

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

October 2025

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (Seasonally Adjusted)

Table 1: Month-to-Month Comparison (%)	Oct 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025 Rank*
Canada	6.9	7.1	N/A
Quebec	5.3	5.7	1
Saskatchewan	5.5	6.0	2
Manitoba	5.8	6.2	3
British Columbia	6.6	6.4	4
Nova Scotia	6.7	6.2	5
Ontario	7.6	7.9	6
Alberta	7.8	7.8	7
New Brunswick	7.9	8.1	8
Prince Edward Island	8.5	9.7	9
Newfoundland & Labrador	10.1	10.6	10
Territories and CMAs**			
Yukon	4.9	4.2	
Northwest Territories	4.3	6.2	
Nunavut	9.9	8.8	
Regina CMA	6.4	6.5	14
Saskatoon CMA	5.5	5.3	6 (tied)
By Age Group			
Youth (aged 15 - 24)	11.8	13.4	2
Core Working Age (25-54)	4.8	5.0	2
Older Workers (55 and over)	3.2	3.7	1

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01, 14-10-0292-01 and 14-10-0459-01

* Provincial ranking excluding territories due to differences in data collection and reporting.

** Based on three-month moving average.

Unemployment Rate (Seasonally Adjusted)

- SK's unemployment rate was 5.5%, the second lowest among provinces and below the national average of 6.9%.
- Regina had the 14th lowest unemployment rate at 6.4% and Saskatoon's unemployment rate tied sixth at 5.5% among 41 CMAs.
- Youth unemployment rate was 11.8%, second lowest among provinces behind Quebec (9.4%) and below the national rate of 14.1%.

EMPLOYMENT (Unadjusted)

Table 2: Year-over-Year Comparison	Oct 2025	Oct 2025 over Oct 2024		Oct 2025 Rank*
		#	%	
Canada	21,125,700	+263,900	+1.3%	N/A
Alberta	2,622,500	+90,900	+3.6%	1
Saskatchewan	621,800	+14,000	+2.3%	2
Prince Edward Island	94,100	+1,200	+1.3%	3
Quebec	4,677,000	+57,300	+1.2%	4
British Columbia	2,944,300	+27,600	+0.9%	5
Ontario	8,252,000	+67,600	+0.8%	6
Manitoba	737,200	+5,300	+0.7%	7
Newfoundland & Labrador	247,800	+1,500	+0.6%	8
New Brunswick	408,200	+200	+0.0%	9
Nova Scotia	520,800	-1,800	-0.3%	10
Territories**				
Yukon	27,300	0	0.0%	
Northwest Territories	22,400	-600	-2.6%	
Nunavut	15,100	+500	+3.4%	

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01 and 14-10-0292-01

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** Based on three-month moving average.

Record Highs

- All-time high: population aged 15 years and over (970,700) and off-reserve Indigenous population (114,500).
- Record highs for the month of October: labour force (651,200), employment (621,800), full-time employment (514,500), off-reserve Indigenous labour force (76,300), off-reserve Indigenous full-time employment (56,700), and off-reserve Indigenous youth population (27,700).

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Table 3: Year-over-Year Comparison	Saskatchewan	Canada
Overall		
October 2025	621,800	21,125,700
October 2024	607,800	20,861,800
Change Year-over-Year (Oct 2025 over Oct 2024)	+14,000 (+2.3%)	+263,900 (+1.3%)
By Status		
Full-Time	+12,600 (+2.5%)	+166,600 (+1.0%)
Part-Time	+1,400 (+1.3%)	+97,300 (+2.6%)

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01

Table 4: Year-over-Year Comparison	Oct 2025	Oct 2025 over Oct 2024	
		#	%
By Age Group			
Youth (aged 15-24)	82,700	+3,300	+4.2%
Core Working Age (25-54)	405,300	+6,400	+1.6%
Older Workers (55 and over)	133,900	+4,400	+3.4%
By Demography			
Women+*	293,300	+11,600	+4.1%
Men+*	328,500	+2,400	+0.7%
Off-reserve Indigenous**	68,600	+2,200	+3.3%
Off-reserve Indigenous Youth**	11,900	-100	-0.8%
By CMA and CA**			
Regina CMA	152,800	+9,200	+6.4%
Saskatoon CMA	207,800	+1,900	+0.9%
Moose Jaw CA	18,600	-200	-1.1%
Prince Albert CA	22,800	+2,900	+14.6%
By Economic Region**			
Regina-Moose Mountain	193,600	+9,000	+4.9%
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	51,400	-1,500	-2.8%
Saskatoon-Biggar	233,800	+1,600	+0.7%
Yorkton-Melville	41,600	+6,700	+19.2%
Prince Albert and Northern	102,600	-1,400	-1.3%

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01, 14-10-0401-01 and 14-10-0462-01

* Terms "men/men+" and "women/women+" are used interchangeably.

