

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

November 2008

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended November 15, 2008, there were 520,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan during November 2008, a decrease of 900 from October 2008 and 14,800 more than the number employed in November 2007.

Agricultural employment was 42,000 persons in November 2008, up 900 from the October 2008 level and 300 more than the November 2007 agricultural employment level of 41,700. Non-agricultural employment was 478,700 persons in November 2008. This is a decrease of 1,800 from the October 2008 non-agriculture employment level of 480,500 and 14,500 more than November 2007.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for November 2008 was 3.2 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the October 2008 rate of 3.3 percent and 0.5 percentage points lower than the November 2007 level of 3.7 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 1,100 to 538,100 persons in November 2008 from 539,200 persons in October 2008. This is 12,900 more than the November 2007 labour force of 525,200 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.2 percentage points to 69.6 percent in November 2008 from 69.8 percent in October 2008. The November 2007 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.4 percent.

There were 17,400 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during November 2008. This is a decrease of 200 from October 2008 and is 1,900 less than the number unemployed in November 2007.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 520,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan in November 2008, up 1,300 from the October 2008 level of 519,300 and up 14,000 from the November 2007 employment level of 506,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2008 was 3.7 percent. This is a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the October 2008 rate of 4.0 percent and 0.3 percentage points lower than the November 2007 rate of 4.0 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 152,900 persons in November 2008 to 17,117,800 persons from 17,270,700 persons in October 2008. In November 2007, there were 17,009,900 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.6 percentage points to 6.2 percent from the October 2008 level of 5.6 percent. In November 2007, Canada's unemployment rate was 5.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.3 percent in November 2008. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than October 2008 and 0.4 percentage points higher than the November 2007 level of 5.9 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	November <u>2008</u>	October <u>2008</u>	November <u>2007</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,243.8	18,303.3	18,022.8	-59.5	221.0
Employed ('000)	17,117.8	17,270.7	17,009.9	-152.9	107.9
Full-Time ('000)	13,820.9	13,995.1	13,772.8	-174.2	48.1
Part-Time ('000)	3,296.8	3,275.6	3,237.1	21.2	59.7
Unemployed ('000)	1,126.1	1,032.7	1,012.9	93.4	113.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	5.6	5.6	0.6	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.3	6.2	5.9	0.1	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	67.4	67.7	67.5	-0.3	-0.1
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	538.1	539.2	525.2	-1.1	12.9
Employed ('000)	520.7	521.6	505.9	-0.9	14.8
Full-Time ('000)	422.4	425.4	407.9	-3.0	14.5
Part-Time ('000)	98.4	96.2	98.1	2.2	0.3
Unemployed ('000)	17.4	17.6	19.3	-0.2	-1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.2	3.3	3.7	-0.1	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.7	4.0	4.0	-0.3	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	69.8	69.4	-0.2	0.2
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,098.7	2,109.6	2,038.9	-10.9	59.8
Employed ('000)	2,025.1	2,035.4	1,962.7	-10.3	62.4
Full-Time ('000)	1,678.5	1,696.7	1,644.5	-18.2	34.0
Part-Time ('000)	346.6	338.7	318.3	7.9	28.3
Unemployed ('000)	73.6	74.2	76.2	-0.6	-2.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.5	3.5	3.7	0.0	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.4	3.7	3.6	-0.3	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	74.5	75.0	73.7	-0.5	0.8
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	634.7	633.3	628.7	1.4	6.0
Employed ('000)	609.0	609.3	603.9	-0.3	5.1
Full-Time ('000)	484.8	495.1	486.0	-10.3	-1.2
Part-Time ('000)	124.2	114.2	117.9	10.0	6.3
Unemployed ('000)	25.7	24.0	24.8	1.7	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	3.8	3.9	0.2	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.2	4.3	4.2	-0.1	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	69.4	69.7	0.1	-0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	November <u>2008</u>	October <u>2008</u>	November <u>2007</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	538.1	539.2	525.2	-1.1	12.9
Male	287.2	288.2	283.2	-1.0	4.0
Female	250.9	251.0	242.0	-0.1	8.9
15-24 Years of Age	97.4	97.0	95.9	0.4	1.5
25+ Years of age	440.7	442.2	429.4	-1.5	11.3
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	520.7	521.6	505.9	-0.9	14.8
Male	277.6	278.2	272.8	-0.6	4.8
Female	243.1	243.4	233.1	-0.3	10.0
15-24 Years of Age	91.0	89.6	88.3	1.4	2.7
25+ Years of age	429.8	432.1	417.6	-2.3	12.2
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	17.4	17.6	19.3	-0.2	-1.9
Male	9.6	10.0	10.4	-0.4	-0.8
Female	7.8	7.6	8.9	0.2	-1.1
15-24 Years of Age	6.4	7.5	7.6	-1.1	-1.2
25+ Years of age	11.0	10.1	11.7	0.9	-0.7
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	3.2	3.3	3.7	-0.1	-0.5
Male	3.3	3.5	3.7	-0.2	-0.4
Female	3.1	3.0	3.7	0.1	-0.6
15-24 Years of Age	6.6	7.7	7.9	-1.1	-1.3
25+ Years of age	2.5	2.3	2.7	0.2	-0.2
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	69.6	69.8	69.4	-0.2	0.2
Male	75.4	75.7	75.8	-0.3	-0.4
Female	64.0	64.1	63.1	-0.1	0.9
15-24 Years of Age	69.7	69.5	69.2	0.2	0.5
25+ Years of age	69.6	69.9	69.5	-0.3	0.1

