

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

September 2017

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## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering September 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, there were 572,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 900 from August 2017 and 1,400 less than the number employed in September 2016.

Agricultural employment was 37,900 persons in September 2017, down 1,500 from the August 2017 level and 5,800 less than the September 2016 agricultural employment level of 43,700. Non-agricultural employment was 534,100 persons in September 2017. This is an increase of 600 from the August 2017 non-agriculture employment level of 533,500 and 4,400 more than September 2016.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for September 2017 was 5.3 percent. This is a decrease of 1.6 percentage points from the August 2017 rate of 6.9 percent and 0.6 percentage points lower than the September 2016 level of 5.9 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 11,500 to 604,000 persons in September 2017 from 615,500 persons in August 2017. This is 5,500 less than the September 2016 labour force of 609,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 1.4 percentage points to 68.7 percent in September 2017 from 70.1 percent in August 2017. The September 2016 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.0 percent.

There were 32,000 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during September 2017. This is a decrease of 10,600 from August 2017 and is 4,100 less than the number unemployed in September 2016.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 568,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan in September 2017, unchanged from the August 2017 level and down 1,400 from the September 2016 employment level of 569,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2017 was 6.2 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the August 2017 rate of 6.4 percent and 0.7 percentage points lower than the September 2016 rate of 6.9 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 150,400 persons in September 2017 to 18,524,800 persons from 18,675,200 persons in August 2017. In September 2016, there were 18,212,100 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 1.2 percentage points in September 2017 to 5.6 percent from the August 2017 level of 6.8 percent. In September 2016, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.4 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.2 percent in September 2017. This remained unchanged from August 2017 and 0.8 percentage points lower than the September 2016 level of 7.0 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6335 or visit [www.stats.gov.sk.ca](http://www.stats.gov.sk.ca)

