

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

August 2009

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended August 15, 2009, there were 521,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan during August 2009, a decrease of 4,900 from July 2009 but 1,800 more than the number employed in August 2008.

Agricultural employment was 44,500 persons in August 2009, down 700 from the July 2009 level but 300 more than the August 2008 agricultural employment level of 44,200. Non-agricultural employment was 476,900 persons in August 2009. This is a decrease of 4,200 from the July 2009 non-agriculture employment level of 481,100 but 1,500 more than August 2008.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for August 2009 was 6.1 percent. This is an increase of 0.9 percentage points from the July 2009 rate of 5.2 percent and 0.7 percentage points higher than the August 2008 level of 5.4 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 200 to 555,100 persons in August 2009 from 554,900 persons in July 2009. This is 5,700 more than the August 2008 labour force of 549,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate was 71.1 percent in August 2009, unchanged from July 2009. The August 2008 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 71.4 percent.

There were 33,700 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during August 2009. This is an increase of 5,100 from July 2009 and is 3,900 more than the number unemployed in August 2008.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 516,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan in August 2009, down 3,200 from the July 2009 level of 520,100 but is up 3,800 from the August 2008 employment level of 513,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2009 was 5.0 percent. This is an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the July 2009 rate of 4.7 percent and 0.5 percentage points higher than the August 2008 rate of 4.5 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 9,600 persons in August 2009 to 17,080,400 persons from 17,070,800 persons in July 2009. In August 2008, there were 17,391,900 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.1 percentage points to 9.0 percent from the July 2009 level of 8.9 percent. In August 2008, Canada's unemployment rate 6.5 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 8.7 percent in August 2009. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than July 2009 and 2.5 percentage points higher than the August 2008 level of 6.2 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	August <u>2009</u>	July <u>2009</u>	August <u>2008</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,779.1	18,739.6	18,602.6	39.5	176.5
Employed ('000)	17,080.4	17,070.8	17,391.9	9.6	-311.5
Full-Time ('000)	14,199.7	14,164.4	14,668.6	35.3	-468.9
Part-Time ('000)	2,880.7	2,906.4	2,723.3	-25.7	157.4
Unemployed ('000)	1,698.8	1,668.8	1,210.7	30.0	488.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.0	8.9	6.5	0.1	2.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	8.7	8.6	6.2	0.1	2.5
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	68.6	69.0	0.0	-0.4
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	555.1	554.9	549.4	0.2	5.7
Employed ('000)	521.4	526.3	519.6	-4.9	1.8
Full-Time ('000)	436.8	438.3	443.7	-1.5	-6.9
Part-Time ('000)	84.6	88.0	75.9	-3.4	8.7
Unemployed ('000)	33.7	28.6	29.8	5.1	3.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	5.2	5.4	0.9	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.0	4.7	4.5	0.3	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	71.1	71.1	71.4	0.0	-0.3
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,166.6	2,167.7	2,118.0	-1.1	48.6
Employed ('000)	2,000.4	2,007.3	2,032.5	-6.9	-32.1
Full-Time ('000)	1,683.1	1,690.6	1,764.3	-7.5	-81.2
Part-Time ('000)	317.2	316.7	268.2	0.5	49.0
Unemployed ('000)	166.2	160.4	85.5	5.8	80.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	7.4	4.0	0.3	3.7
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.4	7.2	3.5	0.2	3.9
Participation Rate (%)	75.3	75.5	75.5	-0.2	-0.2
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	662.7	651.9	643.0	10.8	19.7
Employed ('000)	618.8	616.1	612.3	2.7	6.5
Full-Time ('000)	513.3	512.1	514.5	1.2	-1.2
Part-Time ('000)	105.5	104.0	97.8	1.5	7.7
Unemployed ('000)	44.0	35.8	30.7	8.2	13.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	5.5	4.8	1.1	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.2	4.0	0.5	1.7
