

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

February 2010

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended February 20, 2010, there were 517,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan during February 2010, an increase of 6,400 from January 2010 and 3,100 more than the number employed in February 2009.

Agricultural employment was 42,400 persons in February 2010, up 3,200 from the January 2010 level and 3,700 more than the February 2009 agricultural employment level of 38,700. Non-agricultural employment was 475,000 persons in February 2010. This is an increase of 3,200 from the January 2010 non-agriculture employment level of 471,800 but 600 less than February 2009.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for February 2010 was 4.7 percent. This is a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the January 2010 rate of 5.1 percent and 0.5 percentage points lower than the February 2009 level of 5.2 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 4,500 to 542,800 persons in February 2010 from 538,300 persons in January 2010. This is 300 more than the February 2009 labour force of persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.4 percentage points to 69.0 percent in February 2010 from 68.6 percent in January 2010. The February 2009 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.9 percent.

There were 25,400 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during February 2010. This is a decrease of 1,800 from January 2010 and is 2,800 less than the number unemployed in February 2009.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 523,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan in February 2010, up 4,100 from the January 2010 level of 519,800 and is up 1,900 from the February 2009 employment level of 522,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2010 was 4.3 percent. This is a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the January 2010 rate of 4.7 percent and 0.3 percentage points lower than the February 2009 rate of 4.6 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 87,900 persons in February 2010 to 16,682,800 persons from 16,594,900 persons in January 2010. In February 2009, there were 16,578,200 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points to 8.5 percent from the January 2010 level of 8.7 percent. In February 2009, Canada's unemployment rate was 8.3 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 8.2 percent in February 2010. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than January 2010 but 0.2 percentage points higher than the February 2009 level of 8.0 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	February <u>2010</u>	January <u>2010</u>	February <u>2009</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,233.3	18,180.1	18,081.4	53.2	151.9
Employed ('000)	16,682.8	16,594.9	16,578.2	87.9	104.6
Full-Time ('000)	13,337.4	13,243.0	13,214.2	94.4	123.2
Part-Time ('000)	3,345.4	3,351.9	3,364.1	-6.5	-18.7
Unemployed ('000)	1,550.5	1,585.2	1,503.2	-34.7	47.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	8.7	8.3	-0.2	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	8.2	8.3	8.0	-0.1	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	66.2	66.1	66.6	0.1	-0.4
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	542.8	538.3	542.5	4.5	0.3
Employed ('000)	517.4	511.0	514.3	6.4	3.1
Full-Time ('000)	419.1	414.6	407.1	4.5	12.0
Part-Time ('000)	98.2	96.5	107.3	1.7	-9.1
Unemployed ('000)	25.4	27.2	28.2	-1.8	-2.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	5.1	5.2	-0.4	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.3	4.7	4.6	-0.4	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	68.6	69.9	0.4	-0.9
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,103.2	2,103.4	2,101.3	-0.2	1.9
Employed ('000)	1,959.2	1,961.2	1,978.0	-2.0	-18.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,593.3	1,597.5	1,605.6	-4.2	-12.3
Part-Time ('000)	365.9	363.8	372.4	2.1	-6.5
Unemployed ('000)	144.1	142.2	123.3	1.9	20.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.9	6.8	5.9	0.1	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.9	6.6	5.9	0.3	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	72.4	72.5	74.1	-0.1	-1.7
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	640.4	638.3	632.5	2.1	7.9
Employed ('000)	604.0	601.5	599.0	2.5	5.0
Full-Time ('000)	481.4	472.8	479.9	8.6	1.5
Part-Time ('000)	122.6	128.6	119.2	-6.0	3.4
Unemployed ('000)	36.4	36.9	33.4	-0.5	3.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.8	5.3	-0.1	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.4	5.4	5.0	0.0	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	68.7	69.0	0.1	-0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	February <u>2010</u>	January <u>2010</u>	February <u>2009</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	542.8	538.3	542.5	4.5	0.3