** Based on three-month moving average.

Year-over-Year Employment

- Employment up 14,000 compared to October 2024.
- **FT/PT**: full-time employment up 12,600 and part-time up 1,400.
- **Gender***: employment for women up 11,600 and employment for men up 2,400.
- **Off-reserve Indigenous****: employment up 2,200 for 17 consecutive months of year-over-year increases. Indigenous youth employment down 100.
- **Youth**: employment up 3,300 (+4.2%).
- **Cities****: Saskatoon employment increased by 1,900 (+0.9%) and Regina employment increased by 9,200 (+6.4%).

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EMPLOYMENT by SECTOR (Unadjusted)

Table 5: Year-over-Year Comparison	Oct 2025	Oct 2025 over Oct 2024		
		#	%	Cons. Months Gains/Losses
Public ¹	179,100	+10,600	+6.3%	↑ 37
Private ²	358,900	-3,800	-1.0%	↓ 3
Self Employed ³	83,800	+7,200	+9.4%	↑ 11
Agriculture	30,000	-200	-0.7%	↓ 2
Non-Agriculture	591,800	+14,200	+2.5%	↑ 56

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0026-01

¹ Includes those who work for a local, provincial or federal government, for a government service or agency, a crown corporation, or a government funded establishment such as a school (including universities) or hospital.

² Includes those who work as employees of a private firm or business.

³ Includes both incorporated and unincorporated working owners, self-employed persons who do not have a business and persons working in a family business without pay.

Year-over-Year Sector Employment

- Public sector employment up 10,600.
- Private sector employment down 3,800.
- Self-employed up 7,200.
- Agriculture employment down 200 and non-agriculture employment up 14,200.

EMPLOYMENT by ESTABLISHMENT SIZE (Unadjusted)

Table 6: Year-over-Year Comparison	Oct 2025	Oct 2025 over Oct 2024	
		#	%
All establishment sizes	538,000	+6,800	+1.3%
Less than 20 employees	190,900	-15,500	-7.5%
20 to 99 employees	178,900	-2,100	-1.2%
100 to 500 employees	101,500	+12,900	+14.6%
More than 500 employees	66,700	+11,400	+20.6%

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0067-01

Year-over-Year Employment by Establishment Size

- Employment down in establishments with fewer than 100 employees and increased in relatively larger establishments compared to last October.

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EMPLOYMENT (Seasonally Adjusted)

Table 7: Month-to-Month Comparison	Saskatchewan	Canada
Overall		
October 2025	618,900	21,081,900
September 2025	620,300	21,015,300
Change Month-to-Month (Sep 2025 to Oct 2025)	-1,400 (-0.2%)	+66,600 (+0.3%)
By Status		
Full-Time	-5,200 (-1.0%)	-18,500 (-0.1%)
Part-Time	+3,700 (+3.6%)	+85,100 (+2.3%)

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01

Table 8: Month-to-Month Comparison	Oct 2025	Sep 2025 to Oct 2025	
		#	%
By Demography			
Women+*	292,400	-900	-0.3%
Men+*	326,500	-500	-0.2%
Youth (aged 15-24)	85,600	-2,300	-2.6%
By Geography**			
Regina CMA	153,100	+1,500	+1.0%
Saskatoon CMA	204,800	+500	+0.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01 and 14-10-0459-01

* Terms "men/men+" and "women/women+" are used interchangeably.

** Based on three-month moving average.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Table 9: Number of Unemployed	Oct 2025	Change	
		#	%
Year-over-Year (Unadjusted)			
Total	29,400	-1,300	-4.2%
Youth	9,000	-100	-1.1%
Regina CMA*	10,100	+900	+9.8%
Saskatoon CMA*	12,200	+600	+5.2%
Moose Jaw CA*	1,300	-200	-13.3%
Prince Albert CA*	1,900	+300	+18.8%
Off-reserve Indigenous*	7,700	-100	-1.3%
Off-reserve Indigenous Youth*	2,800	-900	-24.3%
Month-to-Month (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Total	35,900	-3,700	-9.3%
Youth	11,400	-2,200	-6.6%
Regina CMA*	10,400	-200	-1.9%
Saskatoon CMA*	11,900	+400	+3.5%

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01, 14-10-0459-01 and 14-10-0401-01

* Based on three-month moving average.

