

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

August 2011

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended August 20, 2011, there were 529,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan during August 2011, a decrease of 3,600 from July 2011 and 3,200 less than the number employed in August 2010.

Agricultural employment was 41,300 persons in August 2011, down 200 from the July 2011 level and 2,800 less than the August 2010 agricultural employment level of 44,100. Non-agricultural employment was 487,700 persons in August 2011. This is a decrease of 3,400 from the July 2011 non-agriculture employment level of 491,100 and 400 less than August 2010.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for August 2011 was 5.3 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the July 2011 rate of 5.2 percent but 0.4 percentage points lower than the August 2010 level of 5.7 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 3,300 to 558,800 persons in August 2011 from 562,100 persons in July 2011. This is 5,600 less than the August 2010 labour force of 564,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.5 percentage points to 69.7 percent in August 2011 from 70.2 percent in July 2011. The August 2010 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 71.2 percent.

There were 29,700 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during August 2011. This is an increase of 200 from July 2011 but is 2,500 less than the number unemployed in August 2010.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 523,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan in August 2011, down 3,000 from the July 2011 level of 526,800 and is down 2,700 from the August 2010 employment level of 526,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2011 was 4.5 percent. This is a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the July 2011 rate of 4.9 percent and 0.3 percentage points lower than the August 2010 rate of 4.8 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 43,400 persons in August 2011 to 17,588,800 persons from 17,632,200 persons in July 2011. In August 2010, there were 17,354,100 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.3 percentage points in August 2011 to 7.9 percent from the July 2011 level of 7.6 percent. In August 2010, Canada's unemployment rate was 8.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.3 percent in August 2011. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than July 2011 but 0.8 percentage points lower than the August 2010 level of 8.1 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	<u>August</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,104.8	19,075.6	19,017.3	29.2	87.5
Employed ('000)	17,588.8	17,632.2	17,354.1	-43.4	234.7
Full-Time ('000)	14,652.8	14,624.4	14,340.8	28.4	312.0
Part-Time ('000)	2,936.0	3,007.9	3,013.3	-71.9	-77.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,516.0	1,443.4	1,663.1	72.6	-147.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	7.6	8.7	0.3	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.3	7.2	8.1	0.1	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	68.1	68.6	0.1	-0.4
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	558.8	562.1	564.4	-3.3	-5.6
Employed ('000)	529.0	532.6	532.2	-3.6	-3.2
Full-Time ('000)	454.3	452.5	443.6	1.8	10.7
Part-Time ('000)	74.7	80.1	88.7	-5.4	-14.0
Unemployed ('000)	29.7	29.5	32.2	0.2	-2.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.2	5.7	0.1	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.5	4.9	4.8	-0.4	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.7	70.2	71.2	-0.5	-1.5
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,271.7	2,259.7	2,196.7	12.0	75.0
Employed ('000)	2,127.7	2,127.9	2,040.2	-0.2	87.5
Full-Time ('000)	1,806.8	1,804.0	1,722.8	2.8	84.0
Part-Time ('000)	320.9	324.0	317.4	-3.1	3.5
Unemployed ('000)	144.0	131.8	156.5	12.2	-12.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	5.8	7.1	0.5	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.6	5.5	6.5	0.1	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	75.4	75.1	74.0	0.3	1.4
