

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

December 2012

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended December 8, 2012, there were 539,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan during December 2012, a decrease of 200 from November 2012 but 16,300 more than the number employed in December 2011.

Agricultural employment was 40,200 persons in December 2012, down 600 from the November 2012 level but 4,500 more than the December 2011 agricultural employment level of 35,700. Non-agricultural employment was 499,600 persons in December 2012. This is an increase of 400 from the November 2012 non-agriculture employment level of 499,200 and 11,800 more than December 2011.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for December 2012 was 4.3 percent. This is an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the November 2012 rate of 4.0 percent but 0.4 percentage points lower than the December 2011 level of 4.7 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 1,300 to 564,000 persons in December 2012 from 562,700 persons in November 2012. This is 14,400 more than the December 2011 labour force of 549,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.1 percentage points to 69.0 percent in December 2012 from 68.9 percent in November 2012. The December 2011 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.3 percent.

There were 24,200 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during December 2012. This is an increase of 1,600 from November 2012 but is 1,900 less than the number unemployed in December 2011.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 544,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan in December 2012, up 4,000 from the November 2012 level of 540,400 and up 16,400 from the December 2011 employment level of 528,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2012 was 4.6 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the November 2012 rate of 4.5 percent but 0.6 percentage points lower than the December 2011 rate of 5.2 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 31,600 persons in December 2012 to 17,574,000 persons from 17,605,600 persons in November 2012. In December 2011, there were 17,271,700 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points in December 2012 to 6.5 percent from the November 2012 level of 6.7 percent. In December 2011, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.9 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.1 percent in December 2012. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than November 2012 and 0.4 percentage points lower than the December 2011 level of 7.5 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**

