

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

April 2008

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended April 19, 2008, there were 503,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan during April 2008, an increase of 3,000 from March 2008 and 8,700 more than the number employed in April 2007.

Agricultural employment was 39,800 persons in April 2008, up 3,900 from the March 2008 level and 3,700 less than the April 2007 agricultural employment level of 43,500. Non-agricultural employment was 463,300 persons in April 2008. This is a decrease of 900 from the March 2008 non-agriculture employment level of 464,200 and 12,400 more than April 2007.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for April 2008 was 4.5 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the March 2008 rate of 4.4 percent and 0.2 percentage points higher than the April 2007 level of 4.3 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 3,700 to 526,700 persons in April 2008 from 523,000 persons in March 2008. This is 10,100 more than the April 2007 labour force of 516,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.4 percentage points to 69.0 percent in April 2008 from 68.6 percent in March 2008. The April 2007 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.0 percent.

There were 23,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during April 2008. This is an increase of 700 from March 2008 and is 1,400 more than the number unemployed in April 2007.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 510,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan in April 2008, up 1,900 from the March 2008 level of 508,200 and is up 8,200 from the April 2007 employment level of 501,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2008 was 4.3 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the March 2008 rate of 4.1 percent and 0.2 percentage points higher than the April 2007 rate of 4.1 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 70,300 persons in April 2008 to 16,915,500 persons from 16,845,200 persons in March 2008. In April 2007, there were 16,575,000 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage points to 6.3 percent from the March 2008 level of 6.4 percent. In April 2007, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.3 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.1 percent in April 2008. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than March 2008 but 0.1 percentage points lower than the April 2007 level of 6.2 percent.

