figure 1 shows the employment rate in Canada and the provinces.

Figure 1: Employment Rate (Per Cent), Canada and Provinces - 2021 Census



Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Canada

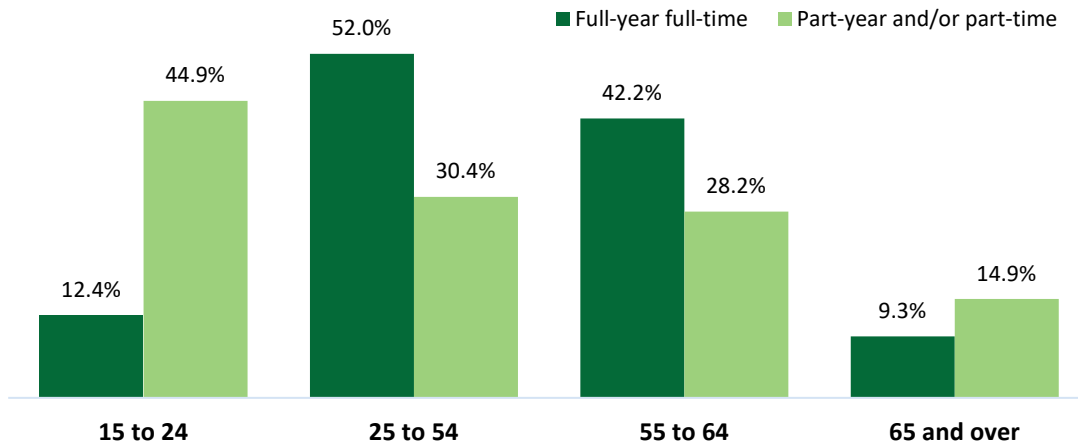
In Saskatchewan, nearly five out of six residents aged 25 to 54 worked in 2020. During calendar year 2020, 17.6 per cent of Saskatchewan residents of core working-age (25-54) did not work at all, while 82.4 per cent worked at least part of the year, the eighth highest rate among the provinces. Among core working-age Saskatchewan residents, 52.0 per cent worked full-year full-time, the fifth highest rate among the provinces. Nationally, 50.7 per cent of Canadians aged 25 to 54 worked full-year full-time (49+ weeks and 30+ hours).

Among other age groups in Saskatchewan, youth aged 15 to 24 had the highest proportion of part-year and/or part-time work activity in 2020, at 44.9 per cent. Only 12.4 per cent of Saskatchewan residents in this group worked full-year full-time. According to the 2021 Census data, nearly one out of four Saskatchewan seniors (65+) worked in 2020, 9.3 per cent worked full-year full-time, while 14.9 per cent worked part-year and/or part-time. Figure 2 shows the 2020 work activity by age group in Saskatchewan.

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Figure 2: Work Activity by Age Group in Saskatchewan - 2020



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LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY

There were 528,900 employed labour force participants in Saskatchewan, 74.6 per cent were in the services-producing sector, while the remaining 25.4 per cent were in the goods-producing sector. The top five industries in Saskatchewan comprised about half (50.3 per cent) of the employed labour force. Health care and social assistance (14.6 per cent) and retail trade (10.9 per cent) were the largest employing industries in Saskatchewan. Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting was the third largest employing industry at 8.9 per cent. In comparison, educational services (8.4 per cent) and the construction industry (7.5 per cent), were respectively the fourth and fifth largest employers in Saskatchewan.

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Additional information is available at [Statistics Canada](https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/28-001-x/2021001/article/00001-eng.htm).