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## Executive Summary

This is one in a series of research reports examining differences between males and females in Saskatchewan. This report deals with differences in work; others examine differences in education, income and wealth, and living arrangements.

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A total of fifteen different indicators measuring the differences between males and females in paid and unpaid employment are examined in this report. The findings are summarized below and in the table on page v .

In Section 2, five kinds of comparisons between males and females are used to answer three questions about unpaid work.

1. Are females and males equally likely to work without pay in a family business, professional practise, or farm?
2. Are females and males equally likely to work without pay:
a. caring for children;
b. caring for seniors; or
c. working around the home?
3. Are females and males equally likely to work without pay as volunteers?

This was prevalent among females in the past but it has become equally rare among both males and females in recent years.

In 2006, females spent many more hours per week than males in these three kinds of unpaid activities. The differences have narrowed slightly since 2001.

Females are somewhat more likely than men to spend time in volunteer activities.

In Section 3 about paid work, eight indicators in five categories were chosen.
4. Are females and males equally likely to participate in the labour force in the sense of being employed? What about those 25 to 54 years of age?
5. Is the unemployment rate among males and females the same?

Females are less likely than males to be in the paid labour force in both age groups. The differences between the sexes has gradually narrowed over time.

The unemployment rate for females has traditionally been lower than the rate for males. The gap in 2009 was wider than in 2007 and 2008 but narrower than it has been in the past.
6. How does the "attachment" to the labour force differ between females and males, measured using:
a. the percentage working parttime,
b. average hours of work per week,
c. the percentage working in temporary positions,
d. the percentage working for only part of the year?
7. Are females and males equally likely to be union members?
8. How does job tenure between females and males differ?

Females are less likely than males to be working full-time and less likely to be in full-time, fullyear positions. They spend an average of ten fewer hours per week in paid employment. Males and females are, however, equally likely to be in permanent positions. For all four indicators, the differences between males and females have gradually diminished over time.

Females are more likely than males to be union members and the differences have widened over time.

Females have lower tenure than males but the difference has narrowed slightly over time.

Section 4 also deals with paid work but from a different point of view, namely the extent to which males and females are employed in different kinds of industries and occupations.
9. Do males and females work in different kinds of industries and occupations?

There are dramatic differences between males and females in 13 of 18 industry groups and in all of the 24 occupation groups in this study. If anything, the differences seem to be increasing over time.

In summary, there are significant differences between males and females. Females are more likely than males to spend time in most kinds of unpaid work and less likely than males to work in the paid labour market. If females are in the paid labour market, their attachment to the labour force tends to be lower than for males in the sense that they are more likely to be working part-time or in seasonal positions, and to have lower average tenure with their current employer. Males and females work in substantially different kinds of industries and occupations.

In terms of the trend over time, there has been some narrowing of the differences over the recent past for many but not all of the indicators.

Summary of Paid and Unpaid Employment Indicators

| Indicator | Most recent year | Trends over time |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unpaid work in a family business | There is no substantive difference between males and females in 2009. | This was much more prevalent among females in the past. |
| Unpaid work around the home | In 2006, the average time spent by females was 23 hours per week compared with 14 hours per week for males. | The difference between males and females narrowed slightly from 2001 to 2006. |
| Unpaid child care | In 2006, the average time spent by females was 14.4 hours per week compared with 7.8 hours per week for males. | The difference between males and females narrowed slightly from 2001 to 2006. |
| Unpaid care of seniors | In 2006, the average time spent by females was 1.6 hours per week compared with 1.1 hours per week for males. | There was no change between 2001 to 2006. |
| Volunteer work | In 2007 females were slightly more likely to volunteer than males - an average of 92 hours annually compared with 80 hours. | not available |
| Paid employment rate among those 15 and older | The rate is $10.0 \%$ lower among females than among males in 2009. | The gap between males and females is gradually narrowing. |
| Paid employment rate among those 25 to 54 years of age | The rate is $7.4 \%$ lower among females than among males in 2009. | The gap between males and females is gradually narrowing. |
| Unemployment rate | The female rate in 2009 is lower than the male rate. | The rate is traditionally higher for males but the gap was narrower in 2007 and 2008. |
| Full time work | $72 \%$ of females were working full-time in 2009 compared with $89 \%$ of males. | The gap has narrowed slightly over time. |
| Paid hours of work | In average week in 2009, females worked 29.0 hours (all jobs combined) compared with 38.8 hours for males. | The gap has narrowed slightly over time. |
| Permanent positions | Females are slightly less likely than males to be working in permanent positions in 2009-86.9\% compared with 88.5\%. | There is no apparent change over time. |
| Union membership | 41.6\% of females were union members in 2009 compared with $29.9 \%$ of males. | The gap has widened over time. |
| Job tenure | Females have an average of 18 months less tenure than males in 2009. | The gap has narrowed over time. |
| Full-time, full-year workers | Females 25 to 54 years of age were less likely to be employed throughout 2005 on a full-time basis $-48.9 \%$ compared with $66.6 \%$ for males. | The gap has narrowed since 2000. |
| Employment by industry group | There are wide variations between males and females in 13 out of 18 industry groups. | There has been little or no change from 2004 to 2009. |
| Employment by occupation group | There are wide variations between males and females in all 24 occupation groups. | There has been little or no change from 2004 to 2009. |

## Section 1 Introduction, Background, Data Sources

In 1997, the Federal-Provincial/Territorial Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women published a report titled Economic Gender Equality Indicators ${ }^{1}$. That report inspired a look at differences between males and females in Saskatchewan. The division of indicators into work, learning, and income that was used in that report was adopted for a series of reports about gender equality indicators in Saskatchewan.

