

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

September 2012

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended September 15, 2012, there were 540,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan during September 2012, a decrease of 8,300 from August 2012 but 10,600 more than the number employed in September 2011.

Agricultural employment was 44,600 persons in September 2012, up 1,400 from the August 2012 level and 2,500 more than the September 2011 agricultural employment level of 42,100. Non-agricultural employment was 496,200 persons in September 2012. This is a decrease of 9,700 from the August 2012 non-agriculture employment level of 505,900 but 8,100 more than September 2011.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for September 2012 was 4.0 percent. This is a decrease of 1.2 percentage points from the August 2012 rate of 5.2 percent and equal to the September 2011 level of 4.0 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 16,000 to 563,400 persons in September 2012 from 579,400 persons in August 2012. This is 11,000 more than the September 2011 labour force of 552,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 2.1 percentage points to 69.2 percent in September 2012 from 71.3 percent in August 2012. The September 2011 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.9 percent.

There were 22,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during September 2012. This is a decrease of 7,700 from August 2012 but is 500 more than the number unemployed in September 2011.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 538,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan in September 2012, down 3,600 from the August 2012 level of 542,000 but is up 10,800 from the September 2011 employment level of 527,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2012 was 4.7 percent. This is an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the August 2012 rate of 4.4 percent and 0.1 percentage points higher than the September 2011 rate of 4.6 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 124,100 persons in September 2012 to 17,644,900 persons from 17,769,000 persons in August 2012. In September 2011, there were 17,450,200 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 1.1 percentage points in September 2012 to 6.7 percent from the August 2012 level of 7.8 percent. In September 2011, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.4 percent in September 2012. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than August 2012 and 0.2 percentage points higher than the September 2011 level of 7.2 percent.