TABLE 1

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

	September <u>2017</u>	August <u>2017</u>	September <u>2016</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,633.8	20,029.7	19,455.5	-395.9	178.3
Employed ('000)	18,524.8	18,675.2	18,212.1	-150.4	312.7
Full-Time ('000)	15,048.3	15,433.5	14,757.8	-385.2	290.5
Part-Time ('000)	3,476.4	3,241.8	3,454.3	234.6	22.1
Unemployed ('000)	1,109.0	1,354.5	1,243.3	-245.5	-134.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	6.8	6.4	-1.2	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.2	6.2	7.0	0.0	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	65.5	66.9	65.6	-1.4	-0.1
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	604.0	615.5	609.5	-11.5	-5.5
Employed ('000)	572.0	572.9	573.4	-0.9	-1.4
Full-Time ('000)	475.7	480.3	474.1	-4.6	1.6
Part-Time ('000)	96.3	92.6	99.3	3.7	-3.0
Unemployed ('000)	32.0	42.6	36.1	-10.6	-4.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	6.9	5.9	-1.6	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.2	6.4	6.9	-0.2	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	70.1	70.0	-1.4	-1.3
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,464.3	2,524.7	2,468.6	-60.4	-4.3
Employed ('000)	2,294.5	2,300.7	2,282.2	-6.2	12.3
Full-Time ('000)	1,887.0	1,922.3	1,853.1	-35.3	33.9
Part-Time ('000)	407.4	378.4	429.1	29.0	-21.7
Unemployed ('000)	169.8	224.0	186.3	-54.2	-16.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.9	8.9	7.5	-2.0	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.9	8.1	8.7	-0.2	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	71.7	73.5	72.5	-1.8	-0.8
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	682.8	695.6	676.0	-12.8	6.8
Employed ('000)	646.7	653.9	635.2	-7.2	11.5
Full-Time ('000)	523.2	537.4	510.7	-14.2	12.5
Part-Time ('000)	123.4	116.6	124.5	6.8	-1.1
Unemployed ('000)	36.1	41.7	40.9	-5.6	-4.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	6.0	6.1	-0.7	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	4.9	6.4	0.6	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	67.2	68.5	67.5	-1.3	-0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	September <u>2017</u>	August <u>2017</u>	September <u>2016</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	604.0	615.5	609.5	-11.5	-5.5
Male	328.2	335.4	333.9	-7.2	-5.7
Female	275.8	280.0	275.6	-4.2	0.2
15-24 Years of Age	82.8	97.0	89.5	-14.2	-6.7
25+ Years of age	521.3	518.5	520.0	2.8	1.3
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	572.0	572.9	573.4	-0.9	-1.4
Male	310.9	315.9	313.5	-5.0	-2.6
Female	261.2	256.9	259.9	4.3	1.3
15-24 Years of Age	73.0	85.3	78.4	-12.3	-5.4
25+ Years of age	499.1	487.6	495.0	11.5	4.1
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	32.0	42.6	36.1	-10.6	-4.1
Male	17.3	19.5	20.5	-2.2	-3.2
Female	14.6	23.1	15.6	-8.5	-1.0
15-24 Years of Age	9.8	11.8	11.2	-2.0	-1.4
25+ Years of age	22.2	30.9	24.9	-8.7	-2.7
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	5.3	6.9	5.9	-1.6	-0.6
Male	5.3	5.8	6.1	-0.5	-0.8
Female	5.3	8.3	5.7	-3.0	-0.4
15-24 Years of Age	11.8	12.2	12.5	-0.4	-0.7
25+ Years of age	4.3	6.0	4.8	-1.7	-0.5
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	68.7	70.1	70.0	-1.4	-1.3
Male	74.1	75.8	76.0	-1.7	-1.9
Female	63.3	64.3	63.8	-1.0	-0.5
15-24 Years of Age	61.9	72.6	66.5	-10.7	-4.6
25+ Years of age	70.0	69.7	70.6	0.3	-0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	September <u>2017</u>	August <u>2017</u>	September <u>2016</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	37.9	39.4	43.7	-1.5	-5.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.1	24.8	24.6	-0.7	-0.5
Utilities	6.7	6.9	6.6	-0.2	0.1
Construction	54.6	55.6	53.4	-1.0	1.2
Manufacturing	27.2	29.3	26.7	-2.1	0.5
Trade	92.7	92.3	88.5	0.4	4.2
Transportation and Warehousing	29.2	28.3	28.0	0.9	1.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.0	28.4	27.3	-0.4	0.7
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	29.7	29.5	29.0	0.2	0.7
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.8	14.7	12.8	-0.9	1.0
Educational Services	40.5	31.0	41.1	9.5	-0.6
Health Care and Social Assistance	75.3	75.2	79.1	0.1	-3.8
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.5	23.0	19.7	-2.5	0.8
Accommodation and Food Services	35.2	38.9	37.8	-3.7	-2.6
Other Services	25.9	24.7	24.2	1.2	1.7
Public Administration	30.9	31.0	30.9	-0.1	0.0
Total	572.0	572.9	573.4	-0.9	-1.4
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	475.7	480.3	474.1	-4.6	1.6
Part-Time	96.3	92.6	99.3	3.7	-3.0
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	468.1	470.5	472.5	-2.4	-4.4
Public Sector	139.9	131.8	140.9	8.1	-1.0
Private Sector	328.2	338.7	331.6	-10.5	-3.4
Self-Employed	104.0	102.4	100.9	1.6	3.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>September</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,524.8	18,675.2	18,212.1	-150.4	312.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	227.0	229.3	240.0	-2.3	-13.0
Prince Edward Island	75.5	78.8	74.1	-3.3	1.4
Nova Scotia	453.4	455.4	450.3	-2.0	3.1
New Brunswick	360.4	365.0	363.5	-4.6	-3.1
Quebec	4,261.0	4,276.7	4,208.1	-15.7	52.9
Ontario	7,158.4	7,231.8	6,989.5	-73.4	168.9
Manitoba	646.7	653.9	635.2	-7.2	11.5
Saskatchewan	572.0	572.9	573.4	-0.9	-1.4
Alberta	2,294.5	2,300.7	2,282.2	-6.2	12.3
British Columbia	2,476.0	2,510.8	2,395.9	-34.8	80.1
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.6	6.8	6.4	-1.2	-0.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.9	13.8	11.7	-0.9	1.2
Prince Edward Island	7.2	7.3	8.1	-0.1	-0.9
Nova Scotia	8.0	9.0	7.0	-1.0	1.0
New Brunswick	6.4	7.6	7.6	-1.2	-1.2
Quebec	5.4	6.5	6.1	-1.1	-0.7
Ontario	5.3	6.3	6.3	-1.0	-1.0
Manitoba	5.3	6.0	6.1	-0.7	-0.8
Saskatchewan	5.3	6.9	5.9	-1.6	-0.6
Alberta	6.9	8.9	7.5	-2.0	-0.6
British Columbia	4.7	5.4	5.5	-0.7	-0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>September</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	18,454.1	18,444.1	18,134.4	10.0	319.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	220.9	220.4	234.0	0.5	-13.1
Prince Edward Island	73.1	73.8	71.5	-0.7	1.6
Nova Scotia	446.9	444.6	443.8	2.3	3.1
New Brunswick	352.6	351.9	356.1	0.7	-3.5
Quebec	4,224.4	4,232.0	4,170.9	-7.6	53.5
Ontario	7,172.1	7,137.4	7,002.6	34.7	169.5
Manitoba	643.9	649.4	632.2	-5.5	11.7
Saskatchewan	568.1	568.1	569.5	0.0	-1.4
Alberta	2,278.7	2,286.5	2,265.4	-7.8	13.3
British Columbia	2,473.3	2,480.0	2,388.2	-6.7	85.1
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	6.2	6.2	7.0	0.0	-0.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.1	14.7	13.8	0.4	1.3
Prince Edward Island	9.5	8.8	10.7	0.7	-1.2
Nova Scotia	9.0	8.9	8.1	0.1	0.9
New Brunswick	7.8	7.8	9.2	0.0	-1.4
Quebec	6.0	6.1	6.9	-0.1	-0.9
Ontario	5.6	5.7	6.5	-0.1	-0.9
Manitoba	5.5	4.9	6.4	0.6	-0.9
Saskatchewan	6.2	6.4	6.9	-0.2	-0.7
Alberta	7.9	8.1	8.7	-0.2	-0.8
British Columbia	4.9	5.1	5.6	-0.2	-0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	September <u>2017</u>	August <u>2017</u>	September <u>2016</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	9.1	8.4	7.4	0.7	1.7
Halifax	7.0	6.9	5.6	0.1	1.4
Saint John	5.7	6.0	7.7	-0.3	-2.0
Quebec	4.0	4.1	4.8	-0.1	-0.8
Montreal	6.9	6.9	7.8	0.0	-0.9
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.2	6.4	6.8	-0.2	-0.6
Toronto	6.5	6.8	7.6	-0.3	-1.1
Greater Sudbury	6.2	6.5	7.6	-0.3	-1.4
Winnipeg	6.1	5.8	7.4	0.3	-1.3
Regina	5.6	5.7	5.2	-0.1	0.4
Saskatoon	7.8	8.2	7.0	-0.4	0.8
Calgary	8.7	8.7	9.8	0.0	-1.1
Edmonton	8.8	9.1	8.1	-0.3	0.7
Vancouver	4.7	4.8	5.3	-0.1	-0.6
Victoria	4.5	4.7	4.6	-0.2	-0.1
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b>ECONOMIC REGIONS</b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	182.6	183.3	185.0	-0.7	-2.4
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.2	50.7	53.3	-0.5	-3.1
Saskatoon-Biggar	204.3	204.2	199.4	0.1	4.9
Yorkton-Melville	39.7	40.1	37.4	-0.4	2.3
Prince Albert & Northern	96.3	97.4	99.6	-1.1	-3.3

