

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

April 2012

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended April 21, 2012, there were 531,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan during April 2012, an increase of 9,800 from March 2012 and 13,100 more than the number employed in April 2011.

Agricultural employment was 37,200 persons in April 2012, up 3,300 from the March 2012 level but 2,300 less than the April 2011 agricultural employment level of 39,500. Non-agricultural employment was 494,600 persons in April 2012. This is an increase of 6,500 from the March 2012 non-agriculture employment level of 488,100 and 15,400 more than April 2011.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for April 2012 was 5.4 percent. This is an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the March 2012 rate of 5.1 percent but 0.2 percentage points lower than the April 2011 level of 5.6 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 11,600 to 561,900 persons in April 2012 from 550,300 persons in March 2012. This is 12,500 more than the April 2011 labour force of 549,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 1.4 percentage points to 69.6 percent in April 2012 from 68.2 percent in March 2012. The April 2011 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.9 percent.

There were 30,100 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during April 2012. This is an increase of 1,800 from March 2012 but is 600 less than the number unemployed in April 2011.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 536,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in April 2012, up 6,800 from the March 2012 level of 529,700 and up 12,100 from the April 2011 employment level of 524,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2012 was 4.9 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the March 2012 rate of 4.8 percent but 0.1 percentage points lower than the April 2011 rate of 5.0 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 190,600 persons in April 2012 to 17,338,800 persons from 17,148,200 persons in March 2012. In April 2011, there were 17,088,800 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points in April 2012 to 7.5 percent from the March 2012 level of 7.7 percent. In April 2011, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.9 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.3 percent in April 2012. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than March 2012 but 0.3 percentage points lower than the April 2011 level of 7.6 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit [www.stats.gov.sk.ca](http://www.stats.gov.sk.ca)