Male	289.6	287.3	287.1	2.3	2.5
Female	253.2	251.0	255.4	2.2	-2.2
15-24 Years of Age	89.4	89.0	96.6	0.4	-7.2
25+ Years of age	453.3	449.3	445.9	4.0	7.4
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	517.4	511.0	514.3	6.4	3.1
Male	273.2	269.4	268.9	3.8	4.3
Female	244.2	241.7	245.4	2.5	-1.2
15-24 Years of Age	81.6	81.0	86.1	0.6	-4.5
25+ Years of age	453.8	430.0	428.2	23.8	25.6
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	25.4	27.2	28.2	-1.8	-2.8
Male	16.4	17.9	18.1	-1.5	-1.7
Female	9.0	9.3	10.1	-0.3	-1.1
15-24 Years of Age	7.8	8.0	10.6	-0.2	-2.8
25+ Years of age	17.6	19.2	17.6	-1.6	0.0
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	4.7	5.1	5.2	-0.4	-0.5
Male	5.7	6.2	6.3	-0.5	-0.6
Female	3.6	3.7	4.0	-0.1	-0.4
15-24 Years of Age	8.7	9.0	11.0	-0.3	-2.3
25+ Years of age	3.9	4.3	3.9	-0.4	0.0
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	69.0	68.6	69.9	0.4	-0.9
Male	74.6	74.1	75.1	0.5	-0.5
Female	63.6	63.1	65.0	0.5	-1.4
15-24 Years of Age	64.6	64.3	69.2	0.3	-4.6
25+ Years of age	70.0	69.5	70.1	0.5	-0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	February <u>2010</u>	January <u>2010</u>	February <u>2009</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	42.4	39.2	38.7	3.2	3.7
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	28.8	27.5	25.3	1.3	3.5
Utilities	4.0	4.8	4.8	-0.8	-0.8
Construction	35.1	37.2	34.3	-2.1	0.8
Manufacturing	28.5	27.2	30.6	1.3	-2.1
Trade	77.7	77.9	83.2	-0.2	-5.5
Transportation and Warehousing	26.5	24.9	24.3	1.6	2.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.5	30.8	29.9	-0.3	0.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	23.5	22.0	21.2	1.5	2.3
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.8	11.9	10.9	0.9	1.9
Educational Services	40.3	43.2	41.5	-2.9	-1.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	68.5	67.5	64.4	1.0	4.1
Information, Culture and Recreation	16.9	16.4	20.0	0.5	-3.1
Accommodation and Food Services	30.6	29.7	31.4	0.9	-0.8
Other Services	23.0	22.7	23.6	0.3	-0.6
Public Administration	28.2	28.1	30.3	0.1	-2.1
Total	517.4	511.0	514.3	6.4	3.1
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	419.1	414.6	407.1	4.5	12.0
Part-Time	98.2	96.5	107.3	1.7	-9.1
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	415.4	411.9	420.1	3.5	-4.7
Public Sector	129.9	132.2	133.3	-2.3	-3.4
Private Sector	285.6	279.8	286.8	5.8	-1.2
Self-Employed	102.0	99.1	94.3	2.9	7.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>February</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	16,682.8	16,594.9	16,578.2	87.9	104.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	205.9	203.0	200.2	2.9	5.7
Prince Edward Island	67.7	66.7	64.1	1.0	3.6
Nova Scotia	436.1	432.8	441.0	3.3	-4.9
New Brunswick	351.8	349.0	351.4	2.8	0.4
Quebec	3,792.3	3,765.5	3,751.0	26.8	41.3
Ontario	6,485.3	6,455.3	6,452.3	30.0	33.0
Manitoba	604.0	601.5	599.0	2.5	5.0
Saskatchewan	517.4	511.0	514.3	6.4	3.1
Alberta	1,959.2	1,961.2	1,978.0	-2.0	-18.8
British Columbia	2,263.2	2,248.8	2,226.9	14.4	36.3
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	8.5	8.7	8.3	-0.2	0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	16.5	17.3	17.7	-0.8	-1.2
Prince Edward Island	12.3	12.8	15.4	-0.5	-3.1
Nova Scotia	10.2	10.8	9.9	-0.6	0.3
New Brunswick	9.8	10.5	9.7	-0.7	0.1
Quebec	8.9	8.9	9.0	0.0	-0.1
Ontario	9.1	9.2	8.9	-0.1	0.2
Manitoba	5.7	5.8	5.3	-0.1	0.4
Saskatchewan	4.7	5.1	5.2	-0.4	-0.5
Alberta	6.9	6.8	5.9	0.1	1.0
British Columbia	7.8	8.5	7.2	-0.7	0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>February</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	16,945.3	16,924.4	16,857.6	20.9	87.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	219.6	218.6	214.4	1.0	5.2
Prince Edward Island	72.2	71.7	68.7	0.5	3.5
Nova Scotia	451.2	447.0	456.1	4.2	-4.9
New Brunswick	365.9	364.5	365.6	1.4	0.3
Quebec	3,873.3	3,864.6	3,836.0	8.7	37.3
Ontario	6,564.8	6,557.7	6,540.7	7.1	24.1
Manitoba	611.3	612.4	606.8	-1.1	4.5
Saskatchewan	523.9	519.8	522.0	4.1	1.9
Alberta	1,972.8	1,987.6	1,991.7	-14.8	-18.9
British Columbia	2,290.4	2,280.5	2,255.6	9.9	34.8
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	8.2	8.3	8.0	-0.1	0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.7	14.9	15.5	-0.2	-0.8
Prince Edward Island	10.2	9.9	12.4	0.3	-2.2
Nova Scotia	9.3	9.8	9.0	-0.5	0.3
New Brunswick	9.1	9.3	9.1	-0.2	0.0
Quebec	8.1	8.0	8.1	0.1	0.0
Ontario	9.1	9.2	8.9	-0.1	0.2
Manitoba	5.4	5.4	5.0	0.0	0.4
Saskatchewan	4.3	4.7	4.6	-0.4	-0.3
Alberta	6.9	6.6	5.9	0.3	1.0
British Columbia	7.7	8.1	7.0	-0.4	0.7

