

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

January 2008

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## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended January 19, 2008, there were 496,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan during January 2008, a decrease of 3,100 from December 2007 but 2,600 more than the number employed in January 2007.

Agricultural employment was 36,300 persons in January 2008, down 2,100 from the December 2007 level and 6,300 less than the January 2007 agricultural employment level of 42,600. Non-agricultural employment was 459,700 persons in January 2008. This is a decrease of 1,000 from the December 2007 non-agriculture employment level of 460,700 but 8,900 more than January 2007.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for January 2008 was 4.5 percent. This is an increase of 0.7 percentage points from the December 2007 rate of 3.8 percent but 0.1 percentage points lower than the January 2007 level of 4.6 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 500 to 519,300 persons in January 2008 from 518,800 persons in December 2007. This is 2,200 more than the January 2007 labour force of 517,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.1 percentage points to 68.3 percent in January 2008 from 68.4 percent in December 2007. The January 2007 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.2 percent.

There were 23,300 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during January 2008. This is an increase of 3,600 from December 2007 but is 500 less than the number unemployed in January 2007.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 505,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in January 2008, up 1,000 from the December 2007 level of 504,700 and is up 2,000 from the January 2007 employment level of 503,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2008 was 3.9 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the December 2007 rate of 4.0 percent and 0.2 percentage points lower than the January 2007 rate of 4.1 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 219,000 persons in January 2008 to 16,710,800 persons from 16,929,800 persons in December 2007. In January 2007, there were 16,364,900 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.7 percentage points to 6.3 percent from the December 2007 level of 5.6 percent. In January 2007, Canada's unemployment rate 6.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.8 percent in January 2008. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than December 2007 and 0.4 percentage points lower than the January 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**

