

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

February 2012

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## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended February 18, 2012, there were 521,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan during February 2012, an increase of 1,200 from January 2012 and 6,100 more than the number employed in February 2011.

Agricultural employment was 32,400 persons in February 2012, down 500 from the January 2012 level and 4,400 less than the February 2011 agricultural employment level of 36,800. Non-agricultural employment was 489,400 persons in February 2012. This is an increase of 1,700 from the January 2012 non-agriculture employment level of 487,700 and 10,500 more than February 2011.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for February 2012 was 5.3 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the January 2012 rate of 5.1 percent but 0.8 percentage points lower than the February 2011 level of 6.1 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 2,700 to 551,200 persons in February 2012 from 548,500 persons in January 2012. This is 2,200 more than the February 2011 labour force of 549,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.3 percentage points to 68.4 percent in February 2012 from 68.1 percent in January 2012. The February 2011 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.9 percent.

There were 29,400 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during February 2012. This is an increase of 1,500 from January 2012 but is 3,900 less than the number unemployed in February 2011.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 529,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan in February 2012, down 400 from the January 2012 level of 529,800 but up 6,300 from the February 2011 employment level of 523,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2012 was 5.0 percent. This is unchanged from the January 2012 rate and 0.6 percentage points lower than the February 2011 rate of 5.6 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 67,500 persons in February 2012 to 17,064,100 persons from 16,996,600 persons in January 2012. In February 2011, there were 16,941,000 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.3 percentage points in February 2012 to 7.7 percent from the January 2012 level of 8.0 percent. In February 2011, Canada's unemployment rate was also 8.0 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.4 percent in February 2012. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than January 2012 and 0.3 percentage points lower than the February 2011 level of 7.7 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**