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	November <u>2008</u>	October <u>2008</u>	November <u>2007</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	42.0	41.1	41.7	0.9	0.3
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.4	25.2	23.1	0.2	2.3
Utilities	6.1	5.9	5.0	0.2	1.1
Construction	40.9	41.9	33.7	-1.0	7.2
Manufacturing	28.8	29.9	31.5	-1.1	-2.7
Trade	82.9	82.3	80.3	0.6	2.6
Transportation and Warehousing	23.2	23.7	24.2	-0.5	-1.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.4	28.4	28.4	1.0	1.0
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.0	21.6	21.7	-0.6	-0.7
Business, Building and Other Support Services	10.6	12.6	12.2	-2.0	-1.6
Educational Services	41.6	41.8	41.4	-0.2	0.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	63.6	63.6	61.9	0.0	1.7
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.9	18.5	20.1	0.4	-1.2
Accommodation and Food Services	31.9	31.6	31.6	0.3	0.3
Other Services	23.6	22.8	21.4	0.8	2.2
Public Administration	30.7	30.8	27.7	-0.1	3.0
Total	520.7	521.6	505.9	-0.9	14.8
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	422.4	425.4	407.9	-3.0	14.5
Part-Time	98.4	96.2	98.1	2.2	0.3
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	423.3	425.7	414.3	-2.4	9.0
Public Sector	134.0	132.4	129.9	1.6	4.1
Private Sector	289.3	293.4	284.4	-4.1	4.9
Self-Employed	97.4	95.9	91.6	1.5	5.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>November</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>October</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>November</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,117.8	17,270.7	17,009.9	-152.9	107.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	215.3	221.0	215.3	-5.7	0.0
Prince Edward Island	67.3	70.2	66.7	-2.9	0.6
Nova Scotia	452.4	462.1	448.4	-9.7	4.0
New Brunswick	365.2	371.1	366.8	-5.9	-1.6
Quebec	3,888.8	3,912.5	3,885.4	-23.7	3.4
Ontario	6,665.3	6,754.6	6,656.9	-89.3	8.4
Manitoba	609.0	609.3	603.9	-0.3	5.1
Saskatchewan	520.7	521.6	505.9	-0.9	14.8
Alberta	2,025.1	2,035.4	1,962.7	-10.3	62.4
British Columbia	2,308.6	2,312.9	2,297.8	-4.3	10.8
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	6.2	5.6	5.6	0.6	0.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.6	12.4	12.8	1.2	0.8
Prince Edward Island	11.7	9.7	11.8	2.0	-0.1
Nova Scotia	7.7	6.7	7.8	1.0	-0.1
New Brunswick	8.0	7.8	6.6	0.2	1.4
Quebec	7.2	6.5	7.0	0.7	0.2
Ontario	6.7	5.9	5.7	0.8	1.0
Manitoba	4.0	3.8	3.9	0.2	0.1
Saskatchewan	3.2	3.3	3.7	-0.1	-0.5
Alberta	3.5	3.5	3.7	0.0	-0.2
British Columbia	4.7	4.9	3.9	-0.2	0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Sept-Nov <u>2008</u>	Aug-Oct <u>2008</u>	Sept-Nov <u>2007</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	6.4	7.0	6.0	-0.6	0.4
Halifax	4.7	5.2	4.5	-0.5	0.2
Saint John	5.5	6.5	4.9	-1.0	0.6
Quebec	3.6	3.9	4.8	-0.3	-1.2
Montreal	7.2	7.2	6.7	0.0	0.5
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.6	5.1	4.5	-0.5	0.1
Greater Sudbury	5.7	5.8	5.2	-0.1	0.5
Toronto	6.7	6.9	6.2	-0.2	0.5
Winnipeg	4.5	4.8	4.4	-0.3	0.1
Regina	3.3	4.1	4.5	-0.8	-1.2
Saskatoon	3.3	4.1	3.1	-0.8	0.2
Calgary	3.7	4.0	3.1	-0.3	0.6
Edmonton	3.5	3.4	4.0	0.1	-0.5
Vancouver	4.3	4.5	3.9	-0.2	0.4
Victoria	3.4	3.8	2.8	-0.4	0.6
SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	158.0	157.1	149.7	0.9	8.3
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.1	54.3	54.8	-0.2	-0.7
Saskatoon-Biggar	168.6	169.4	166.3	-0.8	2.3
Yorkton-Melville	41.7	41.8	42.0	-0.1	-0.3
Prince Albert & Northern	99.3	98.7	92.2	0.6	7.1