Participation Rate (%)	71.6	70.6	70.6	1.0	1.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>August 2009</u>	<u>July 2009</u>	<u>August 2008</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	555.1	554.9	549.4	0.2	5.7
Male	298.8	298.9	294.3	-0.1	4.5
Female	256.2	256.0	255.2	0.2	1.0
15-24 Years of Age	107.5	110.2	112.4	-2.7	-4.9
25+ Years of age	447.6	444.7	437.0	2.9	10.6
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	521.4	526.3	519.6	-4.9	1.8
Male	283.7	284.7	281.3	-1.0	2.4
Female	237.7	241.6	238.3	-3.9	-0.6
15-24 Years of Age	98.9	100.4	103.8	-1.5	-4.9
25+ Years of age	422.5	425.9	415.8	-3.4	6.7
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	33.7	28.6	29.8	5.1	3.9
Male	15.1	14.2	13.0	0.9	2.1
Female	18.6	14.4	16.9	4.2	1.7
15-24 Years of Age	8.6	9.8	8.6	-1.2	0.0
25+ Years of age	25.1	18.8	21.3	6.3	3.8
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	6.1	5.2	5.4	0.9	0.7
Male	5.1	4.8	4.4	0.3	0.7
Female	7.3	5.6	6.6	1.7	0.7
15-24 Years of Age	8.0	8.9	7.7	-0.9	0.3
25+ Years of age	5.6	4.2	4.9	1.4	0.7
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	71.1	71.1	71.4	0.0	-0.3
Male	77.6	77.7	77.6	-0.1	0.0
Female	64.7	64.7	65.5	0.0	-0.8
15-24 Years of Age	77.3	79.1	80.5	-1.8	-3.2
25+ Years of age	69.7	69.4	69.4	0.3	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	August 2009	July 2009	August 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	44.5	45.2	44.2	-0.7	0.3
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	23.6	23.8	26.6	-0.2	-3.0
Utilities	4.7	4.7	5.2	0.0	-0.5
Construction	44.5	43.7	40.4	0.8	4.1
Manufacturing	27.2	27.0	32.0	0.2	-4.8
Trade	80.4	83.4	83.2	-3.0	-2.8
Transportation and Warehousing	26.8	26.2	22.1	0.6	4.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.2	28.8	30.1	-0.6	-1.9
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.2	21.6	22.4	-0.4	-1.2
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.0	13.8	11.3	-0.8	1.7
Educational Services	27.4	29.3	28.0	-1.9	-0.6
Health Care and Social Assistance	69.6	67.7	64.8	1.9	4.8
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.9	23.1	20.9	-2.2	0.0
Accommodation and Food Services	31.4	31.3	33.2	0.1	-1.8
Other Services	25.2	24.3	24.2	0.9	1.0
Public Administration	32.7	32.6	31.1	0.1	1.6
Total	521.4	526.3	519.6	-4.9	1.8
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	436.8	438.3	443.7	-1.5	-6.9
Part-Time	84.6	88.0	75.9	-3.4	8.7
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	424.2	425.4	423.9	-1.2	0.3
Public Sector	127.2	127.8	121.6	-0.6	5.6
Private Sector	297.1	297.6	302.3	-0.5	-5.2
Self-Employed	97.2	100.9	95.7	-3.7	1.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>August</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,080.4	17,070.8	17,391.9	9.6	-311.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	229.4	231.9	233.4	-2.5	-4.0
Prince Edward Island	74.6	74.1	76.5	0.5	-1.9
Nova Scotia	462.7	464.2	463.3	-1.5	-0.6
New Brunswick	380.3	381.9	381.9	-1.6	-1.6
Quebec	3,904.3	3,924.2	3,938.1	-19.9	-33.8
Ontario	6,605.6	6,572.7	6,787.2	32.9	-181.6
Manitoba	618.8	616.1	612.3	2.7	6.5
Saskatchewan	521.4	526.3	519.6	-4.9	1.8
Alberta	2,000.4	2,007.3	2,032.5	-6.9	-32.1
British Columbia	2,282.9	2,272.1	2,347.0	10.8	-64.1
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	9.0	8.9	6.5	0.1	2.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.3	14.4	12.6	-0.1	1.7
Prince Edward Island	10.3	10.5	7.7	-0.2	2.6
Nova Scotia	9.1	8.8	7.9	0.3	1.2
New Brunswick	9.2	9.0	8.4	0.2	0.8
Quebec	8.9	8.6	7.5	0.3	1.4
Ontario	10.0	10.2	7.0	-0.2	3.0
Manitoba	6.6	5.5	4.8	1.1	1.8
Saskatchewan	6.1	5.2	5.4	0.9	0.7
Alberta	7.7	7.4	4.0	0.3	3.7
British Columbia	8.3	8.1	4.9	0.2	3.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>Jun-Aug</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>May-Jul</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Jun-Aug</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Change from</u>	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	8.5	8.6	7.8	-0.1	0.7
Halifax	6.9	6.6	5.8	0.3	1.1
Saint John	5.7	5.4	7.1	0.3	-1.4
Quebec	4.7	4.3	4.1	0.4	0.6
Montreal	9.4	9.3	7.3	0.1	2.1
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.8	6.1	5.4	-0.3	0.4
Greater Sudbury	10.5	9.7	5.6	0.8	4.9
Toronto	10.9	10.7	7.7	0.2	3.2
Winnipeg	6.0	5.1	4.4	0.9	1.6
Regina	4.7	3.5	4.2	1.2	0.5
Saskatoon	5.0	4.7	4.6	0.3	0.4
Calgary	7.2	6.9	3.6	0.3	3.6
Edmonton	7.6	7.4	3.6	0.2	4.0
Vancouver	7.5	7.3	4.5	0.2	3.0
Victoria	6.1	6.1	3.7	0.0	2.4
SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	158.5	158.9	155.6	-0.4	2.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.8	55.4	54.1	-0.6	0.7
Saskatoon-Biggar	176.7	176.1	171.3	0.6	5.4
Yorkton-Melville	40.4	40.4	39.5	0.0	0.9
Prince Albert & Northern	97.3	99.8	98.0	-2.5	-0.7