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

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	September <u>2012</u>	August <u>2012</u>	September <u>2011</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,915.9	19,276.6	18,684.4	-360.7	231.5
Employed ('000)	17,644.9	17,769.0	17,450.2	-124.1	194.7
Full-Time ('000)	14,405.4	14,832.4	14,207.8	-427.0	197.6
Part-Time ('000)	3,239.5	2,936.6	3,242.4	302.9	-2.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,271.0	1,507.6	1,234.2	-236.6	36.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	7.8	6.6	-1.1	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.4	7.3	7.2	0.1	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	66.6	68.0	66.6	-1.4	0.0
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	563.4	579.4	552.4	-16.0	11.0
Employed ('000)	540.8	549.1	530.2	-8.3	10.6
Full-Time ('000)	453.3	468.4	439.8	-15.1	13.5
Part-Time ('000)	87.5	80.8	90.4	6.7	-2.9
Unemployed ('000)	22.6	30.3	22.1	-7.7	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	5.2	4.0	-1.2	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.7	4.4	4.6	0.3	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	71.3	68.9	-2.1	0.3
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,254.8	2,289.8	2,234.2	-35.0	20.6
Employed ('000)	2,158.9	2,173.6	2,119.3	-14.7	39.6
Full-Time ('000)	1,823.0	1,868.3	1,774.9	-45.3	48.1
Part-Time ('000)	335.9	305.3	344.4	30.6	-8.5
Unemployed ('000)	95.9	116.3	114.9	-20.4	-19.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	5.1	5.1	-0.8	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.4	4.4	5.3	0.0	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	73.0	74.4	74.0	-1.4	-1.0
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	669.3	681.6	660.9	-12.3	8.4
Employed ('000)	637.4	635.9	625.8	1.5	11.6
Full-Time ('000)	515.9	531.9	502.7	-16.0	13.2
Part-Time ('000)	121.5	104.0	123.0	17.5	-1.5
Unemployed ('000)	31.9	45.7	35.1	-13.8	-3.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	6.7	5.3	-1.9	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.0	5.4	5.6	-0.4	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	70.7	69.1	-1.3	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	September <u>2012</u>	August <u>2012</u>	September <u>2011</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	563.4	579.4	552.4	-16.0	11.0
Male	305.4	315.0	299.2	-9.6	6.2
Female	258.0	264.4	253.2	-6.4	4.8
15-24 Years of Age	90.4	104.0	89.3	-13.6	1.1
25+ Years of age	473.0	475.4	463.1	-2.4	9.9
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	540.8	549.1	530.2	-8.3	10.6
Male	294.8	302.1	288.3	-7.3	6.5
Female	246.1	247.0	241.9	-0.9	4.2
15-24 Years of Age	80.8	94.2	80.6	-13.4	0.2
25+ Years of age	460.0	454.9	449.6	5.1	10.4
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	22.6	30.3	22.1	-7.7	0.5
Male	10.7	12.9	10.9	-2.2	-0.2
Female	11.9	17.3	11.3	-5.4	0.6
15-24 Years of Age	9.6	9.7	8.6	-0.1	1.0
25+ Years of age	13.0	20.5	13.5	-7.5	-0.5
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	4.0	5.2	4.0	-1.2	0.0
Male	3.5	4.1	3.6	-0.6	-0.1
Female	4.6	6.5	4.5	-1.9	0.1
15-24 Years of Age	10.6	9.3	9.6	1.3	1.0
25+ Years of age	2.7	4.3	2.9	-1.6	-0.2
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	69.2	71.3	68.9	-2.1	0.3
Male	75.5	78.0	75.3	-2.5	0.2
Female	63.0	64.6	62.6	-1.6	0.4
15-24 Years of Age	66.2	76.2	65.4	-10.0	0.8
25+ Years of age	69.8	70.3	69.6	-0.5	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	September <u>2012</u>	August <u>2012</u>	September <u>2011</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	44.6	43.2	42.1	1.4	2.5
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.9	27.1	25.1	-1.2	0.8
Utilities	5.9	6.5	5.1	-0.6	0.8
Construction	48.1	50.3	41.6	-2.2	6.5
Manufacturing	26.0	25.1	25.6	0.9	0.4
Trade	81.6	80.2	81.1	1.4	0.5
Transportation and Warehousing	24.2	26.8	26.4	-2.6	-2.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.8	32.9	31.0	-2.1	-0.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	25.5	27.7	26.3	-2.2	-0.8
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.9	13.7	11.5	-0.8	1.4
Educational Services	43.2	33.5	38.8	9.7	4.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	69.5	69.2	68.9	0.3	0.6
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.6	21.6	18.5	-3.0	0.1
Accommodation and Food Services	26.6	29.9	30.6	-3.3	-4.0
Other Services	26.1	27.5	26.6	-1.4	-0.5
Public Administration	31.3	33.9	30.9	-2.6	0.4
Total	540.8	549.1	530.2	-8.3	10.6
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	453.3	468.4	439.8	-15.1	13.5
Part-Time	87.5	80.8	90.4	6.7	-2.9
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	440.3	449.1	430.2	-8.8	10.1
Public Sector	137.9	133.5	134.1	4.4	3.8
Private Sector	302.4	315.6	296.0	-13.2	6.4
Self-Employed	100.5	100.0	100.1	0.5	0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>September</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,644.9	17,769.0	17,450.2	-124.1	194.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	235.2	240.7	227.9	-5.5	7.3
Prince Edward Island	74.7	77.8	75.7	-3.1	-1.0
Nova Scotia	462.1	468.0	455.3	-5.9	6.8
New Brunswick	354.0	366.2	358.7	-12.2	-4.7
Quebec	4,049.0	4,063.2	4,008.8	-14.2	40.2
Ontario	6,794.5	6,845.9	6,744.3	-51.4	50.2
Manitoba	637.4	635.9	625.8	1.5	11.6
Saskatchewan	540.8	549.1	530.2	-8.3	10.6
Alberta	2,158.9	2,173.6	2,119.3	-14.7	39.6
British Columbia	2,338.2	2,348.6	2,304.2	-10.4	34.0
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	6.7	7.8	6.6	-1.1	0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	10.6	12.4	11.6	-1.8	-1.0
Prince Edward Island	9.2	9.7	9.2	-0.5	0.0
Nova Scotia	7.8	9.7	7.8	-1.9	0.0
New Brunswick	9.6	10.4	7.6	-0.8	2.0
Quebec	6.9	7.8	6.4	-0.9	0.5
Ontario	7.4	8.8	7.2	-1.4	0.2
Manitoba	4.8	6.7	5.3	-1.9	-0.5
Saskatchewan	4.0	5.2	4.0	-1.2	0.0
Alberta	4.3	5.1	5.1	-0.8	-0.8
British Columbia	6.5	7.0	6.3	-0.5	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	September <u>2012</u>	August <u>2012</u>	September <u>2011</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,565.7	17,513.6	17,391.2	52.1	174.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	228.7	228.9	220.3	-0.2	8.4
Prince Edward Island	72.0	72.2	73.3	-0.2	-1.3
Nova Scotia	458.6	456.8	453.7	1.8	4.9
New Brunswick	350.0	351.9	353.2	-1.9	-3.2
Quebec	3,999.9	3,989.3	3,967.0	10.6	32.9
Ontario	6,798.8	6,767.7	6,754.1	31.1	44.7
Manitoba	635.0	628.4	624.7	6.6	10.3
Saskatchewan	538.4	542.0	527.6	-3.6	10.8
Alberta	2,156.0	2,153.9	2,118.6	2.1	37.4
British Columbia	2,328.3	2,322.6	2,298.8	5.7	29.5
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	7.4	7.3	7.2	0.1	0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.3	12.7	13.6	-0.4	-1.3
Prince Edward Island	11.2	11.7	11.4	-0.5	-0.2
Nova Scotia	8.6	9.7	8.4	-1.1	0.2
New Brunswick	11.0	10.4	9.0	0.6	2.0
Quebec	8.0	7.6	7.4	0.4	0.6
Ontario	7.9	8.0	7.7	-0.1	0.2
Manitoba	5.0	5.4	5.6	-0.4	-0.6
Saskatchewan	4.7	4.4	4.6	0.3	0.1
Alberta	4.4	4.4	5.3	0.0	-0.9
British Columbia	7.0	6.7	6.8	0.3	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	September <u>2012</u>	August <u>2012</u>	September <u>2011</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	7.4	7.6	7.1	-0.2	0.3
Halifax	5.9	6.6	6.6	-0.7	-0.7
Saint John	9.6	9.4	6.3	0.2	3.3
Quebec	5.2	5.2	4.3	0.0	0.9
Montreal	7.9	8.2	8.1	-0.3	-0.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.9	6.5	5.8	0.4	1.1
Greater Sudbury	7.5	7.7	7.0	-0.2	0.5
Toronto	9.3	9.4	8.7	-0.1	0.6
Winnipeg	6.0	6.0	6.6	0.0	-0.6
Regina	4.7	4.9	4.7	-0.2	0.0
Saskatoon	5.8	5.8	6.1	0.0	-0.3
Calgary	5.1	4.9	6.2	0.2	-1.1
Edmonton	4.6	4.6	5.7	0.0	-1.1
Vancouver	7.2	7.0	7.4	0.2	-0.2
Victoria	6.0	5.7	6.3	0.3	-0.3
SASKATCHEWAN					
ECONOMIC REGIONS					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	171.8	171.4	170.4	0.4	1.4
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	49.6	50.8	50.2	-1.2	-0.6
Saskatoon-Biggar	184.8	186.2	172.7	-1.4	12.1
Yorkton-Melville	36.9	36.1	40.6	0.8	-3.7
Prince Albert & Northern	101.1	102.4	96.7	-1.3	4.4