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>Sept-Nov</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Aug-Oct</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Sept-Nov</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	538.8	542.4	523.1	-3.6	15.7
Employed ('000)	520.2	519.6	504.2	0.6	16.0
Unemployed ('000)	18.6	22.8	18.9	-4.2	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.5	4.2	3.6	-0.7	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	70.4	69.3	-0.6	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	67.4	67.4	66.8	0.0	0.6
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	497.9	501.4	484.8	-3.5	13.1
Employed ('000)	483.4	483.3	469.9	0.1	13.5
Unemployed ('000)	14.5	18.1	14.9	-3.6	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.9	3.6	3.1	-0.7	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.1	70.7	69.8	-0.6	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	68.0	68.1	67.6	-0.1	0.4
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	40.9	41.0	38.3	-0.1	2.6
Employed ('000)	36.8	36.3	34.3	0.5	2.5
Unemployed ('000)	4.1	4.7	4.0	-0.6	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.1	11.5	10.5	-1.4	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	66.3	66.7	63.5	-0.4	2.8
Employment Rate (%)	59.6	59.0	56.9	0.6	2.7
<u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	17.1	17.2	15.5	-0.1	1.6
Employed ('000)	14.6	14.2	13.3	0.4	1.3
Unemployed ('000)	2.5	3.1	2.2	-0.6	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.8	17.7	14.1	-2.9	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	61.4	62.0	56.9	-0.6	4.5
Employment Rate (%)	52.3	51.0	48.9	1.3	3.4
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	23.7	23.7	22.7	0.0	1.0
Employed ('000)	22.1	22.0	20.8	0.1	1.3
Unemployed ('000)	1.6	1.7	1.8	-0.1	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	7.1	8.1	-0.4	-1.4
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	70.5	69.0	0.0	1.5
Employment Rate (%)	65.7	65.5	63.4	0.2	2.3

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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