

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

March 2011

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended March 19, 2011, there were 516,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan during March 2011, an increase of 1,100 from February 2011 but 1,300 less than the number employed in March 2010.

Agricultural employment was 39,400 persons in March 2011, up 2,600 from the February 2011 level but 900 less than the March 2010 agricultural employment level of 40,300. Non-agricultural employment was 477,400 persons in March 2011. This is a decrease of 1,500 from the February 2011 non-agriculture employment level of 478,900 and 400 less than March 2010.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for March 2011 was 5.7 percent. This is a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the February 2011 rate of 6.1 percent and 0.1 percentage points lower than the March 2010 level of 5.8 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 1,100 to 547,900 persons in March 2011 from 549,000 persons in February 2011. This is 2,100 less than the March 2010 labour force of 550,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.2 percentage points to 68.7 percent in March 2011 from 68.9 percent in February 2011. The March 2010 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.8 percent.

There were 31,100 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during March 2011. This is a decrease of 2,200 from February 2011 and is 800 less than the number unemployed in March 2010.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 524,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan in March 2011, up 1,200 from the February 2011 level of 523,200 but is down 1,600 from the March 2010 employment level of 526,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2011 was 5.2 percent. This is an decrease of 0.5 percentage points from the February 2011 rate of 5.7 percent and equal to the March 2010 rate.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 6,800 persons in March 2011 to 16,934,200 persons from 16,941,000 persons in February 2011. In March 2010, there were 16,626,000 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.2 percentage points to 8.2 percent from the February 2011 level of 8.0 percent. In March 2010, Canada's unemployment rate 8.8 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.7 percent in March 2011. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than February 2011 and 0.5 percentage points lower than the March 2010 level of 8.2 percent.