	December <u>2012</u>	November <u>2012</u>	December <u>2011</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,805.3	18,865.0	18,547.1	-59.7	258.2
Employed ('000)	17,574.0	17,605.6	17,271.7	-31.6	302.3
Full-Time ('000)	14,163.3	14,221.5	13,850.6	-58.2	312.7
Part-Time ('000)	3,410.7	3,384.0	3,421.2	26.7	-10.5
Unemployed ('000)	1,231.3	1,259.4	1,275.3	-28.1	-44.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	6.7	6.9	-0.2	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.1	7.2	7.5	-0.1	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	66.1	66.3	65.9	-0.2	0.2
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	564.0	562.7	549.6	1.3	14.4
Employed ('000)	539.8	540.0	523.5	-0.2	16.3
Full-Time ('000)	437.8	443.5	426.4	-5.7	11.4
Part-Time ('000)	102.0	96.5	97.0	5.5	5.0
Unemployed ('000)	24.2	22.6	26.1	1.6	-1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.0	4.7	0.3	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.6	4.5	5.2	0.1	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	68.9	68.3	0.1	0.7
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,253.7	2,254.2	2,227.2	-0.5	26.5
Employed ('000)	2,159.4	2,165.3	2,129.2	-5.9	30.2
Full-Time ('000)	1,813.7	1,801.3	1,758.4	12.4	55.3
Part-Time ('000)	345.7	364.0	370.9	-18.3	-25.2
Unemployed ('000)	94.2	88.9	98.0	5.3	-3.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	3.9	4.4	0.3	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.5	4.2	4.9	0.3	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	72.4	72.6	73.5	-0.2	-1.1
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	666.2	664.1	655.0	2.1	11.2
Employed ('000)	634.5	633.1	622.4	1.4	12.1
Full-Time ('000)	505.8	509.4	498.2	-3.6	7.6
Part-Time ('000)	128.7	123.7	124.2	5.0	4.5
Unemployed ('000)	31.6	31.0	32.6	0.6	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.7	5.0	0.0	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.2	5.3	5.4	-0.1	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	68.7	68.4	0.2	0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>December</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>November</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u>	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	564.0	562.7	549.6	1.3	14.4
Male	303.8	304.6	295.4	-0.8	8.4
Female	260.2	258.0	254.1	2.2	6.1
15-24 Years of Age	90.6	89.9	91.5	0.7	-0.9
25+ Years of age	473.5	472.8	458.1	0.7	15.4
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	539.8	540.0	523.5	-0.2	16.3
Male	289.8	292.3	282.0	-2.5	7.8
Female	250.0	247.7	241.5	2.3	8.5
15-24 Years of Age	82.0	80.6	83.0	1.4	-1.0
25+ Years of age	457.8	459.4	440.4	-1.6	17.4
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	24.2	22.6	26.1	1.6	-1.9
Male	14.0	12.3	13.4	1.7	0.6
Female	10.3	10.4	12.7	-0.1	-2.4
15-24 Years of Age	8.5	9.3	8.4	-0.8	0.1
25+ Years of age	15.7	13.4	17.7	2.3	-2.0
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	4.3	4.0	4.7	0.3	-0.4
Male	4.6	4.0	4.5	0.6	0.1
Female	4.0	4.0	5.0	0.0	-1.0
15-24 Years of Age	9.4	10.3	9.2	-0.9	0.2
25+ Years of age	3.3	2.8	3.9	0.5	-0.6
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	69.0	68.9	68.3	0.1	0.7
Male	74.7	75.0	74.1	-0.3	0.6
Female	63.3	62.8	62.7	0.5	0.6
15-24 Years of Age	66.3	65.8	67.0	0.5	-0.7
25+ Years of age	69.5	69.5	68.6	0.0	0.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<b>December <u>2012</u></b>	<b>November <u>2012</u></b>	<b>December <u>2011</u></b>	<b>Change from</b>	
				<b><u>Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	40.2	40.8	35.7	-0.6	4.5
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.6	25.6	22.7	-1.0	1.9
Utilities	5.2	6.3	5.8	-1.1	-0.6
Construction	45.7	47.5	41.2	-1.8	4.5
Manufacturing	28.5	26.6	24.8	1.9	3.7
Trade	83.7	82.0	85.4	1.7	-1.7
Transportation and Warehousing	25.5	24.5	25.7	1.0	-0.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.2	29.5	30.7	-1.3	-2.5
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	24.0	24.3	25.1	-0.3	-1.1
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.8	13.2	11.6	-1.4	0.2
Educational Services	45.6	47.0	41.4	-1.4	4.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	72.9	69.5	69.9	3.4	3.0
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.7	18.5	17.2	0.2	1.5
Accommodation and Food Services	28.8	26.5	33.4	2.3	-4.6
Other Services	24.5	26.9	26.4	-2.4	-1.9
Public Administration	31.9	31.3	26.5	0.6	5.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>539.8</b>	<b>540.0</b>	<b>523.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>16.3</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	437.8	443.5	426.4	-5.7	11.4
Part-Time	102.0	96.5	97.0	5.5	5.0
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	439.1	438.0	428.0	1.1	11.1
Public Sector	142.1	145.3	130.3	-3.2	11.8
Private Sector	297.0	292.7	297.6	4.3	-0.6
Self-Employed	100.7	102.0	95.5	-1.3	5.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>December</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>November</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,574.0	17,605.6	17,271.7	-31.6	302.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	231.9	231.4	222.0	0.5	9.9
Prince Edward Island	71.8	71.5	70.2	0.3	1.6
Nova Scotia	447.8	452.6	457.7	-4.8	-9.9
New Brunswick	342.9	346.3	349.4	-3.4	-6.5
Quebec	4,000.3	4,021.7	3,869.5	-21.4	130.8
Ontario	6,844.5	6,832.0	6,742.8	12.5	101.7
Manitoba	634.5	633.1	622.4	1.4	12.1
Saskatchewan	539.8	540.0	523.5	-0.2	16.3
Alberta	2,159.4	2,165.3	2,129.2	-5.9	30.2
British Columbia	2,301.1	2,311.7	2,284.9	-10.6	16.2
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	6.5	6.7	6.9	-0.2	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.3	12.5	13.1	-1.2	-1.8
Prince Edward Island	12.1	12.1	12.6	0.0	-0.5
Nova Scotia	8.9	8.5	7.2	0.4	1.7
New Brunswick	10.2	10.7	8.8	-0.5	1.4
Quebec	7.2	7.3	8.5	-0.1	-1.3
Ontario	6.9	7.1	6.8	-0.2	0.1
Manitoba	4.7	4.7	5.0	0.0	-0.3
Saskatchewan	4.3	4.0	4.7	0.3	-0.4
Alberta	4.2	3.9	4.4	0.3	-0.2
British Columbia	5.9	6.2	6.5	-0.3	-0.6