This report looks at the "work" component, that is, participation of adult males and females in the paid and unpaid labour markets. Participation in the labour market is heavily influenced by age so this is an important variable considered in the analysis. There is a long standing trend toward higher labour force participation among females so changes over time are also examined when the data are available. Participation in the paid labour market is strongly related to other socioeconomic characteristics such as education and income which are covered in other reports in this series. Employment earnings, a category that is related to both work and income, is dealt with in the report on income equality.

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Unless otherwise indicated, the data in this report are from Statistics Canada. The raw information and the specific sources are included in the Appendix.

Differences between males and females are measured with a variety of different indicators. The comparisons are made for the recent year available and, when possible, the trend over time is included in the analysis.

There are fifteen different indicators of differences in employment in this report. For unpaid work in Section 2, five kinds of comparisons are made between Saskatchewan males and females to answer three questions.

1. Are females and males equally likely to work without pay in a family business, professional practise, or farm?
2. Are females and males equally likely to work without pay:
a. caring for children;
b. caring for seniors; or
c. working around the home?
3. Are females and males equally likely to work without pay as volunteers?
[^0]In Section 3 about paid work, eight indicators were chosen to answer five questions.
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5. Is the unemployment rate among males and females the same?
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a. the percentage working part-time,
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7. Are females and males equally likely to be union members?
8. How does job tenure between females and males differ?

Section 4 also deals with paid work but from a different point of view, namely the extent to which males and females are employed in different kinds of industries and occupations.

## Section 2 Unpaid Work

This section examines three different kinds of unpaid work - unpaid work in a family farm or family business, unpaid work around the home, and volunteering.

## Unpaid Work in a Family Business

Unpaid work in a family business includes those who work without pay on a farm or in a business or professional practice owned and operated by another family member who is living in the same dwelling.

In the past, this kind of unpaid work was very common among females in Saskatchewan. In the mid 1970s, for example, there were as many as 15,000 females who said they were working in a family business without pay and two thirds of these were working in the agriculture sector.

Figure 1 shows that this kind of unpaid work has declined over the years among both males and females. In 2009, the most recent year available from the Labour Force Survey, the number of both males and
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Figure } 1 & \begin{array}{l}\text { Unpaid Work in a Family Business, } \\ \text { Percentage of the Population } 15 \& \text { Older, } \\ \text { Saskatchewan }\end{array}\end{array}$
 females who were working without pay in a family business was less than 1,000 so this kind of unpaid work is now equally rare among both sexes.

## Unpaid Child Care, Care of Seniors, and House Work

In the regular decennial census, Statistics Canada measures the number of hours spent in the week prior to the survey in three kinds of family and household activities.

The first category, the most common, is unpaid housework. This is measured as the number of hours spent during the week prior to the census "doing unpaid housework, yard work or home maintenance for members of this household, or others". Some examples provided on the questionnaire were preparing meals, washing the car, doing laundry, cutting the grass, shopping, and household planning. The data are shown in Table 2 in the Appendix and graphically in Figure 2.

Figure 2 Hours Spent per Week Doing Unpaid Work Around the Home, Saskatchewan


Virtually all females (94\%) reported doing at least some unpaid housework in May 2006 and more than one in four ( $26 \%$ ) spent at least thirty hours per week which is the equivalent of a full-time job according to Statistics Canada's definition. Saskatchewan males were both less likely to spend at least some time doing unpaid housework ( $89 \%$ compared with $94 \%$ for females) and less likely to spend at least thirty hours per week doing so ( $11 \%$ compared with $26 \%$ ).

An estimate of the average time spent by the average female is 23 hours per week compared with 14 hours per week for the average male.

In 2006, males report working about the same number of hours as they had in 2001 whereas females reported working about one less hour per week than five years earlier.

The second kind of unpaid work involves the care of children, defined in the census as "looking after one or more of this person's own children, or the children of others, without pay". Examples provided include bathing or playing with young children, driving children to sports activities or helping them with homework. The data are shown in Table 2 in the Appendix and graphically in Figure 3.

In 2006, $42 \%$ of females reported at least some time spent doing this kind of work. (Presumably the remaining $58 \%$ do not have children or grandchildren living in their home.) As with unpaid housework, females are more likely than males to spend at least some time in this activity - $42 \%$ compared with $35 \%$ - and more likely to spend at least thirty hours per week - $19 \%$ compared with $9 \%$.

Figure 3 Hours Spent per Week Providing Unpaid Care of Children, Saskatchewan


Figure 4 Hours Spent per Week Providing Unpaid Care of Seniors, Saskatchewan


For females, the estimated average hours per week in 2006 was 14.4 hours compared with 14.7 in 2001: for males, the average hours were 7.8 compared with 7.7 in 2001.

The third kind of unpaid work involves the care of seniors. This is defined in the census as providing "unpaid care or assistance to one or more seniors". The examples included providing personal care to a senior family member, visiting seniors, talking with them on the telephone, and helping them with shopping, banking or with taking medication.

In 2006, $23 \%$ of females reported at least some time in this kind of activity and $10 \%$ reported spending at least five hours per week. Figure 4 shows that females were more likely than males to spend at least some time in this kind of unpaid work and more likely than males to spend longer hours doing so. On average, females spent 1.7 hours per week, up from 1.6 hours in 2001. The average for males was unchanged at 1.1 hours per week in both 2001 and 2006.