	February <u>2012</u>	January <u>2012</u>	February <u>2011</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,487.7	18,467.1	18,418.6	20.6	69.1
Employed ('000)	17,064.1	16,996.6	16,941.0	67.5	123.1
Full-Time ('000)	13,615.8	13,585.4	13,412.1	30.4	203.7
Part-Time ('000)	3,448.3	3,411.3	3,528.9	37.0	-80.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,423.6	1,470.4	1,477.6	-46.8	-54.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	8.0	8.0	-0.3	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.4	7.6	7.7	-0.2	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	65.6	65.6	66.1	0.0	-0.5
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	551.2	548.5	549.0	2.7	2.2
Employed ('000)	521.8	520.6	515.7	1.2	6.1
Full-Time ('000)	423.9	419.9	420.2	4.0	3.7
Part-Time ('000)	97.9	100.7	95.5	-2.8	2.4
Unemployed ('000)	29.4	27.9	33.3	1.5	-3.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.1	6.1	0.2	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.0	5.0	5.6	0.0	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	68.4	68.1	68.9	0.3	-0.5
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,216.9	2,222.4	2,177.6	-5.5	39.3
Employed ('000)	2,106.2	2,110.4	2,051.2	-4.2	55.0
Full-Time ('000)	1,739.2	1,756.6	1,653.5	-17.4	85.7
Part-Time ('000)	367.1	353.8	397.7	13.3	-30.6
Unemployed ('000)	110.7	112.1	126.4	-1.4	-15.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	5.0	5.8	0.0	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.0	4.9	5.7	0.1	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	73.0	73.3	72.9	-0.3	0.1
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	656.7	650.8	653.6	5.9	3.1
Employed ('000)	617.4	614.9	616.9	2.5	0.5
Full-Time ('000)	488.7	486.5	487.4	2.2	1.3
Part-Time ('000)	128.7	128.4	129.5	0.3	-0.8
Unemployed ('000)	39.3	35.9	36.7	3.4	2.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	5.5	5.6	0.5	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.6	5.4	5.3	0.2	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.4	67.9	68.9	0.5	-0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	February <u>2012</u>	January <u>2012</u>	February <u>2011</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	551.2	548.5	549.0	2.7	2.2
Male	296.5	293.8	294.4	2.7	2.1
Female	254.7	254.8	254.6	-0.1	0.1
15-24 Years of Age	91.0	89.9	88.9	1.1	2.1
25+ Years of age	460.2	458.6	460.1	1.6	0.1
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	521.8	520.6	515.7	1.2	6.1
Male	280.2	279.0	274.1	1.2	6.1
Female	241.5	241.6	241.6	-0.1	-0.1
15-24 Years of Age	83.1	81.9	77.4	1.2	5.7
25+ Years of age	438.7	438.7	438.3	0.0	0.4
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	29.4	27.9	33.3	1.5	-3.9
Male	16.2	14.8	20.3	1.4	-4.1
Female	13.2	13.2	13.0	0.0	0.2
15-24 Years of Age	7.9	8.0	11.6	-0.1	-3.7
25+ Years of age	21.6	19.9	21.7	1.7	-0.1
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	5.3	5.1	6.1	0.2	-0.8
Male	5.5	5.0	6.9	0.5	-1.4
Female	5.2	5.2	5.1	0.0	0.1
15-24 Years of Age	8.7	8.9	13.0	-0.2	-4.3
25+ Years of age	4.7	4.3	4.7	0.4	0.0
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	68.4	68.1	68.9	0.3	-0.5
Male	74.2	73.6	74.6	0.6	-0.4
Female	62.7	62.8	63.3	-0.1	-0.6
15-24 Years of Age	66.7	65.9	64.7	0.8	2.0
25+ Years of age	68.7	68.6	69.8	0.1	-1.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	February <u>2012</u>	January <u>2012</u>	February <u>2011</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	32.4	32.9	36.8	-0.5	-4.4
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.4	23.1	25.0	1.3	-0.6
Utilities	5.0	5.3	5.9	-0.3	-0.9
Construction	37.0	37.0	37.6	0.0	-0.6
Manufacturing	29.1	27.2	28.8	1.9	0.3
Trade	78.0	83.2	81.0	-5.2	-3.0
Transportation and Warehousing	25.6	27.3	25.9	-1.7	-0.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.9	29.8	31.8	0.1	-1.9
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	25.5	23.2	21.4	2.3	4.1
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.9	11.8	10.9	0.1	1.0
Educational Services	44.6	43.0	41.0	1.6	3.6
Health Care and Social Assistance	69.3	68.7	64.7	0.6	4.6
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.5	18.2	19.3	0.3	-0.8
Accommodation and Food Services	34.6	33.9	30.1	0.7	4.5
Other Services	26.1	26.2	25.8	-0.1	0.3