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>September</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	611.6	615.1	614.2	-3.5	-2.6
Employed ('000)	573.3	575.4	575.2	-2.1	-1.9
Unemployed ('000)	38.3	39.7	39.0	-1.4	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.5	6.3	-0.2	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	70.1	70.6	-0.5	-1.0
Employment Rate (%)	65.3	65.6	66.1	-0.3	-0.8
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	558.4	561.5	559.6	-3.1	-1.2
Employed ('000)	527.4	529.8	528.5	-2.4	-1.1
Unemployed ('000)	31.0	31.8	31.1	-0.8	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	5.7	5.5	-0.2	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	70.4	70.9	71.0	-0.5	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	66.5	66.9	67.1	-0.4	-0.6
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	53.2	53.5	54.6	-0.3	-1.4
Employed ('000)	45.9	45.6	46.7	0.3	-0.8
Unemployed ('000)	7.3	7.9	7.9	-0.6	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.7	14.8	14.5	-1.1	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	62.5	62.9	66.1	-0.4	-3.6
Employment Rate (%)	53.9	53.6	56.5	0.3	-2.6
<b><u>FIRST NATIONS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	21.5	21.6	20.8	-0.1	0.7
Employed ('000)	17.3	17.0	16.3	0.3	1.0
Unemployed ('000)	4.3	4.6	4.5	-0.3	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.8	21.2	21.7	-1.4	-1.9
Participation Rate (%)	56.4	56.7	57.4	-0.3	-1.0
Employment Rate (%)	45.3	44.7	44.9	0.6	0.4
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	31.4	31.5	33.5	-0.1	-2.1
Employed ('000)	28.5	28.4	30.1	0.1	-1.6
Unemployed ('000)	2.9	3.1	3.4	-0.2	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.2	9.9	10.1	-0.7	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	67.3	67.7	73.0	-0.4	-5.7
Employment Rate (%)	61.1	60.9	65.7	0.2	-4.6

## Notes:

1. 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.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. 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)
4. 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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