

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

January 2018

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering January 14th to 20th, 2018, there were 560,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 2,200 from December 2017 but 1,500 more than the number employed in January 2017.

Agricultural employment was 33,200 persons in January 2018, down 400 from the December 2017 level and 3,800 less than the January 2017 agricultural employment level of 37,000. Non-agricultural employment was 526,900 persons in January 2018. This is a decrease of 1,800 from the December 2017 non-agriculture employment level of 528,700 but 5,300 more than January 2017.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for January 2018 was 6.0 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the December 2017 rate of 6.2 percent and 1.1 percentage points lower than the January 2017 level of 7.1 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 3,300 to 596,000 persons in January 2018 from 599,300 persons in December 2017. This is 5,400 less than the January 2017 labour force of 601,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.4 percentage points to 67.7 percent in January 2018 from 68.1 percent in December 2017. The January 2017 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.9 percent.

There were 35,900 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during January 2018. This is a decrease of 1,100 from December 2017 and 6,900 less than the number unemployed in January 2017.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 569,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan in January 2018, up 900 from the December 2017 level of 568,500 and is up 1,900 from the January 2017 employment level of 567,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2018 was 5.4 percent. This is a decrease of 1.0 percentage points from the December 2017 rate of 6.4 percent and 1.0 percentage points lower than the January 2017 rate of 6.4 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 329,100 persons in January 2018 to 18,231,300 persons from 18,560,400 persons in December 2017. In January 2017, there were 17,956,100 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.9 percentage points in January 2018 to 6.2 percent from the December 2017 level of 5.3 percent. In January 2017, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.9 percent in January 2018. This is 0.2 percentage points higher than December 2017 but 0.9 percentage points lower than the January 2017 level of 6.8 percent.