## Volunteer Work

Statistics Canada last surveyed Canadians about their volunteer activity in 2007. At that time, about $60 \%$ of Saskatchewan adults reported that they spent at least some time performing a service without pay, on behalf of a charitable or other nonprofit organization, in the twelve months preceding the survey. This includes any unpaid help provided to schools, religious organizations, sports or community associations.

Females were slightly more likely than males to volunteer - $59.5 \%$ did so compared with $57.6 \%$ of males - and more likely to spend more hours doing so -155 hours per year compared with 139 for males. These two factors combine to yield an average of 92 hours per year for Saskatchewan females

Figure $4 \quad$ Volunteer Work in Saskatchewan, 2007
 compared with 80 hours per year for Saskatchewan males

## Summary

This statistics in this section make it clear that females are:

- much more likely than males to do unpaid work around the home;
- somewhat more likely than males to do volunteer work; and
- equally likely to do unpaid work in support of a family business.

This section looks at information about females in Saskatchewan and their participation in the paid labour market. The statistics include basic counts for the number of adults who work during an average month, in what kinds of jobs, and how many are unemployed. The next section looks at the industries and occupations in which they work.

Statistics Canada classifies all adults, that is, those who are 15 years of age and older, into one of three categories in the Labour Force Survey ${ }^{2}$.

- Employed persons are those who, during the reference week:
(a) did any work at all at a job or business, that is, paid work in the context of an employer-employee relationship, or self-employment. Employment also includes unpaid family work, which is defined as unpaid work contributing directly to the operation of a farm, business or professional practice owned and operated by a related member of the same household; or (b) had a job but were not at work due to factors such as an illness or disability, personal or family responsibilities, vacation, labour dispute or other reasons (excluding persons on layoff, between casual jobs, and those with a job to start at a future date).
- Unemployed persons represent the unutilized supply of labour and includes those who, during reference week, were available for work:
a) and were on temporary layoff with an expectation of recall, or
b) were without work and had actively looked for work in the past four weeks, or
c) had a new job to start within four weeks from reference week.

Persons are regarded as available if they reported that they could have worked in the reference week if a suitable job had been offered (or recalled if on temporary layoff); or if the reason they could not take a job was of a temporary nature such as an illness or disability, personal or family responsibilities, or because they already have a job to start in the near future, or because of vacation. Full-time students currently attending school and looking for full-time work are not considered to be available for work.

- Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the reference week, were neither employed nor unemployed.

The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed.
Several indicators are derived from these basic counts.

- The participation rate is the labour force divided by the population to represent the proportion of the adult population "participating" in the labour market.

2 The Labour Force Survey excludes the population living on Reserve.

- The employment rate is the number of employed divided by the population to represent the proportion of the population who are employed.
- The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed persons divided by the labour force and represents what proportion of labour market participants are unable to find work.

The basic labour force statistics, broken down by sex, are included in Table 3 of the Appendix.

## Employment and Unemployment Rates

Saskatchewan females are less likely than males to be in the paid labour force. The difference is most pronounced among those fifteen and older among whom $71.8 \%$ of males were working in 2009 compared with $61.8 \%$ of females, a difference of $10.0 \%$. Among those in the primary labour market age group, 25 to 54 years of age, the difference was $7.4 \%$ in $2009-89.5 \%$ for males compared with $82.1 \%$ for females. Figure 6 also shows that in both age groups, the gap between the sexes has narrowed over the past ten years but has remained virtually unchanged over the past five years .

The difference in employment rates is not because females have more difficulty finding work. The unemployment rate for females is, in fact, lower than for males. This means that the lower employment rate arises because fewer females are participating in the paid labour market, not because those who do so are having trouble finding a job.

Figure 6 Employment Rates in Saskatchewan


Figure 7 shows that the difference in unemployment rates between the sexes narrowed between 2003 and 2008. In 2009, the difference widened to $0.9 \%$ which is near the long-term average.

## Attachment to the Labour Force and Job Type

Among the several measures of attachment to the labour force, the statistics in this section will show that:

- females are as likely as males to be in permanent positions;
- but less likely to be working full-time;
- less likely to be in "full-time, fullyear" positions; and
- more likely to be union members.

Statistics Canada defines a persons as
 working full-time if they "usually" work thirty or more hours per week at their main or only job. This means that those who combine two parttime jobs to create full-time work are still considered as working part-time. Those who work longer than thirty hours in a particular week are also still considered as working part-time if this is out of the ordinary. Note that in some occupations, air line pilots for example, the "usual" hours of work are less than thirty hours per week.

In 2009, 89.1\% of males were working fulltime compared with $72.2 \%$ of females and Figure 8 shows that the difference between the sexes has narrowed slightly in the past ten years. In 2009, the difference between males and females was $17 \%$ compared with $19 \%$ in 2004 and $20 \%$ in 1999.

Expressed in terms of the average hours per week, females in Saskatchewan worked an average of 29.0 hours at paid employment in 2009 compared with 38.8 hours per week for males. The difference of 9.8 hours per week was 11.1 hours per week in 1999 .

Another indicator of labour force attachment is whether or not a job is permanent. Statistics Canada defines a job to be permanent if it is expected to last as long as

the employee wants it, given that business conditions permit. That is, there is no predetermined termination date. The data are included as Table 4 in the Appendix.

Among employees in 2009, that is, excluding the self-employed, the vast majority of both males and females are in permanent positions. Figure 9 shows that although females are slightly less likely than males to be in permanent positions in 2009, $86.9 \%$ compared with $88.5 \%$, there are only minor differences between the sexes for this indicator.