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

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	<u>March</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,453.3	18,418.6	18,235.6	34.7	217.7
Employed ('000)	16,934.2	16,941.0	16,626.0	-6.8	308.2
Full-Time ('000)	13,524.9	13,412.1	13,255.4	112.8	269.5
Part-Time ('000)	3,409.3	3,528.9	3,370.7	-119.6	38.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,519.1	1,477.6	1,609.5	41.5	-90.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.2	8.0	8.8	0.2	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.7	7.8	8.2	-0.1	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	66.2	66.1	66.2	0.1	0.0
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	547.9	549.0	550.0	-1.1	-2.1
Employed ('000)	516.8	515.7	518.1	1.1	-1.3
Full-Time ('000)	416.5	420.2	416.9	-3.7	-0.4
Part-Time ('000)	100.4	95.5	101.2	4.9	-0.8
Unemployed ('000)	31.1	33.3	31.9	-2.2	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	6.1	5.8	-0.4	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.2	5.7	5.2	-0.5	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	68.9	69.8	-0.2	-1.1
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,169.2	2,177.6	2,133.9	-8.4	35.3
Employed ('000)	2,044.9	2,051.2	1,972.7	-6.3	72.2
Full-Time ('000)	1,663.8	1,653.5	1,604.9	10.3	58.9
Part-Time ('000)	381.1	397.7	367.7	-16.6	13.4
Unemployed ('000)	124.4	126.4	161.2	-2.0	-36.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.8	7.6	-0.1	-1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.7	7.4	0.0	-1.7
Participation Rate (%)	72.5	72.9	72.4	-0.4	0.1
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	653.9	653.6	638.7	0.3	15.2
Employed ('000)	616.7	616.9	604.4	-0.2	12.3
Full-Time ('000)	489.2	487.4	476.5	1.8	12.7
Part-Time ('000)	127.6	129.5	127.9	-1.9	-0.3
Unemployed ('000)	37.2	36.7	34.4	0.5	2.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.6	5.4	0.1	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	5.3	5.3	0.2	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	68.9	68.2	-0.1	0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	March <u>2011</u>	February <u>2011</u>	March <u>2010</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	547.9	549.0	550.0	-1.1	-2.1
Male	293.5	294.4	294.5	-0.9	-1.0
Female	254.4	254.6	255.6	-0.2	-1.2
15-24 Years of Age	87.9	88.9	93.0	-1.0	-5.1
25+ Years of age	460.0	460.1	457.0	-0.1	3.0
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	516.8	515.7	518.1	1.1	-1.3
Male	274.9	274.1	273.6	0.8	1.3
Female	241.9	241.6	244.5	0.3	-2.6
15-24 Years of Age	77.0	77.4	83.2	-0.4	-6.2
25+ Years of age	439.8	438.3	435.0	1.5	4.8
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	31.1	33.3	31.9	-2.2	-0.8
Male	18.6	20.3	20.8	-1.7	-2.2
Female	12.5	13.0	11.0	-0.5	1.5
15-24 Years of Age	10.9	11.6	9.8	-0.7	1.1
25+ Years of age	20.2	21.7	22.0	-1.5	-1.8
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	5.7	6.1	5.8	-0.4	-0.1
Male	6.3	6.9	7.1	-0.6	-0.8
Female	4.9	5.1	4.3	-0.2	0.6
15-24 Years of Age	12.4	13.0	10.5	-0.6	1.9
25+ Years of age	4.4	4.7	4.8	-0.3	-0.4
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	68.7	68.9	69.8	-0.2	-1.1
Male	74.3	74.6	75.6	-0.3	-1.3
Female	63.2	63.3	64.2	-0.1	-1.0
15-24 Years of Age	64.0	64.7	67.3	-0.7	-3.3
25+ Years of age	69.7	69.8	70.4	-0.1	-0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	March <u>2011</u>	February <u>2011</u>	March <u>2010</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	39.4	36.8	40.3	2.6	-0.9
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	23.6	25.0	27.3	-1.4	-3.7
Utilities	6.2	5.9	4.9	0.3	1.3
Construction	36.9	37.6	35.0	-0.7	1.9
Manufacturing	28.7	28.8	29.7	-0.1	-1.0
Trade	79.4	81.0	79.4	-1.6	0.0
Transportation and Warehousing	25.6	25.9	26.2	-0.3	-0.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	31.5	31.8	31.3	-0.3	0.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	22.8	21.4	23.3	1.4	-0.5
Business, Building and Other Support Services	10.8	10.9	12.4	-0.1	-1.6
Educational Services	41.8	41.0	40.9	0.8	0.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	64.7	64.7	67.5	0.0	-2.8
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.7	19.3	17.7	-0.6	1.0
Accommodation and Food Services	31.5	30.1	30.5	1.4	1.0
Other Services	25.3	25.8	22.9	-0.5	2.4
Public Administration	29.8	29.6	28.8	0.2	1.0
Total	516.8	515.7	518.1	1.1	-1.3
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	416.5	420.2	416.9	-3.7	-0.4
Part-Time	100.4	95.5	101.2	4.9	-0.8
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	420.3	420.9	418.6	-0.6	1.7
Public Sector	134.4	133.1	132.5	1.3	1.9
Private Sector	285.9	287.8	286.1	-1.9	-0.2
Self-Employed	96.5	94.8	99.6	1.7	-3.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>March</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	16,934.2	16,941.0	16,626.0	-6.8	308.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	216.8	214.2	204.4	2.6	12.4
Prince Edward Island	67.5	65.6	67.0	1.9	0.5
Nova Scotia	439.2	436.8	438.8	2.4	0.4
New Brunswick	340.7	339.9	345.9	0.8	-5.2
Quebec	3,862.4	3,876.7	3,802.7	-14.3	59.7
Ontario	6,590.2	6,596.6	6,451.4	-6.4	138.8
Manitoba	616.7	616.9	604.4	-0.2	12.3
Saskatchewan	516.8	515.7	518.1	1.1	-1.3
Alberta	2,044.9	2,051.2	1,972.7	-6.3	72.2
British Columbia	2,239.0	2,227.6	2,220.7	11.4	18.3
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	8.2	8.0	8.8	0.2	-0.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.0	13.8	17.9	0.2	-3.9
Prince Edward Island	13.4	14.0	12.9	-0.6	0.5
Nova Scotia	10.1	10.3	9.6	-0.2	0.5
New Brunswick	10.9	10.7	9.8	0.2	1.1
Quebec	8.7	8.3	9.0	0.4	-0.3
Ontario	8.6	8.0	9.4	0.6	-0.8
Manitoba	5.7	5.6	5.4	0.1	0.3
Saskatchewan	5.7	6.1	5.8	-0.4	-0.1
Alberta	5.7	5.8	7.6	-0.1	-1.9
British Columbia	8.2	9.1	8.1	-0.9	0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>March</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,228.1	17,229.6	16,923.5	-1.5	304.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	228.6	227.7	216.3	0.9	12.3
Prince Edward Island	71.6	70.2	71.3	1.4	0.3
Nova Scotia	453.1	452.4	453.7	0.7	-0.6
New Brunswick	354.0	353.3	359.6	0.7	-5.6
Quebec	3,950.1	3,964.8	3,888.3	-14.7	61.8
Ontario	6,690.8	6,685.2	6,553.9	5.6	136.9
Manitoba	627.3	624.9	614.9	2.4	12.4
Saskatchewan	524.4	523.2	526.0	1.2	-1.6
Alberta	2,064.3	2,067.5	1,995.5	-3.2	68.8
British Columbia	2,264.0	2,260.5	2,244.1	3.5	19.9
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	7.7	7.8	8.2	-0.1	-0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.4	12.8	15.4	-0.4	-3.0
Prince Edward Island	11.2	11.7	10.5	-0.5	0.7
Nova Scotia	9.0	9.5	8.4	-0.5	0.6
New Brunswick	9.6	9.8	8.6	-0.2	1.0
Quebec	7.7	7.7	7.9	0.0	-0.2
Ontario	8.1	8.0	8.8	0.1	-0.7
Manitoba	5.5	5.3	5.3	0.2	0.2
Saskatchewan	5.2	5.7	5.2	-0.5	0.0
Alberta	5.7	5.7	7.4	0.0	-1.7
British Columbia	8.1	8.8	8.0	-0.7	0.1