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)

	September <u>2012</u>	August <u>2012</u>	September <u>2011</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	572.2	575.9	556.9	-3.7	15.3
Employed ('000)	544.2	546.9	529.3	-2.7	14.9
Unemployed ('000)	27.9	29.0	27.6	-1.1	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	5.0	4.9	-0.1	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	70.4	71.0	69.5	-0.6	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	67.0	67.4	66.1	-0.4	0.9
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	526.3	529.5	508.7	-3.2	17.6
Employed ('000)	505.1	507.3	487.5	-2.2	17.6
Unemployed ('000)	21.2	22.2	21.2	-1.0	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	4.2	4.2	-0.2	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	71.0	71.5	69.6	-0.5	1.4
Employment Rate (%)	68.1	68.5	66.7	-0.4	1.4
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	45.8	46.4	48.2	-0.6	-2.4
Employed ('000)	39.1	39.6	41.8	-0.5	-2.7
Unemployed ('000)	6.7	6.8	6.4	-0.1	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.6	14.7	13.2	-0.1	1.4
Participation Rate (%)	64.2	65.1	68.9	-0.9	-4.7
Employment Rate (%)	54.8	55.6	59.8	-0.8	-5.0
<u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	18.6	18.4	20.0	0.2	-1.4
Employed ('000)	14.7	14.4	16.1	0.3	-1.4
Unemployed ('000)	4.0	4.1	3.9	-0.1	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	21.3	22.1	19.4	-0.8	1.9
Participation Rate (%)	59.6	59.1	65.4	0.5	-5.8
Employment Rate (%)	46.9	46.1	52.8	0.8	-5.9
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	26.9	27.6	28.2	-0.7	-1.3
Employed ('000)	24.2	25.0	25.7	-0.8	-1.5
Unemployed ('000)	2.7	2.7	2.5	0.0	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.0	9.7	8.9	0.3	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.7	69.7	71.6	-2.0	-3.9
Employment Rate (%)	60.9	62.9	65.3	-2.0	-4.4

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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