Another measure of attachment to the labour force is the percentage of the population who work in what are called "full-time, full-year" positions, that is, those who have full-time positions that are not seasonal. The 2006

Figure $9 \quad$ Percentage of Paid Workers (excluding the self-employed) in Permanent Positions, Saskatchewan
 census is the most recent source of information for this labour market measure and it shows that females are much less likely than males to work in full-time, full-year positions (see Table 5 in the Appendix).

In 2005, the year prior to the 2006 census, less than one half ( $48.9 \%$ ) of the females in the 25 to 54 age group were working in fulltime, full-year positions compared with twothirds (66.6\%) of males.

Figure 10 also shows that the gap between males and females narrowed somewhat between 2000 and 2005 but remains high with a $17.8 \%$ difference between males and females in 2005 compared with a 19.3\% difference in 2000.

The final indicator to measure differences in the type of job applies to job tenure. Job tenure is defined as the number of consecutive months a person has worked for their current employer. The employee may have worked in more than one occupation or in more than one location and still be considered to have continuous tenure if the employer has not changed. But if a person

Figure 10 Percentage of the Population 25 to 54 Years of Age who Worked Mostly FullTime Throughout the Previous Year, Saskatchewan

has worked for the same employer over different periods of time, job tenure measures the most recent period of uninterrupted work. A temporary layoff does not constitute an interruption.

There are major differences between males and females in this indicator as Figure 11 shows.

In 2009, the average tenure among Saskatchewan females was 106 months compared with 124 months for Saskatchewan males. The gap narrowed from 30 months to 18 months between 2004 and 2009.

Union membership provides some measure of job security for paid workers so the prevalence of union membership is also included as an measure of labour force attachment.

Figure 12 shows that Saskatchewan females are more likely to be union members than Saskatchewan males. In 2009,41.6\% of female paid workers were union members compared with $29.9 \%$ of male paid workers ${ }^{3}$. The difference between the sexes has widened slightly in the past five years, growing from $8.1 \%$ in 2004 to $11.7 \%$ in 2009.

The next section will show that females tend to work in the public sector where unions are more common.

## Summary

The statistics about the paid labour market make it clear that females are less likely than males to be in the paid labour market. This remains true if students and seniors, two

Figure 11 Average Months of Tenure (with the same employer)


Figure 12 Percentage of Paid Workers (excluding the self-employed) who are Union Members, Saskatchewan


3 Those who are covered by a collective agreement are but not union members are included as union members.
categories where females outnumber males, are effectively excluded by looking only at those 25 to 54 years of age.

The lower participation in the paid labour market is not because females have difficulty finding a job; the unemployment rate is, in fact, lower than for males.

Among those who are in the paid labour market, the attachment of females to the labour force is not as strong as among males. For example, females are more likely than males to be working part-time, less likely to be in the so-called "full-time, full-year" positions, and have, on average, shorter tenure. Females, on the other hand, are more likely than males to be union members.

## Section 4 Industries and Occupations

This section looks at the kinds of industries and occupations in which males and females work. Measuring differences for industries and occupations is more difficult than measuring it for a single indicator for two reasons. The first is that the level of detail used for the industry and occupation - that is, the number of subgroups used - affects the result. The second is that differences measured over a number of categories requires a more sophisticated kind of statistic than differences in a single indicator such as the unemployment rate.

## Industry

The analysis in this section uses the eighteen industry groups for which provincial employment data are routinely published from the monthly Labour Force Survey ${ }^{4}$.

Generally speaking, females are more likely than males to work in the public sector, broadly defined to include the health and education sectors, the crown corporations, the three levels of government, and other organizations that are substantially funded by governments. In 2009, females represented $66.6 \%$ of public sector employees compared with $40.2 \%$ of private sector employees (including the self-employed).

Table 6 in the Appendix and Figure 13 shows that the proportion of females in the private sector has been relatively stable over the past ten years whereas the percentage of public sector employees who are female has been increasing.

Table 7 in the Appendix and Figure 14 shows the distribution by sex within each of eighteen industry groups. There is a cluster of five industry groups where males and females work in approximately the same proportion:

- business, building, and other support services - a category that includes contract cleaning, waste management, and head offices;
- professional, scientific, and technical services - a category that includes

Figure 13 Females as a Percentage of Employment, Saskatchewan
 accountants, lawyers, information technology and management consulting firms.

- personal and household services - a category that includes, for example, funeral homes, dry

[^1]cleaning establishments, yard care companies, repair shops, unions and other professional organizations, and churches;

- information, culture, and recreation - a category that includes SaskTel, the media, and casinos; and
- public administration - the four levels of government - First Nations, local, provincial, and federal.

Males dominate in several industry groups that have been growing recently in Saskatchewan including construction and the resource sector. In several other industry groups, health care and social assistance for example, almost all of the employees are females. It is quite clear from the picture shown in Figure 14 that, generally speaking, Saskatchewan males and females work in dramatically different industry groups.

Changes in those differences over time can be measured by using the standard deviation to determine the extent to which the percentages in Figure 14 deviate from the overall average of $47 \%$. The standard deviation was $21.5 \%$ in both 2004 and 2009 so there is no evidence that the industry distributions are getting more or less diverse. This means that, on average, females were as concentrated in industries where they already dominated as they were in 2004.

A simpler way to look at the changes over time is to simply note that in the nine industry groups where females are more common than the $47 \%$ average, female employment grew by 17,800 from 2004 to 2009. This compares with growth of 2,500 in industry groups where females had below-average representation. This means that, if anything, the concentration of females in certain industries is growing rather than declining.