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

TABLE 1

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

	<u>April</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,050.9	18,000.4	17,699.4	50.5	351.5
Employed ('000)	16,915.5	16,845.2	16,575.7	70.3	339.8
Full-Time ('000)	13,707.2	13,570.6	13,410.1	136.6	297.1
Part-Time ('000)	3,208.2	3,274.6	3,165.6	-66.4	42.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,135.4	1,155.2	1,123.7	-19.8	11.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.4	6.3	-0.1	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.1	6.0	6.2	0.1	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.3	67.2	66.9	0.1	0.4
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	526.7	523.0	516.6	3.7	10.1
Employed ('000)	503.1	500.1	494.4	3.0	8.7
Full-Time ('000)	410.4	403.8	393.1	6.6	17.3
Part-Time ('000)	92.8	96.2	101.4	-3.4	-8.6
Unemployed ('000)	23.6	22.9	22.2	0.7	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.4	4.3	0.1	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.3	4.1	4.1	0.2	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	68.6	69.0	0.4	0.0
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,052.9	2,054.6	1,997.7	-1.7	55.2
Employed ('000)	1,985.1	1,987.6	1,927.9	-2.5	57.2
Full-Time ('000)	1,658.0	1,657.3	1,600.5	0.7	57.5
Part-Time ('000)	327.0	330.3	327.4	-3.3	-0.4
Unemployed ('000)	67.8	67.0	69.8	0.8	-2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.3	3.5	0.0	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.3	3.4	3.4	-0.1	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	73.7	73.9	73.3	-0.2	0.4
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	633.7	622.6	618.9	11.1	14.8
Employed ('000)	606.6	594.2	587.0	12.4	19.6
Full-Time ('000)	479.8	477.5	463.0	2.3	16.8
Part-Time ('000)	126.8	116.7	124.0	10.1	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	27.1	28.5	31.9	-1.4	-4.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.6	5.2	-0.3	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.8	4.3	4.8	-0.5	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	68.7	69.0	1.1	0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<b><u>April 2008</u></b>	<b><u>March 2008</u></b>	<b><u>April 2007</u></b>	<b>Change from</b>	
				<b><u>Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	526.7	523.0	516.6	3.7	10.1
Male	282.1	279.9	275.9	2.2	6.2
Female	244.6	243.1	240.7	1.5	3.9
15-24 Years of Age	97.4	93.9	94.5	3.5	2.9
25+ Years of age	429.3	429.1	422.1	0.2	7.2
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	503.1	500.1	494.4	3.0	8.7
Male	268.6	266.6	261.9	2.0	6.7
Female	234.5	233.5	232.5	1.0	2.0
15-24 Years of Age	88.3	86.8	86.7	1.5	1.6
25+ Years of age	414.9	413.3	407.7	1.6	7.2
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	23.6	22.9	22.2	0.7	1.4
Male	13.5	13.3	13.9	0.2	-0.4
Female	10.1	9.6	8.2	0.5	1.9
15-24 Years of Age	9.1	7.1	7.8	2.0	1.3
25+ Years of age	14.4	15.8	14.4	-1.4	0.0
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	4.5	4.4	4.3	0.1	0.2
Male	4.8	4.8	5.0	0.0	-0.2
Female	4.1	3.9	3.4	0.2	0.7
15-24 Years of Age	9.3	7.6	8.3	1.7	1.0
25+ Years of age	3.4	3.7	3.4	-0.3	0.0
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	69.0	68.6	69.0	0.4	0.0
Male	74.9	74.4	74.7	0.5	0.2
Female	63.2	62.9	63.4	0.3	-0.2
15-24 Years of Age	70.0	67.5	68.8	2.5	1.2
25+ Years of age	68.7	68.9	69.1	-0.2	-0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<b>April 2008</b>	<b>March 2008</b>	<b>April 2007</b>	<b>Change from Last Month</b>	<b>Change from Last Year</b>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	39.8	35.9	43.5	3.9	-3.7
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	22.6	25.0	20.0	-2.4	2.6
Utilities	5.3	5.1	3.5	0.2	1.8
Construction	33.3	32.0	28.4	1.3	4.9
Manufacturing	32.0	29.8	30.1	2.2	1.9
Trade	83.0	84.5	85.6	-1.5	-2.6
Transportation and Warehousing	25.2	25.0	23.8	0.2	1.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.5	28.2	26.1	0.3	2.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	20.7	21.4	21.0	-0.7	-0.3
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.0	11.1	9.4	-0.1	1.6
Educational Services	37.7	40.1	42.3	-2.4	-4.6
Health Care and Social Assistance	61.6	61.7	61.8	-0.1	-0.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.9	19.6	18.3	0.3	1.6
Accommodation and Food Services	31.6	30.9	30.0	0.7	1.6
Other Services	22.3	22.2	23.0	0.1	-0.7
Public Administration	28.6	27.7	27.6	0.9	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>503.1</b>	<b>500.1</b>	<b>494.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>8.7</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	410.4	403.8	393.1	6.6	17.3
Part-Time	92.8	96.2	101.4	-3.4	-8.6
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	411.3	411.6	400.4	-0.3	10.9
Public Sector	125.3	126.2	122.9	-0.9	2.4
Private Sector	286.0	285.3	277.5	0.7	8.5
Self-Employed	91.9	88.5	94.0	3.4	-2.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>April</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	16,915.5	16,845.2	16,575.7	70.3	339.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	213.0	207.3	207.7	5.7	5.3
Prince Edward Island	66.5	66.8	65.8	-0.3	0.7
Nova Scotia	447.0	436.1	442.5	10.9	4.5
New Brunswick	354.7	352.0	349.9	2.7	4.8
Quebec	3,805.8	3,809.5	3,785.4	-3.7	20.4
Ontario	6,629.2	6,586.4	6,489.2	42.8	140.0
Manitoba	606.6	594.2	587.0	12.4	19.6
Saskatchewan	503.1	500.1	494.4	3.0	8.7
Alberta	1,985.1	1,987.6	1,927.9	-2.5	57.2
British Columbia	2,304.5	2,305.3	2,225.9	-0.8	78.6
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	6.3	6.4	6.3	-0.1	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.9	14.4	15.5	1.5	0.4
Prince Edward Island	15.1	12.6	13.0	2.5	2.1
Nova Scotia	8.4	8.8	8.9	-0.4	-0.5
New Brunswick	9.9	9.4	8.8	0.5	1.1
Quebec	8.0	8.0	7.6	0.0	0.4
Ontario	6.3	6.8	6.6	-0.5	-0.3
Manitoba	4.3	4.6	5.2	-0.3	-0.9
Saskatchewan	4.5	4.4	4.3	0.1	0.2
Alberta	3.3	3.3	3.5	0.0	-0.2
British Columbia	4.5	4.2	4.6	0.3	-0.1