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>Jun-Aug</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>May-Jul</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Jun-Aug</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	554.4	555.6	541.7	-1.2	12.7
Employed ('000)	525.7	529.0	516.4	-3.3	9.3
Unemployed ('000)	28.6	26.5	25.3	2.1	3.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	4.8	4.7	0.4	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	71.1	71.3	70.5	-0.2	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	67.4	67.9	67.2	-0.5	0.2
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	513.5	513.9	501.8	-0.4	11.7
Employed ('000)	491.2	493.5	482.2	-2.3	9.0
Unemployed ('000)	22.4	20.4	19.7	2.0	2.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.0	3.9	0.4	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	71.6	71.7	71.0	-0.1	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	68.5	68.9	68.2	-0.4	0.3
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	40.8	41.7	39.9	-0.9	0.9
Employed ('000)	34.6	35.5	34.3	-0.9	0.3
Unemployed ('000)	6.3	6.2	5.6	0.1	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.3	14.8	14.0	0.5	1.3
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	66.5	65.0	-1.4	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	55.1	56.7	55.9	-1.6	-0.8
<u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	16.6	17.3	17.2	-0.7	-0.6
Employed ('000)	13.0	13.9	13.9	-0.9	-0.9
Unemployed ('000)	3.6	3.3	3.4	0.3	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	21.7	19.2	19.4	2.5	2.3
Participation Rate (%)	58.8	61.1	62.4	-2.3	-3.6
Employment Rate (%)	46.1	49.4	50.3	-3.3	-4.2
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	24.2	24.4	22.3	-0.2	1.9
Employed ('000)	21.5	21.5	20.1	0.0	1.4
Unemployed ('000)	2.7	2.8	2.2	-0.1	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.0	11.7	10.1	-0.7	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	70.3	71.0	67.3	-0.7	3.0
Employment Rate (%)	62.6	62.7	60.5	-0.1	2.1

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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