Figure $14 \quad$ Females as a Percentage of Employment by Industry Group, Saskatchewan, 2009


## Occupation Group

The same methodology used for industry groups was applied to the twenty-four occupational groups published from the monthly Labour Force Survey. Table 8 in the Appendix shows the distribution by sex for each of these occupational groups. The differences between males and females are even wider among occupations than they are among industry groups. For example, there are 89,000 people employed in construction and transportation trades or their helpers or supervisors and females make up less than $4 \%$ of that group. At the other end of the scale, females make up $90 \%$ of technical occupations in support of health care and $95 \%$ of childcare and home support workers.

The differences are shown graphically in Figure 14 which calculates females as a proportion of those employed in each of the occupation groups.

As with industry, differences by occupation group have been more or less unchanged in the past five years. The standard deviation of the different percentages increased, in fact, over the five year period. Some examples of this trend are as follows.

- Females make up 79.8\% of clerical positions compared with $76.0 \%$ in 2005.
- Females make up $34.7 \%$ of management positions compared $38.3 \%$ in 2005.
- Females make up $70.4 \%$ of teachers and professors compared with $63.6 \%$ in 2005.

Figure 15 Females as a Percentage of Employment by Occupation Group, Saskatchewan, 2009


## Data Appendix

| Table 1 | Unpaid Work in a Family Business, Saskatchewan |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number |  |  | Percent of Total Employment |  |  |
| Year | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes |
| 1999 | 2,000 | 3,200 | 5,100 | 0.5\% | 0.8\% | 0.7\% |
| 2000 | 2,000 | 3,300 | 5,300 | 0.5\% | 0.9\% | 0.7\% |
| 2001 | 1,100 | 2,000 | 3,100 | 0.3\% | 0.5\% | 0.4\% |
| 2002 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 3,500 | 0.5\% | 0.5\% | 0.5\% |
| 2003 | 1,100 | 1,600 | 2,700 | 0.3\% | 0.4\% | 0.4\% |
| 2004 | 1,100 | 1,500 | 2,600 | 0.3\% | 0.4\% | 0.3\% |
| 2005 | 1,100 | 900 | 2,000 | 0.3\% | 0.2\% | 0.3\% |
| 2006 | 1,200 | 1,000 | 2,200 | 0.3\% | 0.3\% | 0.3\% |
| 2007 | 1,000 | 800 | 1,800 | 0.3\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% |
| 2008 | 900 | 500 | 1,400 | 0.2\% | 0.1\% | 0.2\% |
| 2009 | 700 | 700 | 1,400 | 0.2\% | 0.2\% | 0.2\% |



* The average is estimated by assuming those who reported working
- 1 to 5 hours worked 2.5 hours;
- 5 to 14 hours worked 10 hours;
- 15 to 29 hours worked 22.5 hours;
- 30 to 59 hours worked 45 hours; and
- 60 or more hours worked 70 hours.
** The average is estimated by assuming those who reported working:
- 1 to 5 hours worked 2.5 hours;
- 5 to 9 hours worked 7.5 hours;
- 10 to 19 hours worked 15 hours; and
- 20 or more hours worked 25 hours.

Source: Statistics Canada 2006 Census 97-559-XCB2006015; 2001 Census, 97F0013XCB01004