	January <u>2008</u>	December <u>2007</u>	January <u>2007</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	17,834.0	17,929.1	17,547.2	-95.1	286.8
Employed ('000)	16,710.8	16,929.8	16,364.9	-219.0	345.9
Full-Time ('000)	13,502.5	13,702.0	13,186.8	-199.5	315.7
Part-Time ('000)	3,208.4	3,227.8	3,178.1	-19.4	30.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,123.2	999.3	1,182.3	123.9	-59.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	5.6	6.7	0.7	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.8	6.0	6.2	-0.2	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	66.7	67.1	66.5	-0.4	0.2
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	519.3	518.8	517.1	0.5	2.2
Employed ('000)	496.0	499.1	493.4	-3.1	2.6
Full-Time ('000)	399.4	403.7	394.3	-4.3	5.1
Part-Time ('000)	96.6	95.5	99.0	1.1	-2.4
Unemployed ('000)	23.3	19.7	23.8	3.6	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	3.8	4.6	0.7	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.9	4.0	4.1	-0.1	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.3	68.4	69.2	-0.1	-0.9
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,043.4	2,045.0	1,975.9	-1.6	67.5
Employed ('000)	1,970.6	1,982.3	1,901.9	-11.7	68.7
Full-Time ('000)	1,638.6	1,655.8	1,585.1	-17.2	53.5
Part-Time ('000)	332.1	326.5	316.8	5.6	15.3
Unemployed ('000)	72.8	62.7	74.0	10.1	-1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	3.1	3.7	0.5	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.2	3.2	3.3	0.0	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	73.7	73.8	73.1	-0.1	0.6
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	617.2	621.1	611.0	-3.9	6.2
Employed ('000)	591.7	595.9	579.8	-4.2	11.9
Full-Time ('000)	475.4	479.7	462.4	-4.3	13.0
Part-Time ('000)	116.2	116.2	117.3	0.0	-1.1
Unemployed ('000)	25.5	25.2	31.3	0.3	-5.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	4.1	5.1	0.0	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.8	4.2	4.6	-0.4	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	68.3	68.8	68.3	-0.5	0.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	January <u>2008</u>	December <u>2007</u>	January <u>2007</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	519.3	518.8	517.1	0.5	2.2
Male	280.7	280.4	274.5	0.3	6.2
Female	238.6	238.4	242.6	0.2	-4.0
15-24 Years of Age	93.8	93.8	96.6	0.0	-2.8
25+ Years of age	425.5	425.1	420.5	0.4	5.0
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	496.0	499.1	493.4	-3.1	2.6
Male	266.3	268.4	260.7	-2.1	5.6
Female	229.6	230.7	232.7	-1.1	-3.1
15-24 Years of Age	87.0	86.9	87.5	0.1	-0.5
25+ Years of age	409.0	412.3	405.9	-3.3	3.1
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	23.3	19.7	23.8	3.6	-0.5
Male	14.3	12.0	13.9	2.3	0.4
Female	8.9	7.7	9.9	1.2	-1.0
15-24 Years of Age	6.8	6.9	9.2	-0.1	-2.4
25+ Years of age	16.5	12.8	14.6	3.7	1.9
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	4.5	3.8	4.6	0.7	-0.1
Male	5.1	4.3	5.1	0.8	0.0
Female	3.7	3.2	4.1	0.5	-0.4
15-24 Years of Age	7.2	7.4	9.5	-0.2	-2.3
25+ Years of age	3.9	3.0	3.5	0.9	0.4
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	68.3	68.4	69.2	-0.1	-0.9
Male	74.9	75.0	74.5	-0.1	0.4
Female	62.0	62.1	64.1	-0.1	-2.1
15-24 Years of Age	67.6	67.7	70.4	-0.1	-2.8
25+ Years of age	68.5	68.6	69.0	-0.1	-0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<b>January <u>2008</u></b>	<b>December <u>2007</u></b>	<b>January <u>2007</u></b>	<b>Change from <u>Last Month</u></b>	<b>Change from <u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	36.3	38.4	42.6	-2.1	-6.3
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.1	22.8	22.9	2.3	2.2
Utilities	4.9	5.1	4.0	-0.2	0.9
Construction	32.7	31.0	27.5	1.7	5.2
Manufacturing	30.6	29.9	28.3	0.7	2.3
Trade	83.8	84.2	82.4	-0.4	1.4
Transportation and Warehousing	25.6	25.0	25.4	0.6	0.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	26.9	27.5	24.9	-0.6	2.0
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	18.6	21.3	20.1	-2.7	-1.5
Business, Building and Other Support Services	10.2	10.1	10.9	0.1	-0.7
Educational Services	40.2	40.6	41.6	-0.4	-1.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	59.2	61.9	64.6	-2.7	-5.4
Information, Culture and Recreation	21.5	20.2	18.6	1.3	2.9
Accommodation and Food Services	30.5	30.9	30	-0.4	0.5
Other Services	22.6	21.9	23.3	0.7	-0.7
Public Administration	27.5	28.2	26.2	-0.7	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>496.0</b>	<b>499.1</b>	<b>493.4</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	399.4	403.7	394.3	-4.3	5.1
Part-Time	96.6	95.5	99.0	1.1	-2.4
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	408.0	407.2	398.2	0.8	9.8
Public Sector	123.6	126.3	123.0	-2.7	0.6
Private Sector	284.4	280.9	275.3	3.5	9.1
Self-Employed	88.0	92.0	95.1	-4.0	-7.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>January</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	16,710.8	16,929.8	16,364.9	-219.0	345.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	206.5	213.0	198.6	-6.5	7.9
Prince Edward Island	65.2	66.4	64.8	-1.2	0.4
Nova Scotia	436.8	451.1	432.4	-14.3	4.4
New Brunswick	350.1	360.6	342.4	-10.5	7.7
Quebec	3,785.9	3,848.0	3,701.1	-62.1	84.8
Ontario	6,533.8	6,626.0	6,437.2	-92.2	96.6
Manitoba	591.7	595.9	579.8	-4.2	11.9
Saskatchewan	496.0	499.1	493.4	-3.1	2.6
Alberta	1,970.6	1,982.3	1,901.9	-11.7	68.7
British Columbia	2,274.3	2,287.3	2,213.4	-13.0	60.9
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	6.3	5.6	6.7	0.7	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.6	12.5	18.1	2.1	-3.5
Prince Edward Island	14.0	11.9	13.9	2.1	0.1
Nova Scotia	8.3	6.8	8.9	1.5	-0.6
New Brunswick	9.3	7.8	8.8	1.5	0.5
Quebec	7.8	7.0	8.8	0.8	-1.0
Ontario	6.5	5.8	6.6	0.7	-0.1
Manitoba	4.1	4.1	5.1	0.0	-1.0
Saskatchewan	4.5	3.8	4.6	0.7	-0.1
Alberta	3.6	3.1	3.7	0.5	-0.1
British Columbia	4.5	3.8	4.8	0.7	-0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Nov-Jan <u>2008</u>	Oct-Dec <u>2007</u>	Nov-Jan <u>2007</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	6.8	6.1	7.4	0.7	-0.6
Halifax	4.3	3.9	4.4	0.4	-0.1
Saint John	3.9	3.8	5.0	0.1	-1.1
Quebec	5.6	5.1	6.1	0.5	-0.5
Montreal	7.2	6.8	7.7	0.4	-0.5
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.1	4.0	5.6	0.1	-1.5
Greater Sudbury	4.9	4.7	5.9	0.2	-1.0
Toronto	6.2	6.1	6.0	0.1	0.2
Winnipeg	4.2	4.3	4.9	-0.1	-0.7
Regina	4.2	3.9	4.4	0.3	-0.2
Saskatoon	3.3	3.4	3.4	-0.1	-0.1
Calgary	3.1	3.0	2.9	0.1	0.2
Edmonton	3.7	3.7	3.9	0.0	-0.2
Vancouver	3.7	3.7	4.3	0.0	-0.6
Victoria	3.0	2.6	3.1	0.4	-0.1
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b>ECONOMIC REGIONS</b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	151.0	150.8	150.2	0.2	0.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.1	54.3	53.9	-1.2	-0.8
Saskatoon-Biggar	163.8	165.6	160.8	-1.8	3.0
Yorkton-Melville	41.4	41.4	39.2	0.0	2.2
Prince Albert & Northern	91.0	91.1	92.2	-0.1	-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 6