TABLE 1

**SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES**

	<u>April</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,751.3	18,581.1	18,557.8	170.2	193.5
Employed ('000)	17,338.8	17,148.2	17,088.8	190.6	250.0
Full-Time ('000)	13,898.5	13,717.5	13,662.0	181.0	236.5
Part-Time ('000)	3,440.3	3,430.7	3,426.8	9.6	13.5
Unemployed ('000)	1,412.5	1,432.8	1,469.0	-20.3	-56.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	7.7	7.9	-0.2	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.3	7.2	7.6	0.1	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	66.4	65.9	66.5	0.5	-0.1
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	561.9	550.3	549.4	11.6	12.5
Employed ('000)	531.8	522.0	518.7	9.8	13.1
Full-Time ('000)	435.8	425.6	418.3	10.2	17.5
Part-Time ('000)	96.1	96.4	100.4	-0.3	-4.3
Unemployed ('000)	30.1	28.3	30.7	1.8	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.1	5.6	0.3	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.9	4.8	5.0	0.1	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	68.2	68.9	1.4	0.7
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,230.3	2,226.4	2,168.5	3.9	61.8
Employed ('000)	2,118.5	2,109.4	2,036.2	9.1	82.3
Full-Time ('000)	1,740.4	1,742.3	1,674.1	-1.9	66.3
Part-Time ('000)	378.1	367.2	362.1	10.9	16.0
Unemployed ('000)	111.8	117.0	132.3	-5.2	-20.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	5.3	6.1	-0.3	-1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.9	5.3	5.9	-0.4	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	73.1	73.2	72.4	-0.1	0.7
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	660.7	656.9	654.7	3.8	6.0
Employed ('000)	625.9	621.7	619.2	4.2	6.7
Full-Time ('000)	500.1	495.5	495.7	4.6	4.4
Part-Time ('000)	125.8	126.2	123.5	-0.4	2.3
Unemployed ('000)	34.8	35.2	35.4	-0.4	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.4	5.4	-0.1	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.3	5.3	5.2	0.0	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	68.4	68.9	0.3	-0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<b>April <u>2012</u></b>	<b>March <u>2012</u></b>	<b>April <u>2011</u></b>	<b>Change from</b>	
				<b><u>Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	<b>561.9</b>	<b>550.3</b>	<b>549.4</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>12.5</b>
Male	303.0	296.1	295.1	6.9	7.9
Female	258.9	254.2	254.3	4.7	4.6
15-24 Years of Age	91.9	88.4	88.5	3.5	3.4
25+ Years of age	470.0	461.9	460.9	8.1	9.1
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	<b>531.8</b>	<b>522.0</b>	<b>518.7</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>13.1</b>
Male	287.3	280.0	276.7	7.3	10.6
Female	244.5	242.0	242.0	2.5	2.5
15-24 Years of Age	81.7	81.0	76.8	0.7	4.9
25+ Years of age	450.1	441.0	441.9	9.1	8.2
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
Male	15.7	16.1	18.4	-0.4	-2.7
Female	14.4	12.2	12.3	2.2	2.1
15-24 Years of Age	10.2	7.4	11.7	2.8	-1.5
25+ Years of age	19.9	20.9	19.1	-1.0	0.8
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Male	5.2	5.4	6.2	-0.2	-1.0
Female	5.6	4.8	4.8	0.8	0.8
15-24 Years of Age	11.1	8.4	13.2	2.7	-2.1
25+ Years of age	4.2	4.5	4.1	-0.3	0.1
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	<b>69.6</b>	<b>68.2</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Male	75.6	74.0	74.7	1.6	0.9
Female	63.6	62.5	63.2	1.1	0.4
15-24 Years of Age	67.4	64.8	64.6	2.6	2.8
25+ Years of age	70.0	68.9	69.8	1.1	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<u>April</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	37.2	33.9	39.5	3.3	-2.3
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.0	25.9	22.9	-0.9	2.1
Utilities	5.6	5.3	5.4	0.3	0.2
Construction	42.3	38.0	35.6	4.3	6.7
Manufacturing	27.5	27.3	28.7	0.2	-1.2
Trade	80.2	77.8	82.2	2.4	-2.0
Transportation and Warehousing	26.6	25.6	25.7	1.0	0.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.4	31.3	31.0	-0.9	-0.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	24.4	25.4	24.7	-1.0	-0.3
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.9	11.8	11.2	0.1	0.7
Educational Services	45.0	45.8	41.7	-0.8	3.3
Health Care and Social Assistance	69.5	67.7	66.2	1.8	3.3
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.4	17.1	17.6	2.3	1.8
Accommodation and Food Services	33.0	33.9	29.9	-0.9	3.1
Other Services	23.4	25.2	25.1	-1.8	-1.7
Public Administration	30.2	29.9	31.3	0.3	-1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>531.8</b>	<b>522.0</b>	<b>518.7</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>13.1</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	435.8	425.6	418.3	10.2	17.5
Part-Time	96.1	96.4	100.4	-0.3	-4.3
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	434.4	424.8	422.2	9.6	12.2
Public Sector	137.2	137.2	137.1	0.0	0.1
Private Sector	297.2	287.6	285.0	9.6	12.2
Self-Employed	97.4	97.2	96.5	0.2	0.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>April</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,338.8	17,148.2	17,088.8	190.6	250.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	226.1	217.5	220.9	8.6	5.2
Prince Edward Island	69.5	67.6	67.7	1.9	1.8
Nova Scotia	445.3	442.3	439.5	3.0	5.8
New Brunswick	344.7	333.7	341.6	11.0	3.1
Quebec	3,935.4	3,871.3	3,899.0	64.1	36.4
Ontario	6,737.7	6,685.1	6,691.0	52.6	46.7
Manitoba	625.9	621.7	619.2	4.2	6.7
Saskatchewan	531.8	522.0	518.7	9.8	13.1
Alberta	2,118.5	2,109.4	2,036.2	9.1	82.3
British Columbia	2,304.1	2,277.7	2,255.0	26.4	49.1
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	7.5	7.7	7.9	-0.2	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.5	14.4	13.3	-0.9	0.2
Prince Edward Island	14.4	13.1	14.6	1.3	-0.2
Nova Scotia	10.0	9.3	9.9	0.7	0.1
New Brunswick	11.1	11.6	11.5	-0.5	-0.4
Quebec	8.7	8.8	8.6	-0.1	0.1
Ontario	7.7	7.8	7.9	-0.1	-0.2
Manitoba	5.3	5.4	5.4	-0.1	-0.1
Saskatchewan	5.4	5.1	5.6	0.3	-0.2
Alberta	5.0	5.3	6.1	-0.3	-1.1
British Columbia	6.3	7.1	7.9	-0.8	-1.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>April</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,494.7	17,436.5	17,280.9	58.2	213.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	232.0	228.1	231.3	3.9	0.7
Prince Edward Island	73.0	72.0	71.5	1.0	1.5
Nova Scotia	454.5	456.6	447.2	-2.1	7.3
New Brunswick	351.4	346.9	352.3	4.5	-0.9
Quebec	3,975.4	3,952.1	3,954.5	23.3	20.9
Ontario	6,780.5	6,788.2	6,743.0	-7.7	37.5
Manitoba	629.6	631.4	623.5	-1.8	6.1
Saskatchewan	536.5	529.7	524.4	6.8	12.1
Alberta	2,143.0	2,132.3	2,063.1	10.7	79.9
British Columbia	2,318.8	2,299.1	2,270.1	19.7	48.7
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	7.3	7.2	7.6	0.1	-0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.3	13.0	11.3	-0.7	1.0
Prince Edward Island	11.0	11.3	11.3	-0.3	-0.3
Nova Scotia	9.0	8.3	9.1	0.7	-0.1
New Brunswick	9.8	10.2	9.9	-0.4	-0.1
Quebec	8.0	7.9	7.8	0.1	0.2
Ontario	7.8	7.4	7.9	0.4	-0.1
Manitoba	5.3	5.3	5.2	0.0	0.1
Saskatchewan	4.9	4.8	5.0	0.1	-0.1
Alberta	4.9	5.3	5.9	-0.4	-1.0
British Columbia	6.2	7.0	7.8	-0.8	-1.6