| Table 3 | Employment and Unemployment |  |  |  |  |  | Unemployment Rate | Employ- <br> ment Rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Number of persons |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Labour |  | mployed |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Force | Total | Full-time | Part-time |  |  |
| Population | Males | 1999 | 274,000 | 255,900 | 227,400 | 28,600 | 6.6\% | 69.1\% |
| 15 \& older |  | 2000 | 272,600 | 257,100 | 228,900 | 28,100 | 5.7\% | 69.7\% |
|  |  | 2001 | 266,800 | 250,300 | 223,900 | 26,400 | 6.2\% | 68.2\% |
|  |  | 2002 | 270,400 | 253,400 | 223,000 | 30,400 | 6.3\% | 69.2\% |
|  |  | 2003 | 271,400 | 254,300 | 224,400 | 29,900 | 6.3\% | 69.3\% |
|  |  | 2004 | 272,600 | 256,400 | 229,100 | 27,300 | 5.9\% | 69.7\% |
|  |  | 2005 | 274,700 | 259,500 | 229,800 | 29,700 | 5.5\% | 70.3\% |
|  |  | 2006 | 275,900 | 262,400 | 234,000 | 28,400 | 4.9\% | 71.3\% |
|  |  | 2007 | 281,900 | 269,900 | 241,000 | 28,800 | 4.3\% | 72.8\% |
|  |  | 2008 | 286,800 | 274,800 | 245,800 | 29,000 | 4.2\% | 72.6\% |
|  |  | 2009 | 291,700 | 276,100 | 245,900 | 30,200 | 5.3\% | 71.8\% |
|  | Females | 1999 | 227,900 | 215,600 | 147,900 | 67,700 | 5.4\% | 56.7\% |
|  |  | 2000 | 226,600 | 216,500 | 151,800 | 64,700 | 4.5\% | 57.2\% |
|  |  | 2001 | 221,700 | 210,000 | 147,200 | 62,800 | 5.3\% | 55.7\% |
|  |  | 2002 | 226,000 | 214,800 | 150,400 | 64,500 | 5.0\% | 57.1\% |
|  |  | 2003 | 232,900 | 221,800 | 155,800 | 66,000 | 4.8\% | 58.9\% |
|  |  | 2004 | 234,100 | 223,300 | 157,000 | 66,300 | 4.6\% | 59.1\% |
|  |  | 2005 | 234,700 | 224,000 | 159,900 | 64,100 | 4.6\% | 59.0\% |
|  |  | 2006 | 239,600 | 229,200 | 166,000 | 63,100 | 4.4\% | 60.6\% |
|  |  | 2007 | 241,900 | 231,900 | 167,000 | 64,900 | 4.1\% | 60.9\% |
|  |  | 2008 | 247,900 | 237,900 | 175,200 | 62,700 | 4.0\% | 61.2\% |
|  |  | 2009 | 255,100 | 244,400 | 176,400 | 68,000 | 4.2\% | 61.8\% |
| Population | Males | 1999 | 183,700 | 173,700 | 165,000 | 8,700 | 5.4\% | 88.0\% |
| 25 to 54 |  | 2000 | 181,900 | 173,400 | 166,200 | 7,200 | 4.7\% | 88.4\% |
| years |  | 2001 | 179,300 | 170,600 | 163,600 | 7,000 | 4.9\% | 87.8\% |
|  |  | 2002 | 178,500 | 169,400 | 161,400 | 7,900 | 5.1\% | 88.0\% |
|  |  | 2003 | 178,600 | 168,900 | 160,600 | 8,300 | 5.4\% | 88.3\% |
|  |  | 2004 | 177,300 | 168,800 | 161,600 | 7,200 | 4.8\% | 88.4\% |
|  |  | 2005 | 176,600 | 168,900 | 161,500 | 7,400 | 4.4\% | 88.6\% |
|  |  | 2006 | 174,800 | 167,800 | 161,100 | 6,700 | 4.0\% | 88.8\% |
|  |  | 2007 | 178,400 | 172,300 | 165,600 | 6,700 | 3.4\% | 90.9\% |
|  |  | 2008 | 181,100 | 175,000 | 168,200 | 6,800 | 3.4\% | 90.7\% |
|  |  | 2009 | 183,300 | 175,300 | 168,100 | 7,100 | 4.4\% | 89.5\% |
|  | Females | 1999 | 160,200 | 152,600 | 113,600 | 39,000 | 4.7\% | 78.2\% |
|  |  | 2000 | 157,900 | 152,000 | 115,100 | 37,000 | 3.7\% | 78.4\% |
|  |  | 2001 | 155,400 | 148,500 | 112,300 | 36,200 | 4.4\% | 77.1\% |
|  |  | 2002 | 158,000 | 151,500 | 115,100 | 36,400 | 4.1\% | 79.3\% |
|  |  | 2003 | 159,400 | 153,200 | 116,600 | 36,600 | 3.9\% | 80.5\% |
|  |  | 2004 | 160,000 | 153,900 | 118,300 | 35,600 | 3.8\% | 81.0\% |
|  |  | 2005 | 159,100 | 153,400 | 118,800 | 34,600 | 3.6\% | 80.7\% |
|  |  | 2006 | 160,000 | 154,400 | 122,300 | 32,100 | 3.6\% | 82.1\% |
|  |  | 2007 | 159,800 | 154,300 | 121,800 | 32,400 | 3.5\% | 82.0\% |
|  |  | 2008 | 161,800 | 156,200 | 125,400 | 30,900 | 3.5\% | 81.3\% |
|  |  | 2009 | 166,000 | 160,200 | 126,600 | 33,600 | 3.5\% | 82.1\% |

[^2]Table 4

|  | Permanent positions as \% of paid workers |  | Union membership as \% of employment |  | Job tenure (average months with employer) |  | Average hours worked per week at all jobs |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females |
| 1999 | 87.2\% | 86.9\% | 32.7\% | 38.2\% | 137 | 99 | 41.3 | 30.2 |
| 2000 | 87.6\% | 87.7\% | 31.7\% | 38.9\% | 136 | 99 | 41.4 | 30.6 |
| 2001 | 88.1\% | 86.4\% | 32.1\% | 40.6\% | 134 | 99 | 40.8 | 30.1 |
| 2002 | 86.8\% | 86.5\% | 31.3\% | 40.1\% | 130 | 100 | 40.1 | 29.8 |
| 2003 | 88.4\% | 87.8\% | 30.9\% | 39.7\% | 132 | 100 | 39.6 | 29.4 |
| 2004 | 89.4\% | 87.2\% | 31.1\% | 39.7\% | 135 | 105 | 39.8 | 29.3 |
| 2005 | 87.5\% | 87.4\% | 31.4\% | 39.5\% | 134 | 106 | 40.3 | 30.3 |
| 2006 | 88.3\% | 86.9\% | 31.9\% | 40.0\% | 131 | 105 | 40.5 | 30.2 |
| 2007 | 87.9\% | 87.9\% | 30.3\% | 39.4\% | 127 | 103 | 40.8 | 30.2 |
| 2008 | 87.9\% | 87.3\% | 30.9\% | 39.4\% | 124 | 100 | 40.4 | 30.2 |
| 2009 | 88.5\% | 86.9\% | 29.9\% | 41.6\% | 124 | 106 | 38.8 | 29.0 |

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, Historical Review CDROM, Table 80 (for permanent positions), Table 78 (for union membership), Table 38 (for job tenure), Table 18 for hours of work

Table 5 Labour Force Attachment


Source: 2000 - Statistics Canada Census 97F0019XCB01003 2005 - Statistics Canada Census 97-559-XCB2006021