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

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	January <u>2018</u>	December <u>2017</u>	January <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,440.9	19,607.1	19,340.5	-166.2	100.4
Employed ('000)	18,231.3	18,560.4	17,956.1	-329.1	275.2
Full-Time ('000)	14,689.3	14,878.7	14,260.5	-189.4	428.8
Part-Time ('000)	3,542.0	3,681.7	3,695.6	-139.7	-153.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,209.6	1,046.7	1,384.4	162.9	-174.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	5.3	7.2	0.9	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.9	5.7	6.8	0.2	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	64.6	65.2	65.0	-0.6	-0.4
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	596.0	599.3	601.4	-3.3	-5.4
Employed ('000)	560.1	562.3	558.6	-2.2	1.5
Full-Time ('000)	453.8	454.3	448.9	-0.5	4.9
Part-Time ('000)	106.3	108.0	109.7	-1.7	-3.4
Unemployed ('000)	35.9	37.0	42.8	-1.1	-6.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	6.2	7.1	-0.2	-1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.4	6.4	6.4	-1.0	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	67.7	68.1	68.9	-0.4	-1.2
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,462.8	2,470.2	2,461.2	-7.4	1.6
Employed ('000)	2,287.5	2,309.2	2,242.2	-21.7	45.3
Full-Time ('000)	1,879.0	1,871.1	1,785.6	7.9	93.4
Part-Time ('000)	408.6	438.1	456.7	-29.5	-48.1
Unemployed ('000)	175.3	161.1	219.0	14.2	-43.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	6.5	8.9	0.6	-1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.0	6.9	8.8	0.1	-1.8
Participation Rate (%)	71.4	71.7	72.1	-0.3	-0.7
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	672.2	678.4	668.8	-6.2	3.4
Employed ('000)	632.0	642.5	626.6	-10.5	5.4
Full-Time ('000)	498.0	508.3	503.1	-10.3	-5.1
Part-Time ('000)	134.1	134.2	123.6	-0.1	10.5
Unemployed ('000)	40.1	35.9	42.1	4.2	-2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	5.3	6.3	0.7	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.6	5.7	6.1	-0.1	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	65.9	66.6	66.5	-0.7	-0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	January <u>2018</u>	December <u>2017</u>	January <u>2017</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	596.0	599.3	601.4	-3.3	-5.4
Male	322.8	323.9	327.8	-1.1	-5.0
Female	273.2	275.4	273.7	-2.2	-0.5
15-24 Years of Age	78.7	81.0	84.8	-2.3	-6.1
25+ Years of age	517.3	518.3	516.6	-1.0	0.7
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	560.1	562.3	558.6	-2.2	1.5
Male	297.9	300.3	299.9	-2.4	-2.0
Female	262.2	262.0	258.7	0.2	3.5
15-24 Years of Age	69.3	70.2	74.2	-0.9	-4.9
25+ Years of age	490.8	492.2	484.4	-1.4	6.4
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	35.9	37.0	42.8	-1.1	-6.9
Male	24.9	23.6	27.8	1.3	-2.9
Female	11.0	13.4	15.0	-2.4	-4.0
15-24 Years of Age	9.5	10.8	10.6	-1.3	-1.1
25+ Years of age	26.4	26.2	32.3	0.2	-5.9
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	6.0	6.2	7.1	-0.2	-1.1
Male	7.7	7.3	8.5	0.4	-0.8
Female	4.0	4.9	5.5	-0.9	-1.5
15-24 Years of Age	12.1	13.3	12.5	-1.2	-0.4
25+ Years of age	5.1	5.1	6.3	0.0	-1.2
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	67.7	68.1	68.9	-0.4	-1.2
Male	72.7	73.0	74.5	-0.3	-1.8
Female	62.5	63.1	63.3	-0.6	-0.8
15-24 Years of Age	59.1	60.8	63.3	-1.7	-4.2
25+ Years of age	69.2	69.4	69.9	-0.2	-0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	January <u>2018</u>	December <u>2017</u>	January <u>2017</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	33.2	33.6	37.0	-0.4	-3.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.3	24.4	24.4	0.9	0.9
Utilities	6.5	7.0	6.6	-0.5	-0.1
Construction	45.2	48.1	46.1	-2.9	-0.9
Manufacturing	26.9	27.5	27.0	-0.6	-0.1
Trade	91.0	91.1	91.5	-0.1	-0.5
Transportation and Warehousing	30.0	29.0	29.0	1.0	1.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	27.2	27.0	26.8	0.2	0.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	27.0	27.7	30.7	-0.7	-3.7
Business, Building and Other Support Services	14.5	13.8	12.8	0.7	1.7
Educational Services	43.5	43.9	43.4	-0.4	0.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	76.0	77.0	75.6	-1.0	0.4
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.6	20.6	20.3	0.0	0.3
Accommodation and Food Services	36.4	36.3	34.1	0.1	2.3
Other Services	26.0	24.6	24.5	1.4	1.5
Public Administration	30.9	30.9	28.9	0.0	2.0
Total	560.1	562.3	558.6	-2.2	1.5
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	453.8	454.3	448.9	-0.5	4.9
Part-Time	106.3	108.0	109.7	-1.7	-3.4
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	458.1	460.6	457.0	-2.5	1.1
Public Sector	143.3	143.8	138.1	-0.5	5.2
Private Sector	314.8	316.8	318.9	-2.0	-4.1
Self-Employed	102.1	101.7	101.6	0.4	0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>January</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,231.3	18,560.4	17,956.1	-329.1	275.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	212.3	221.5	215.0	-9.2	-2.7
Prince Edward Island	70.9	72.4	68.9	-1.5	2.0
Nova Scotia	439.3	453.3	436.4	-14.0	2.9
New Brunswick	336.7	353.0	338.6	-16.3	-1.9
Quebec	4,181.6	4,254.3	4,112.2	-72.7	69.4
Ontario	7,068.7	7,215.9	6,972.5	-147.2	96.2
Manitoba	632.0	642.5	626.6	-10.5	5.4
Saskatchewan	560.1	562.3	558.6	-2.2	1.5
Alberta	2,287.5	2,309.2	2,242.2	-21.7	45.3
British Columbia	2,442.1	2,476.0	2,385.0	-33.9	57.1
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	6.2	5.3	7.2	0.9	-1.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	16.7	15.4	16.8	1.3	-0.1
Prince Edward Island	12.9	10.5	12.0	2.4	0.9
Nova Scotia	8.9	7.3	8.6	1.6	0.3
New Brunswick	10.2	7.2	9.8	3.0	0.4
Quebec	6.0	4.8	7.0	1.2	-1.0
Ontario	5.7	5.0	6.5	0.7	-0.8
Manitoba	6.0	5.3	6.3	0.7	-0.3
Saskatchewan	6.0	6.2	7.1	-0.2	-1.1
Alberta	7.1	6.5	8.9	0.6	-1.8
British Columbia	5.2	4.4	6.0	0.8	-0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>January</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,557.1	18,647.5	18,273.3	-90.4	283.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	225.3	224.8	229.3	0.5	-4.0
Prince Edward Island	74.9	74.9	72.7	0.0	2.2
Nova Scotia	453.5	454.8	452.7	-1.3	0.8
New Brunswick	350.7	356.4	351.9	-5.7	-1.2
Quebec	4,266.5	4,285.9	4,202.6	-19.4	63.9
Ontario	7,172.9	7,222.7	7,075.2	-49.8	97.7
Manitoba	642.7	646.1	634.3	-3.4	8.4
Saskatchewan	569.4	568.5	567.5	0.9	1.9
Alberta	2,314.5	2,322.3	2,267.6	-7.8	46.9
British Columbia	2,486.8	2,491.0	2,419.4	-4.2	67.4
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.9	5.7	6.8	0.2	-0.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.0	14.7	13.8	-0.7	0.2
Prince Edward Island	10.6	9.8	9.8	0.8	0.8
Nova Scotia	8.2	8.0	7.7	0.2	0.5
New Brunswick	9.1	7.8	8.9	1.3	0.2
Quebec	5.4	4.9	6.2	0.5	-0.8
Ontario	5.5	5.5	6.4	0.0	-0.9
Manitoba	5.6	5.7	6.1	-0.1	-0.5
Saskatchewan	5.4	6.4	6.4	-1.0	-1.0
Alberta	7.0	6.9	8.8	0.1	-1.8
British Columbia	4.8	4.6	5.6	0.2	-0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>January</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	8.3	7.8	9.7	0.5	-1.4
Halifax	6.5	6.2	5.8	0.3	0.7
Saint John	6.2	5.3	7.0	0.9	-0.8
Quebec	3.3	3.4	4.4	-0.1	-1.1
Montreal	5.6	5.7	6.4	-0.1	-0.8
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.6	4.7	5.1	-0.1	-0.5
Toronto	5.4	5.5	6.6	-0.1	-1.2
Greater Sudbury	6.2	6.0	7.3	0.2	-1.1
Winnipeg	5.7	5.3	6.5	0.4	-0.8
Regina	4.5	4.2	5.5	0.3	-1.0
Saskatoon	7.5	7.5	7.6	0.0	-0.1
Calgary	7.4	7.2	9.7	0.2	-2.3
Edmonton	6.9	6.6	7.8	0.3	-0.9
Vancouver	4.0	3.9	4.8	0.1	-0.8
Victoria	3.8	3.3	4.4	0.5	-0.6
SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	183.0	183.4	180.9	-0.4	2.1
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.3	50.2	52.8	0.1	-2.5
Saskatoon-Biggar	194.1	196.4	195.5	-2.3	-1.4
Yorkton-Melville	35.6	36.5	38.1	-0.9	-2.5
Prince Albert & Northern	98.2	96.6	95.8	1.6	2.4