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>April</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2011</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	7.6	8.2	5.9	-0.6	1.7
Halifax	6.4	6.3	6.6	0.1	-0.2
Saint John	8.8	8.9	7.1	-0.1	1.7
Quebec	5.7	5.8	7.4	-0.1	-1.7
Montreal	9.7	9.8	8.6	-0.1	1.1
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.1	5.9	6.3	0.2	-0.2
Greater Sudbury	7.3	7.8	8.2	-0.5	-0.9
Toronto	8.2	8.3	8.2	-0.1	0.0
Winnipeg	5.7	5.9	5.7	-0.2	0.0
Regina	4.1	4.1	5.9	0.0	-1.8
Saskatoon	6.1	6.0	6.5	0.1	-0.4
Calgary	5.1	4.9	5.9	0.2	-0.8
Edmonton	5.5	5.8	6.0	-0.3	-0.5
Vancouver	6.3	6.6	8.4	-0.3	-2.1
Victoria	4.9	5.5	6.0	-0.6	-1.1
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b><u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	166.4	165.6	159.1	0.8	7.3
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	48.4	46.8	50.7	1.6	-2.3
Saskatoon-Biggar	174.7	174.5	171.0	0.2	3.7
Yorkton-Melville	39.1	39.4	38.9	-0.3	0.2
Prince Albert & Northern	96.6	95.1	97.4	1.5	-0.8

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)

	<u>April</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	554.0	549.6	548.8	4.4	5.2
Employed ('000)	524.5	520.8	516.8	3.7	7.7
Unemployed ('000)	29.5	28.8	31.9	0.7	-2.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.2	5.8	0.1	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	68.2	68.8	0.5	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	65.0	64.6	64.8	0.4	0.2
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	508.2	503.3	504.2	4.9	4.0
Employed ('000)	485.3	481.9	480.8	3.4	4.5
Unemployed ('000)	22.9	21.5	23.4	1.4	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.3	4.6	0.2	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	68.5	69.3	0.6	-0.2
Employment Rate (%)	65.9	65.5	66.1	0.4	-0.2
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	45.8	46.3	44.6	-0.5	1.2
Employed ('000)	39.2	39.0	36.0	0.2	3.2
Unemployed ('000)	6.6	7.3	8.5	-0.7	-1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.5	15.8	19.2	-1.3	-4.7
Participation Rate (%)	64.7	65.5	64.3	-0.8	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	55.3	55.2	52.0	0.1	3.3
<b><u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18.2	19.2	17.4	-1.0	0.8
Employed ('000)	14.4	15.1	12.9	-0.7	1.5
Unemployed ('000)	3.8	4.0	4.5	-0.2	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	20.7	20.9	26.0	-0.2	-5.3
Participation Rate (%)	58.8	61.9	57.5	-3.1	1.3
Employment Rate (%)	46.6	49.0	42.6	-2.4	4.0
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	27.3	26.9	27.0	0.4	0.3
Employed ('000)	24.5	23.6	23.0	0.9	1.5
Unemployed ('000)	2.8	3.3	4.0	-0.5	-1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.2	12.3	14.8	-2.1	-4.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	68.1	69.5	1.0	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	62.0	59.7	59.2	2.3	2.8

## Notes:

- 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.
- The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
- 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)
- Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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