Table 6 Employment by Sector

|  | Public sector employees |  |  | Self-employed and private sector employees |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males | Females | \% Female | Males | Females | \% Female |
| 1999 | 42,800 | 65,200 | 60.4\% | 213,200 | 150,400 | 41.4\% |
| 2000 | 41,600 | 69,900 | 62.7\% | 215,400 | 146,600 | 40.5\% |
| 2001 | 42,900 | 68,700 | 61.6\% | 207,400 | 141,300 | 40.5\% |
| 2002 | 40,800 | 69,900 | 63.1\% | 212,600 | 144,900 | 40.5\% |
| 2003 | 42,500 | 71,100 | 62.6\% | 211,800 | 150,700 | 41.6\% |
| 2004 | 43,600 | 73,700 | 62.8\% | 212,800 | 149,500 | 41.3\% |
| 2005 | 44,100 | 75,200 | 63.0\% | 215,300 | 148,800 | 40.9\% |
| 2006 | 42,500 | 78,500 | 64.9\% | 219,900 | 150,700 | 40.7\% |
| 2007 | 45,500 | 78,400 | 63.3\% | 224,400 | 153,500 | 40.6\% |
| 2008 | 46,000 | 81,400 | 63.9\% | 228,900 | 156,500 | 40.6\% |
| 2009 | 44,400 | 88,700 | 66.6\% | 231,700 | 155,700 | 40.2\% |

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, Historical Review CDROM, Table 12

Table $7 \quad$ Employment by Industry Group

| Employment both sexes |  | $\underline{2005}$ | $\underline{2006}$ | $\underline{2007}$ | $\underline{2008}$ | $\underline{2009}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Agriculture | 46,600 | 47,800 | 43,800 | 41,000 | 43,400 |
|  | Forestry, fishing, mining, oil/gas | 18,600 | 21,500 | 22,100 | 25,200 | 24,500 |
|  | Utilities | 4,600 | 4,500 | 4,200 | 5,600 | 4,700 |
|  | Construction | 26,300 | 29,600 | 32,100 | 36,800 | 38,500 |
|  | Manufacturing | 30,300 | 29,300 | 30,700 | 30,900 | 28,500 |
|  | Wholesale trade | 18,100 | 17,400 | 19,600 | 20,100 | 19,500 |
|  | Retail trade | 60,200 | 61,900 | 62,900 | 63,400 | 61,600 |
|  | Transportation and warehousing | 24,900 | 25,700 | 24,600 | 24,000 | 25,000 |
|  | Finance and insurance | 19,400 | 18,400 | 19,200 | 21,700 | 21,700 |
|  | Real estate and leasing | 6,400 | 7,300 | 7,400 | 6,700 | 7,700 |
|  | Professional, scientific, and technical services | 18,000 | 18,900 | 21,100 | 20,700 | 21,700 |
|  | Business, building and other support services | 13,400 | 12,600 | 11,500 | 11,400 | 12,100 |
|  | Educational services | 38,800 | 38,100 | 40,200 | 37,700 | 39,500 |
|  | Health care and social assistance | 58,100 | 59,500 | 61,700 | 63,400 | 66,300 |
|  | Information, culture, recreation | 20,300 | 20,200 | 19,900 | 20,300 | 20,300 |
|  | Accommodation and food services | 29,700 | 30,200 | 30,800 | 32,000 | 30,600 |
|  | Personal and household services | 22,600 | 21,200 | 22,400 | 22,900 | 24,200 |
|  | Public administration | 27,200 | 27,500 | 27,700 | 29,200 | 31,000 |
|  | Total, all industries | 483,500 | 491,600 | 501,800 | 512,700 | 520,600 |
| Employment | Agriculture | 10,300 | 10,800 | 9,500 | 8,400 | 11,300 |
| Females | Forestry, fishing, mining, oil/gas | 2,100 | 2,400 | 2,000 | 2,600 | 3,200 |
|  | Utilities | 1,100 | 1,100 | 1,100 | 1,700 | 1,400 |
|  | Construction | 2,300 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,600 | 3,500 |
|  | Manufacturing | 7,100 | 6,600 | 5,400 | 6,400 | 4,800 |
|  | Wholesale trade | 3,500 | 4,200 | 4,300 | 5,200 | 4,400 |
|  | Retail trade | 32,900 | 33,900 | 35,700 | 36,000 | 33,400 |
|  | Transportation and warehousing | 4,700 | 5,100 | 5,800 | 5,300 | 5,100 |
|  | Finance and insurance | 13,700 | 12,600 | 13,900 | 15,200 | 15,200 |
|  | Real estate and leasing | 2,800 | 3,000 | 3,300 | 2,700 | 4,100 |
|  | Professional, scientific, and technical services | 8,700 | 9,000 | 9,200 | 9,500 | 10,000 |
|  | Business, building and other support services | 7,000 | 6,100 | 5,600 | 5,300 | 5,600 |
|  | Educational services | 25,500 | 26,500 | 27,300 | 25,000 | 28,700 |
|  | Health care and social assistance | 49,100 | 50,400 | 51,900 | 53,900 | 57,300 |
|  | Information, culture, recreation | 10,200 | 10,500 | 10,200 | 9,800 | 10,100 |
|  | Accommodation and food services | 19,300 | 18,900 | 19,600 | 20,100 | 18,700 |
|  | Personal and household services | 10,800 | 11,300 | 11,000 | 12,300 | 11,900 |
|  | Public administration | 12,800 | 13,600 | 13,100 | 14,700 | 15,500 |
|  | Total, all industries | 224,000 | 229,200 | 231,900 | 237,900 | 244,400 |