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>March</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>March</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	6.5	6.5	8.3	0.0	-1.8
Halifax	6.7	6.6	6.4	0.1	0.3
Saint John	7.0	6.6	8.4	0.4	-1.4
Quebec	7.1	5.6	5.1	1.5	2.0
Montreal	8.5	8.3	9.5	0.2	-1.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.3	6.2	5.9	0.1	0.4
Greater Sudbury	7.9	7.3	11.0	0.6	-3.1
Toronto	8.2	7.6	9.1	0.6	-0.9
Winnipeg	5.7	5.5	5.7	0.2	0.0
Regina	5.8	4.8	5.2	1.0	0.6
Saskatoon	6.0	5.4	4.7	0.6	1.3
Calgary	6.1	6.0	7.3	0.1	-1.2
Edmonton	5.9	5.6	7.5	0.3	-1.6
Vancouver	8.3	8.0	7.9	0.3	0.4
Victoria	6.4	6.5	6.9	-0.1	-0.5
SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	157.8	159.0	154.3	-1.2	3.5
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.7	50.5	50.3	0.2	0.4
Saskatoon-Biggar	171.8	172.0	175.9	-0.2	-4.1
Yorkton-Melville	38.6	38.3	39.8	0.3	-1.2
Prince Albert & Northern	97.7	98.0	94.4	-0.3	3.3

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>March</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	548.2	547.7	540.4	0.5	7.8
Employed ('000)	516.2	517.0	511.2	-0.8	5.0
Unemployed ('000)	32.0	30.8	29.1	1.2	2.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	5.6	5.4	0.2	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	68.8	68.7	0.0	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	64.8	64.9	65.0	-0.1	-0.2
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	504.8	505.7	499.6	-0.9	5.2
Employed ('000)	481.9	482.9	476.5	-1.0	5.4
Unemployed ('000)	22.9	22.8	23.1	0.1	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.5	4.6	0.0	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	69.6	69.5	-0.2	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	66.3	66.4	66.3	-0.1	0.0
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	43.5	42.0	40.8	1.5	2.7
Employed ('000)	34.3	34.0	34.8	0.3	-0.5
Unemployed ('000)	9.2	8.0	6.1	1.2	3.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	21.1	19.0	14.8	2.1	6.3
Participation Rate (%)	62.8	60.8	60.2	2.0	2.6
Employment Rate (%)	49.5	49.3	51.2	0.2	-1.7
<u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	17.2	16.4	16.0	0.8	1.2
Employed ('000)	12.4	12.4	12.7	0.0	-0.3
Unemployed ('000)	4.8	4.0	3.3	0.8	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	27.8	24.4	20.6	3.4	7.2
Participation Rate (%)	56.7	54.3	53.7	2.4	3.0
Employment Rate (%)	40.9	41.1	42.6	-0.2	-1.7
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	26.2	25.6	24.6	0.6	1.6
Employed ('000)	21.8	21.6	21.8	0.2	0.0
Unemployed ('000)	4.4	4.0	2.8	0.4	1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.8	15.7	11.3	1.1	5.5
Participation Rate (%)	67.4	65.9	65.0	1.5	2.4
Employment Rate (%)	56.1	55.6	57.6	0.5	-1.5

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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