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	675.7	670.7	675.2	5.0	0.5
Employed ('000)	631.0	629.6	629.5	1.4	1.5
Full-Time ('000)	522.7	527.1	521.6	-4.4	1.1
Part-Time ('000)	108.3	102.5	107.9	5.8	0.4
Unemployed ('000)	44.8	41.1	45.7	3.7	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.1	6.8	0.5	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.4	5.7	5.6	-0.3	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	66.1	66.0	71.6	0.1	-5.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>August 2011</u>	<u>July 2011</u>	<u>August 2010</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	558.8	562.1	564.4	-3.3	-5.6
Male	304.2	306.1	304.2	-1.9	0.0
Female	254.6	256.0	260.3	-1.4	-5.7
15-24 Years of Age	101.1	107.4	102.5	-6.3	-1.4
25+ Years of age	457.7	454.7	461.9	3.0	-4.2
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	529.0	532.6	532.2	-3.6	-3.2
Male	293.2	291.3	289.7	1.9	3.5
Female	235.8	241.3	242.6	-5.5	-6.8
15-24 Years of Age	93.0	94.9	94.4	-1.9	-1.4
25+ Years of age	436.0	437.7	437.8	-1.7	-1.8
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	29.7	29.5	32.2	0.2	-2.5
Male	10.9	14.8	14.5	-3.9	-3.6
Female	18.8	14.7	17.7	4.1	1.1
15-24 Years of Age	8.0	12.5	8.1	-4.5	-0.1
25+ Years of age	21.7	17.0	24.1	4.7	-2.4
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	5.3	5.2	5.7	0.1	-0.4
Male	3.6	4.8	4.8	-1.2	-1.2
Female	7.4	5.7	6.8	1.7	0.6
15-24 Years of Age	7.9	11.6	7.9	-3.7	0.0
25+ Years of age	4.7	3.7	5.2	1.0	-0.5
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	69.7	70.2	71.2	-0.5	-1.5
Male	76.6	77.2	77.5	-0.6	-0.9
Female	63.0	63.4	65.0	-0.4	-2.0
15-24 Years of Age	74.0	78.5	74.2	-4.5	-0.2
25+ Years of age	68.9	68.5	70.6	0.4	-1.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	August 2011	July 2011	August 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	41.3	41.5	44.1	-0.2	-2.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	26.8	28.0	26.7	-1.2	0.1
Utilities	5.4	4.7	5.5	0.7	-0.1
Construction	43.2	42.5	46.1	0.7	-2.9
Manufacturing	27.1	28.2	32.0	-1.1	-4.9
Trade	83.4	84.0	83.2	-0.6	0.2
Transportation and Warehousing	26.0	27.0	24.5	-1.0	1.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.2	29.6	31.4	0.6	-1.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	25.6	25.6	24.6	0.0	1.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.9	13.7	11.9	-0.8	1.0
Educational Services	32.5	28.7	30.4	3.8	2.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	67.0	67.2	69.3	-0.2	-2.3
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.9	20.9	18.4	-1.0	1.5
Accommodation and Food Services	31.4	32.6	31.3	-1.2	0.1
Other Services	25.6	25.5	23.4	0.1	2.2
Public Administration	30.8	33.0	29.5	-2.2	1.3
Total	529.0	532.6	532.2	-3.6	-3.2
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	454.3	452.5	443.6	1.8	10.7
Part-Time	74.7	80.1	88.7	-5.4	-14.0
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	433.1	432.9	427.7	0.2	5.4
Public Sector	128.3	126.0	125.9	2.3	2.4
Private Sector	304.8	306.9	301.8	-2.1	3.0
Self-Employed	95.9	99.7	104.5	-3.8	-8.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>August</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,588.8	17,632.2	17,354.1	-43.4	234.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	233.2	242.2	232.3	-9.0	0.9
Prince Edward Island	77.6	77.0	76.5	0.6	1.1
Nova Scotia	467.1	466.8	464.2	0.3	2.9
New Brunswick	366.1	361.9	372.0	4.2	-5.9
Quebec	4,026.9	4,071.6	3,981.9	-44.7	45.0
Ontario	6,833.1	6,821.9	6,729.0	11.2	104.1
Manitoba	631.0	629.6	629.5	1.4	1.5
Saskatchewan	529.0	532.6	532.2	-3.6	-3.2
Alberta	2,127.7	2,127.9	2,040.2	-0.2	87.5
British Columbia	2,297.1	2,300.6	2,296.3	-3.5	0.8
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	7.9	7.6	8.7	0.3	-0.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.4	11.1	13.4	2.3	0.0
Prince Edward Island	9.2	9.9	9.3	-0.7	-0.1
Nova Scotia	8.5	9.1	9.6	-0.6	-1.1
New Brunswick	9.1	10.2	9.5	-1.1	-0.4
Quebec	7.9	7.1	8.4	0.8	-0.5
Ontario	8.4	8.2	9.8	0.2	-1.4
Manitoba	6.6	6.1	6.8	0.5	-0.2
Saskatchewan	5.3	5.2	5.7	0.1	-0.4
Alberta	6.3	5.8	7.1	0.5	-0.8
British Columbia	8.1	7.6	8.2	0.5	-0.1