| Table 8 | Employment by Occupation Group |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{2005}$ | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | $\underline{2009}$ |
| Employment both sexes | Management occupations | 34,500 | 35,700 | 34,600 | 37,700 | 36,300 |
|  | Professions in business and finance | 9,500 | 10,300 | 10,800 | 10,800 | 10,600 |
|  | Financial, secretarial, administrative | 22,800 | 24,600 | 21,900 | 23,700 | 24,100 |
|  | Clerical occupations and supervisors | 44,600 | 45,100 | 47,400 | 49,000 | 48,500 |
|  | Natural/applied sciences and related | 20,900 | 21,900 | 22,900 | 26,300 | 24,900 |
|  | Health professions | 14,400 | 14,400 | 13,400 | 14,600 | 16,700 |
|  | Technical/assisting in health care | 18,100 | 19,100 | 21,000 | 20,000 | 20,600 |
|  | Social science, government, religion | 19,600 | 19,300 | 20,300 | 19,500 | 21,900 |
|  | Teachers and professors | 20,600 | 21,100 | 20,400 | 20,500 | 21,300 |
|  | Art, culture, recreation and sport | 11,000 | 10,500 | 10,300 | 10,500 | 11,400 |
|  | Wholesale, technical, insurance, real estate sales specialists, grain buyers | 12,800 | 12,100 | 12,800 | 13,700 | 14,100 |
|  | Retail salesperson, clerks, cashiers | 30,800 | 30,000 | 32,000 | 32,800 | 31,900 |
|  | Chefs, cooks, food/beverage servers | 16,500 | 16,700 | 17,600 | 16,700 | 17,700 |
|  | Occupation in protective services | 7,500 | 6,200 | 6,400 | 7,100 | 7,700 |
|  | Childcare and home support workers | 7,000 | 6,000 | 7,000 | 6,800 | 7,500 |
|  | Other sales and services | 43,700 | 45,300 | 44,500 | 46,400 | 45,500 |
|  | Trade contractors/supervisors | 9,100 | 9,900 | 9,700 | 9,300 | 10,300 |
|  | Construction trades | 8,700 | 8,800 | 10,900 | 11,600 | 12,900 |
|  | Non-construction trades | 25,800 | 24,200 | 29,500 | 32,200 | 31,700 |
|  | Transport and equipment operators | 21,600 | 22,500 | 23,000 | 22,900 | 23,600 |
|  | Helpers and construction labourers | 9,800 | 10,000 | 9,500 | 10,100 | 10,500 |
|  | Occupations unique to primary industry | 57,200 | 60,700 | 58,200 | 54,700 | 56,800 |
|  | Manufacturing machine operators | 13,700 | 14,000 | 14,400 | 12,500 | 11,700 |
|  | Other process labourers | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,300 | 3,300 | 2,200 |
|  | Total | 483,500 | 491,600 | 501,800 | 512,700 | 520,600 |
| Employment Females | Management occupations | 13,200 | 13,300 | 13,000 | 14,700 | 12,600 |
|  | Professions in business and finance | 5,200 | 5,400 | 5,400 | 6,100 | 5,900 |
|  | Financial, secretarial, administrative | 19,000 | 21,100 | 18,400 | 19,300 | 19,800 |
|  | Clerical occupations and supervisors | 33,900 | 33,800 | 37,200 | 38,600 | 38,700 |
|  | Natura//applied sciences and related | 4,900 | 4,800 | 4,900 | 5,100 | 5,200 |
|  | Health professions | 11,600 | 11,700 | 10,600 | 12,100 | 13,300 |
|  | Technical/assisting in health care | 16,100 | 16,800 | 18,600 | 17,700 | 18,500 |
|  | Social science, government, religion | 13,500 | 13,000 | 14,100 | 14,000 | 16,400 |
|  | Teachers and professors | 13,100 | 14,300 | 13,800 | 13,200 | 15,000 |
|  | Art, culture, recreation and sport | 6,500 | 6,600 | 6,500 | 5,900 | 6,800 |
|  | Wholesale, technical, insurance, real estate sales specialists, grain buyers | 3,300 | 3,500 | 3,300 | 4,600 | 5,100 |
|  | Retail salesperson, clerks, cashiers | 21,100 | 20,800 | 22,000 | 22,200 | 20,800 |
|  | Chefs, cooks, food/beverage servers | 11,500 | 11,600 | 12,100 | 11,400 | 11,400 |
|  | Occupation in protective services | 1,500 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
|  | Childcare and home support workers | 6,500 | 5,500 | 6,400 | 6,400 | 7,100 |
|  | Other sales and services | 25,400 | 26,800 | 26,700 | 28,100 | 28,000 |
|  | Trade contractors/supervisors | 500 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
|  | Construction trades | ... | $\ldots$ | . | ... |  |
|  | Non-construction trades | 1,100 | 1,000 | 1,100 | 1,300 | 1,000 |
|  | Transport and equipment operators | 1,500 | 1,800 | 2,300 | 1,700 | 1,600 |
|  | Helpers and construction labourers | 800 | 1,300 | 1,000 | 1,100 | 700 |
|  | Occupations unique to primary industry | 10,100 | 10,800 | 9,300 | 8,400 | 11,600 |
|  | Manufacturing machine operators | 2,200 | 2,300 | 2,200 | 2,600 | 1,700 |
|  | Other process labourers | 1,000 | 1,000 |  | ... |  |
|  | Total | 224,000 | 229,200 | 231,900 | 237,900 | 244,400 |

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[^1]:    4 For multiple job holders, those who work in two jobs simultaneously, the industry of the main job, the one in which they work the most hours, is chosen.

[^2]:    Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, Historical Review CDROM, Table 2