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>December</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>November</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,666.6	17,626.8	17,354.7	39.8	311.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	235.7	233.0	227.2	2.7	8.5
Prince Edward Island	74.4	73.1	73.4	1.3	1.0
Nova Scotia	449.8	454.8	458.4	-5.0	-8.6
New Brunswick	347.8	349.4	354.5	-1.6	-6.7
Quebec	4,044.0	4,038.2	3,906.0	5.8	138.0
Ontario	6,853.8	6,820.9	6,753.5	32.9	100.3
Manitoba	638.4	633.2	626.5	5.2	11.9
Saskatchewan	544.4	540.4	528.0	4.0	16.4
Alberta	2,165.0	2,171.1	2,133.2	-6.1	31.8
British Columbia	2,313.3	2,312.7	2,293.9	0.6	19.4
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	7.1	7.2	7.5	-0.1	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.5	12.5	12.7	-1.0	-1.2
Prince Edward Island	11.0	11.4	11.2	-0.4	-0.2
Nova Scotia	9.3	8.8	7.8	0.5	1.5
New Brunswick	10.8	11.2	9.4	-0.4	1.4
Quebec	7.3	7.6	8.7	-0.3	-1.4
Ontario	7.9	7.9	7.7	0.0	0.2
Manitoba	5.2	5.3	5.4	-0.1	-0.2
Saskatchewan	4.6	4.5	5.2	0.1	-0.6
Alberta	4.5	4.2	4.9	0.3	-0.4
British Columbia	6.5	6.8	7.0	-0.3	-0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	December <u>2012</u>	November <u>2012</u>	December <u>2011</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	6.1	6.1	6.9	0.0	-0.8
Halifax	5.4	5.0	4.7	0.4	0.7
Saint John	8.8	8.5	6.5	0.3	2.3
Quebec	4.1	4.2	4.2	-0.1	-0.1
Montreal	7.9	7.9	8.6	0.0	-0.7
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.9	6.3	5.6	-0.4	0.3
Greater Sudbury	5.8	6.0	5.0	-0.2	0.8
Toronto	7.6	8.0	7.9	-0.4	-0.3
Winnipeg	5.1	5.0	5.3	0.1	-0.2
Regina	3.7	3.7	3.3	0.0	0.4
Saskatoon	5.1	5.0	4.9	0.1	0.2
Calgary	4.2	4.3	5.1	-0.1	-0.9
Edmonton	4.2	4.0	4.6	0.2	-0.4
Vancouver	6.2	6.7	6.3	-0.5	-0.1
Victoria	5.4	5.4	5.8	0.0	-0.4
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b>ECONOMIC REGIONS</b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	172.2	172.1	169.0	0.1	3.2
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.4	49.5	48.9	0.9	1.5
Saskatoon-Biggar	182.1	181.8	173.8	0.3	8.3
Yorkton-Melville	39.3	39.3	40.1	0.0	-0.8
Prince Albert & Northern	96.5	98.1	93.8	-1.6	2.7

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 7

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

(3 Month Moving Average)

	December <u>2012</u>	November <u>2012</u>	December <u>2011</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	563.5	563.4	549.1	0.1	14.4
Employed ('000)	540.1	540.7	524.6	-0.6	15.5
Unemployed ('000)	23.5	22.7	24.5	0.8	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.0	4.5	0.2	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	69.1	68.3	-0.1	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	66.2	66.3	65.3	-0.1	0.9
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	517.9	518.1	501.3	-0.2	16.6
Employed ('000)	499.9	500.7	483.9	-0.8	16.0
Unemployed ('000)	18.1	17.5	17.3	0.6	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.5	3.4	3.5	0.1	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	69.7	68.4	-0.2	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	67.1	67.3	66.0	-0.2	1.1
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	45.6	45.3	47.8	0.3	-2.2
Employed ('000)	40.2	40.0	40.6	0.2	-0.4
Unemployed ('000)	5.4	5.2	7.2	0.2	-1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.8	11.6	15.0	0.2	-3.2
Participation Rate (%)	63.6	63.3	68.0	0.3	-4.4
Employment Rate (%)	56.1	56.0	57.8	0.1	-1.7
<b><u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18.5	18.6	19.2	-0.1	-0.7
Employed ('000)	15.6	15.6	15.2	0.0	0.4
Unemployed ('000)	2.9	2.9	4.0	0.0	-1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.7	15.7	20.7	0.0	-5.0
Participation Rate (%)	58.8	59.2	62.4	-0.4	-3.6
Employment Rate (%)	49.5	49.9	49.5	-0.4	0.0
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	27.0	26.5	28.5	0.5	-1.5
Employed ('000)	24.5	24.2	25.3	0.3	-0.8
Unemployed ('000)	2.5	2.3	3.2	0.2	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.2	8.5	11.2	0.7	-2.0
Participation Rate (%)	67.3	66.3	72.3	1.0	-5.0
Employment Rate (%)	61.1	60.6	64.2	0.5	-3.1

## 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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