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>August</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,338.7	17,344.2	17,115.8	-5.5	222.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	222.0	225.4	220.4	-3.4	1.6
Prince Edward Island	72.0	71.8	71.0	0.2	1.0
Nova Scotia	455.5	451.4	452.9	4.1	2.6
New Brunswick	350.2	348.0	356.3	2.2	-6.1
Quebec	3,970.0	3,974.5	3,931.7	-4.5	38.3
Ontario	6,744.6	6,747.4	6,642.8	-2.8	101.8
Manitoba	622.8	621.9	622.2	0.9	0.6
Saskatchewan	523.8	526.8	526.5	-3.0	-2.7
Alberta	2,109.6	2,103.0	2,023.6	6.6	86.0
British Columbia	2,268.1	2,274.1	2,268.3	-6.0	-0.2
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	7.3	7.2	8.1	0.1	-0.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.7	11.9	14.0	1.8	-0.3
Prince Edward Island	11.4	11.6	11.6	-0.2	-0.2
Nova Scotia	8.9	9.5	9.7	-0.6	-0.8
New Brunswick	9.2	10.1	9.7	-0.9	-0.5
Quebec	7.6	7.2	8.1	0.4	-0.5
Ontario	7.5	7.5	8.8	0.0	-1.3
Manitoba	5.4	5.7	5.6	-0.3	-0.2
Saskatchewan	4.5	4.9	4.8	-0.4	-0.3
Alberta	5.6	5.5	6.5	0.1	-0.9
British Columbia	7.5	7.3	7.4	0.2	0.1

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>August</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	7.1	6.3	8.5	0.8	-1.4
Halifax	6.5	6.4	6.4	0.1	0.1
Saint John	6.3	6.2	8.8	0.1	-2.5
Quebec	4.7	4.6	5.0	0.1	-0.3
Montreal	8.5	7.9	8.5	0.6	0.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.6	5.6	7.5	0.0	-1.9
Greater Sudbury	7.3	7.1	10.1	0.2	-2.8
Toronto	8.9	8.9	10.0	0.0	-1.1
Winnipeg	6.3	5.8	6.4	0.5	-0.1
Regina	4.9	4.9	5.2	0.0	-0.3
Saskatoon	5.6	5.6	6.1	0.0	-0.5
Calgary	6.3	5.9	6.8	0.4	-0.5
Edmonton	5.6	5.3	7.2	0.3	-1.6
Vancouver	7.6	7.2	7.8	0.4	-0.2
Victoria	6.1	6.2	5.6	-0.1	0.5
SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	168.6	166.6	166.0	2.0	2.6
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.3	50.3	52.2	0.0	-1.9
Saskatoon-Biggar	176.2	178.7	178.4	-2.5	-2.2
Yorkton-Melville	39.9	39.7	41.5	0.2	-1.6
Prince Albert & Northern	98.0	100.0	95.6	-2.0	2.4

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 7

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

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>August</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	560.1	562.0	562.2	-1.9	-2.1
Employed ('000)	532.0	534.7	531.4	-2.7	0.6
Unemployed ('000)	28.1	27.3	30.8	0.8	-2.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.9	5.5	0.1	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	70.0	70.3	71.0	-0.3	-1.0
Employment Rate (%)	66.5	66.9	67.1	-0.4	-0.6
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	511.7	513.7	517.0	-2.0	-5.3
Employed ('000)	490.0	492.8	493.2	-2.8	-3.2
Unemployed ('000)	21.7	20.9	23.7	0.8	-2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.1	4.6	0.1	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	70.0	70.4	71.5	-0.4	-1.5
Employment Rate (%)	67.1	67.5	68.2	-0.4	-1.1
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	48.4	48.3	45.2	0.1	3.2
Employed ('000)	42.1	41.9	38.1	0.2	4.0
Unemployed ('000)	6.4	6.4	7.1	0.0	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.2	13.2	15.7	0.0	-2.5
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	69.3	66.2	0.1	3.2
Employment Rate (%)	60.2	60.1	55.8	0.1	4.4
<u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	20.0	19.9	18.3	0.1	1.7
Employed ('000)	16.4	16.1	14.0	0.3	2.4
Unemployed ('000)	3.6	3.8	4.3	-0.2	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	17.9	19.0	23.6	-1.1	-5.7
Participation Rate (%)	65.6	65.2	61.0	0.4	4.6
Employment Rate (%)	53.9	52.8	46.6	1.1	7.3
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	28.4	28.4	26.4	0.0	2.0
Employed ('000)	25.6	25.8	23.6	-0.2	2.0
Unemployed ('000)	2.8	2.6	2.8	0.2	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.9	9.2	10.6	0.7	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	72.4	72.5	69.7	-0.1	2.7
Employment Rate (%)	65.2	65.8	62.3	-0.6	2.9

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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