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TABLE 5

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>Feb-Apr</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Jan-Mar</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Feb-Apr</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	9.3	8.7	7.3	0.6	2.0
Halifax	5.1	5.1	5.2	0.0	-0.1
Saint John	6.2	6.0	4.2	0.2	2.0
Quebec	5.4	6.0	5.4	-0.6	0.0
Montreal	7.8	7.7	7.1	0.1	0.7
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.7	4.5	5.2	0.2	-0.5
Greater Sudbury	6.0	5.8	5.4	0.2	0.6
Toronto	6.3	6.4	6.8	-0.1	-0.5
Winnipeg	4.4	4.2	5.0	0.2	-0.6
Regina	4.3	4.4	4.2	-0.1	0.1
Saskatoon	3.7	3.6	4.1	0.1	-0.4
Calgary	2.9	3.1	3.3	-0.2	-0.4
Edmonton	3.8	3.8	3.3	0.0	0.5
Vancouver	3.9	3.8	3.7	0.1	0.2
Victoria	2.8	3.2	3.1	-0.4	-0.3
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b><u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	152.7	151.9	149.2	0.8	3.5
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	51.8	51.1	54.3	0.7	-2.5
Saskatoon-Biggar	163.6	161.9	160.3	1.7	3.3
Yorkton-Melville	38.4	39.8	40.2	-1.4	-1.8
Prince Albert & Northern	94.4	93.8	89.9	0.6	4.5

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 6

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY**  
**FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>Feb-Apr</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Jan-Mar</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Feb-Apr</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	523.3	521.1	514.6	2.2	8.7
Employed ('000)	499.9	497.8	492.3	2.1	7.6
Unemployed ('000)	23.3	23.2	22.3	0.1	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.5	4.3	0.0	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	68.5	68.8	0.1	-0.2
Employment Rate (%)	65.6	65.4	65.8	0.2	-0.2
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	485.0	482.4	476.5	2.6	8.5
Employed ('000)	467.2	464.8	458.6	2.4	8.6
Unemployed ('000)	17.8	17.6	17.9	0.2	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	3.6	3.8	0.1	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	68.9	69.2	0.2	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	66.6	66.4	66.6	0.2	0.0
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	38.2	38.7	38.1	-0.5	0.1
Employed ('000)	32.7	33.0	33.6	-0.3	-0.9
Unemployed ('000)	5.5	5.6	4.4	-0.1	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.5	14.6	11.7	-0.1	2.8
Participation Rate (%)	62.8	63.7	64.0	-0.9	-1.2
Employment Rate (%)	53.7	54.4	56.5	-0.7	-2.8
<b><u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	15.6	15.5	15.2	0.1	0.4
Employed ('000)	12.2	12.2	13.3	0.0	-1.1
Unemployed ('000)	3.4	3.3	1.9	0.1	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	21.7	21.2	12.6	0.5	9.1
Participation Rate (%)	56.8	56.4	56.4	0.4	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	44.5	44.4	49.3	0.1	-4.8
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Labour Force ('000)	22.5	23.1	22.8	-0.6	-0.3
Employed ('000)	20.3	20.7	20.3	-0.4	0.0
Unemployed ('000)	2.1	2.4	2.5	-0.3	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.6	10.3	10.8	-0.7	-1.2
Participation Rate (%)	67.8	69.8	70.3	-2.0	-2.5
Employment Rate (%)	61.3	62.6	62.7	-1.3	-1.4

## 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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