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

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>Nov-Jan</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Oct-Dec</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Nov-Jan</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)	520.6	521.9	516.0	-1.3	4.6
Employed ('000)	499.6	502.3	494.9	-2.7	4.7
Unemployed ('000)	21.0	19.6	21.0	1.4	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	3.8	4.1	0.2	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	69.0	69.1	-0.3	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	65.9	66.4	66.3	-0.5	-0.4
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	482.2	483.7	477.3	-1.5	4.9
Employed ('000)	466.1	468.3	460.8	-2.2	5.3
Unemployed ('000)	16.1	15.4	16.5	0.7	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.2	3.5	0.1	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	69.5	69.4	-0.4	-0.3
Employment Rate (%)	66.8	67.3	67.0	-0.5	-0.2
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	38.4	38.3	38.7	0.1	-0.3
Employed ('000)	33.5	34.0	34.1	-0.5	-0.6
Unemployed ('000)	4.9	4.2	4.5	0.7	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.7	11.1	11.7	1.6	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	63.4	63.4	65.4	0.0	-2.0
Employment Rate (%)	55.4	56.4	57.7	-1.0	-2.3
<b><u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	14.8	15.1	15.4	-0.3	-0.6
Employed ('000)	12.5	13.0	13.3	-0.5	-0.8
Unemployed ('000)	2.4	2.1	2.2	0.3	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.0	13.9	14.0	2.1	2.0
Participation Rate (%)	54.2	55.4	57.5	-1.2	-3.3
Employment Rate (%)	45.5	47.7	49.4	-2.2	-3.9
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	23.4	23.0	23.2	0.4	0.2
Employed ('000)	20.9	20.9	20.9	0.0	0.0
Unemployed ('000)	2.5	2.1	2.4	0.4	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.7	9.2	10.2	1.5	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	71.0	70.0	71.9	1.0	-0.9
Employment Rate (%)	63.4	63.5	64.6	-0.1	-1.2

## 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.

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