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	February <u>2010</u>	January <u>2010</u>	February <u>2009</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	7.9	8.0	7.5	-0.1	0.4
Halifax	6.3	6.1	5.9	0.2	0.4
Saint John	7.9	7.9	5.7	0.0	2.2
Quebec	4.4	4.5	4.8	-0.1	-0.4
Montreal	9.4	9.1	8.5	0.3	0.9
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.9	5.9	4.5	0.0	1.4
Greater Sudbury	11.1	10.3	6.9	0.8	4.2
Toronto	8.8	8.8	8.1	0.0	0.7
Winnipeg	5.7	5.4	4.7	0.3	1.0
Regina	4.4	4.4	3.5	0.0	0.9
Saskatoon	4.3	4.5	4.6	-0.2	-0.3
Calgary	6.9	7.1	5.0	-0.2	1.9
Edmonton	6.8	6.7	4.5	0.1	2.3
Vancouver	7.6	7.5	5.6	0.1	2.0
Victoria	7.4	7.5	4.9	-0.1	2.5
SASKATCHEWAN					
ECONOMIC REGIONS					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	154.3	154.8	155.6	-0.5	-1.3
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.7	52.5	53.0	0.2	-0.3
Saskatoon-Biggar	171.2	171.8	168.7	-0.6	2.5
Yorkton-Melville	40.3	40.4	38.6	-0.1	1.7
Prince Albert & Northern	97.2	97.6	98.4	-0.4	-1.2

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>Dec-Feb</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Nov-Jan</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Dec-Feb</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	538.7	539.6	537.6	-0.9	1.1
Employed ('000)	512.6	513.8	512.6	-1.2	0.0
Unemployed ('000)	26.2	25.9	25.1	0.3	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	4.8	4.7	0.1	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	68.8	69.4	-0.2	-0.8
Employment Rate (%)	65.3	65.5	66.2	-0.2	-0.9
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	502.3	503.4	496.8	-1.1	5.5
Employed ('000)	481.3	482.8	476.0	-1.5	5.3
Unemployed ('000)	21.0	20.6	20.8	0.4	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.1	4.2	0.1	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	69.8	69.7	-0.2	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	66.7	67.0	66.8	-0.3	-0.1
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	36.5	36.2	40.9	0.3	-4.4
Employed ('000)	31.3	30.9	36.6	0.4	-5.3
Unemployed ('000)	5.2	5.3	4.2	-0.1	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.3	14.7	10.4	-0.4	3.9
Participation Rate (%)	57.5	57.2	65.9	0.3	-8.4
Employment Rate (%)	49.3	48.8	59.0	0.5	-9.7
<u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	14.2	13.6	17.7	0.6	-3.5
Employed ('000)	11.5	11.3	15.4	0.2	-3.9
Unemployed ('000)	2.7	2.2	2.4	0.5	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	18.9	16.6	13.3	2.3	5.6
Participation Rate (%)	49.5	47.4	63.3	2.1	-13.8
Employment Rate (%)	40.2	39.6	54.9	0.6	-14.7
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	22.1	22.6	23.0	-0.5	-0.9
Employed ('000)	19.6	19.5	21.1	0.1	-1.5
Unemployed ('000)	2.5	3.1	1.9	-0.6	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.5	13.6	8.1	-2.1	3.4
Participation Rate (%)	63.9	65.2	67.9	-1.3	-4.0
Employment Rate (%)	56.5	56.4	62.4	0.1	-5.9

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.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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