Month-to-Month Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

- SK's employment down 1,400.
- FT/PT: full-time employment down 5,200 and part-time up 3,700.
- Gender*: employment for women down 900 and employment for men down 500.
- Youth: employment down 2,300.
- Cities**: Saskatoon's employment up 500 and Regina's employment up 1,500.

Unemployment

- Unemployment down 1,300 from a year ago, and down 3,700 from a month ago.
- Regina*: unemployment up 900 from a year ago, and down 200 from a month ago.
- Saskatoon*: unemployment up 600 from a year ago, and up 400 from a month ago.
- Youth: unemployment down 100 from a year ago, and down 2,200 from a month ago.
- Off-reserve Indigenous*: unemployment down 100 from a year ago.
- Off-reserve Indigenous Youth*: unemployment down 900 from a year ago.

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EMPLOYMENT by INDUSTRY (Unadjusted)

Table 10: Year-over-Year Comparison	Oct 2025 over Oct 2024		
	#	%	Cons. Months Gains/Losses
Employment increases:			
Health Care & Social Assistance	+7,300	+7.6%	↑ 16
Construction	+4,400	+9.6%	↑ 14
Other Services*	+3,600	+14.5%	↑ 7
Public Administration	+3,100	+8.1%	↑ 16
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	+3,000	+11.2%	↑ 8
Business, Building & Other Support Services	+1,900	+17.4%	↑ 2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	+1,900	+2.0%	↑ 2
Utilities	+1,800	+31.6%	↑ 6
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	+900	+2.7%	↑ 1
Information, Culture & Recreation	+800	+3.9%	↑ 11
Accommodation & Food Services	+400	+1.2%	↑ 4
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil & Gas	+200	+0.9%	↑ 20
Employment decreases:			
Agriculture	-200	-0.7%	↓ 2
Educational services	-3,500	-6.0%	↓ 1
Transportation & Warehousing	-4,200	-13.9%	↓ 8
Manufacturing	-7,400	-21.6%	↓ 4
Total	+14,000	+2.3%	

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0355-01

* Includes Repair & Maintenance, Personal & Laundry Services, Religious, Grant-Making, Civic & Professional and Related Organizations, and Private Households.

Year-over-Year Industry Employment

- The three industries with the largest employment gains were health care & social assistance (+7,300), construction (+4,400) and other services* (+3,600).
- The three industries with the largest employment losses were manufacturing (-7,400), transportation & warehousing (-4,200) and educational services (-3,500).

Industry Gains

Industries that had **BOTH** year-over-year and month-to-month employment gains are:

- Utilities
- Construction
- Wholesale and Retail Trade
- Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing
- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services
- Health Care & Social Assistance
- Information, Culture & Recreation
- Other Services*

Industry Losses

Industries that had **BOTH** year-over-year and month-to-month employment losses are:

- Manufacturing
- Transportation & Warehousing
- Educational services

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Table 11: Month-to-Month Comparison	Sep 2025 to Oct 2025		
	#	%	Cons. Months Gains/Losses
Employment increases:			
Construction	+1,600	+3.4%	↑ 1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	+1,400	+4.9%	↑ 1
Other Services*	+1,200	+4.4%	↑ 1
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	+700	+2.1%	↑ 1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	+300	+0.3%	↑ 2
Information, Culture & Recreation	+300	+1.4%	↑ 1
Agriculture	+100	+0.4%	↑ 1
Utilities	+100	+1.3%	↑ 1
Health Care & Social Assistance	+100	+0.1%	↑ 1
Employment decreases:			
Accommodation & Food Services	-100	-0.3%	↓ 1
Manufacturing	-300	-1.1%	↓ 1
Public Administration	-400	-0.9%	↓ 1
Business, Building & Other Support Services	-800	-5.8%	↓ 1
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil & Gas	-1,100	-4.6%	↓ 1
Transportation & Warehousing	-1,400	-5.1%	↓ 1
Educational services	-2,800	-5.1%	↓ 2
Total	-1,400	-0.2%	

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0355-01

* Includes Repair & Maintenance, Personal & Laundry Services, Religious, Grant-Making, Civic & Professional and Related Organizations, and Private Households.

Month-to-Month Industry Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

- The three industries with the largest employment gains were construction (+1,600), finance, insurance, real estate & leasing (+1,400) and other services* (+1,200).
- The three industries with the largest employment losses were educational services (-2,800), transportation & warehousing (-1,400) and forestry, fishing, mining, oil & gas (-1,100).