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)

	<u>January</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	597.4	597.5	602.7	-0.1	-5.3
Employed ('000)	562.1	564.1	562.8	-2.0	-0.7
Unemployed ('000)	35.4	33.4	39.9	2.0	-4.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	5.6	6.6	0.3	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	67.9	67.9	69.1	0.0	-1.2
Employment Rate (%)	63.9	64.1	64.5	-0.2	-0.6
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	543.8	544.2	545.9	-0.4	-2.1
Employed ('000)	516.6	518.6	514.7	-2.0	1.9
Unemployed ('000)	27.2	25.6	31.2	1.6	-4.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.7	5.7	0.3	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	68.4	68.5	69.3	-0.1	-0.9
Employment Rate (%)	65.0	65.3	65.4	-0.3	-0.4
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	53.6	53.3	56.8	0.3	-3.2
Employed ('000)	45.5	45.5	48.1	0.0	-2.6
Unemployed ('000)	8.1	7.8	8.7	0.3	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.2	14.6	15.3	0.6	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	62.9	62.6	66.9	0.3	-4.0
Employment Rate (%)	53.3	53.4	56.6	-0.1	-3.3
<u>FIRST NATIONS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	21.5	21.4	24.5	0.1	-3.0
Employed ('000)	16.9	16.7	19.9	0.2	-3.0
Unemployed ('000)	4.6	4.7	4.6	-0.1	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	21.3	21.8	18.7	-0.5	2.6
Participation Rate (%)	56.4	56.3	64.6	0.1	-8.2
Employment Rate (%)	44.3	44.0	52.5	0.3	-8.2
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	31.9	31.7	32.2	0.2	-0.3
Employed ('000)	28.4	28.6	28.1	-0.2	0.3
Unemployed ('000)	3.5	3.1	4.1	0.4	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.0	9.7	12.7	1.3	-1.7
Participation Rate (%)	68.3	67.8	68.7	0.5	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	60.7	61.2	60.0	-0.5	0.7

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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