Public Administration	29.9	29.8	29.6	0.1	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>521.8</b>	<b>520.6</b>	<b>515.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	423.9	419.9	420.2	4.0	3.7
Part-Time	97.9	100.7	95.5	-2.8	2.4
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	428.3	428.0	420.9	0.3	7.4
Public Sector	137.2	133.0	133.1	4.2	4.1
Private Sector	291.1	294.9	287.8	-3.8	3.3
Self-Employed	93.5	92.6	94.8	0.9	-1.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>February</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,064.1	16,996.6	16,941.0	67.5	123.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	217.1	212.1	214.2	5.0	2.9
Prince Edward Island	67.2	67.0	65.6	0.2	1.6
Nova Scotia	445.1	444.6	436.8	0.5	8.3
New Brunswick	339.3	339.8	339.9	-0.5	-0.6
Quebec	3,829.4	3,800.5	3,876.7	28.9	-47.3
Ontario	6,649.8	6,634.4	6,596.6	15.4	53.2
Manitoba	617.4	614.9	616.9	2.5	0.5
Saskatchewan	521.8	520.6	515.7	1.2	6.1
Alberta	2,106.2	2,110.4	2,051.2	-4.2	55.0
British Columbia	2,270.8	2,252.4	2,227.6	18.4	43.2
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	7.7	8.0	8.0	-0.3	-0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.2	15.7	13.8	-1.5	0.4
Prince Edward Island	12.7	15.5	14.0	-2.8	-1.3
Nova Scotia	9.0	9.2	10.3	-0.2	-1.3
New Brunswick	11.2	10.6	10.7	0.6	0.5
Quebec	9.1	9.3	8.3	-0.2	0.8
Ontario	7.6	8.1	8.0	-0.5	-0.4
Manitoba	6.0	5.5	5.6	0.5	0.4
Saskatchewan	5.3	5.1	6.1	0.2	-0.8
Alberta	5.0	5.0	5.8	0.0	-0.8
British Columbia	7.4	7.4	9.1	0.0	-1.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>February</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,354.2	17,357.0	17,233.7	-2.8	120.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	228.8	226.9	227.1	1.9	1.7
Prince Edward Island	72.2	72.4	70.5	-0.2	1.7
Nova Scotia	459.5	457.5	452.0	2.0	7.5
New Brunswick	352.6	355.2	353.0	-2.6	-0.4
Quebec	3,915.7	3,915.5	3,964.6	0.2	-48.9
Ontario	6,742.1	6,746.0	6,688.5	-3.9	53.6
Manitoba	625.3	626.8	624.7	-1.5	0.6
Saskatchewan	529.4	529.8	523.1	-0.4	6.3
Alberta	2,127.9	2,135.1	2,069.5	-7.2	58.4
British Columbia	2,300.8	2,291.7	2,260.9	9.1	39.9
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	7.4	7.6	7.7	-0.2	-0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.9	13.5	12.5	-0.6	0.4
Prince Edward Island	10.8	12.2	11.5	-1.4	-0.7
Nova Scotia	8.2	8.4	9.4	-0.2	-1.2
New Brunswick	10.1	9.5	9.8	0.6	0.3
Quebec	8.4	8.4	7.6	0.0	0.8
Ontario	7.6	8.1	8.0	-0.5	-0.4
Manitoba	5.6	5.4	5.3	0.2	0.3
Saskatchewan	5.0	5.0	5.6	0.0	-0.6
Alberta	5.0	4.9	5.7	0.1	-0.7
British Columbia	6.9	6.9	8.7	0.0	-1.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	February <u>2012</u>	January <u>2012</u>	February <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	7.6	7.7	6.5	-0.1	1.1
Halifax	5.7	5.0	6.6	0.7	-0.9
Saint John	7.7	7.2	6.6	0.5	1.1
Quebec	5.3	4.9	5.6	0.4	-0.3
Montreal	9.6	9.1	8.3	0.5	1.3
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.7	5.4	6.2	0.3	-0.5
Greater Sudbury	6.6	6.2	7.3	0.4	-0.7
Toronto	8.0	8.0	7.6	0.0	0.4
Winnipeg	5.7	5.5	5.5	0.2	0.2
Regina	4.1	3.8	4.8	0.3	-0.7
Saskatoon	5.8	5.6	5.4	0.2	0.4
Calgary	4.9	5.0	6.0	-0.1	-1.1
Edmonton	5.0	4.7	5.6	0.3	-0.6
Vancouver	6.6	6.6	8.0	0.0	-1.4
Victoria	5.5	5.9	6.5	-0.4	-1.0
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b>ECONOMIC REGIONS</b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	165.9	167.0	159.0	-1.1	6.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	47.4	48.0	50.5	-0.6	-3.1
Saskatoon-Biggar	174.5	173.9	172.0	0.6	2.5
Yorkton-Melville	40.1	40.1	38.3	0.0	1.8
Prince Albert & Northern	94.0	93.7	98.0	0.3	-4.0

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)

	February <u>2012</u>	January <u>2012</u>	February <u>2011</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	549.4	548.9	547.7	0.5	1.7
Employed ('000)	521.3	522.0	517.0	-0.7	4.3
Unemployed ('000)	28.1	26.9	30.8	1.2	-2.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	4.9	5.6	0.2	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	68.2	68.8	0.0	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	64.8	64.9	64.9	-0.1	-0.1
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	502.2	500.5	505.7	1.7	-3.5
Employed ('000)	481.4	481.3	482.9	0.1	-1.5
Unemployed ('000)	20.8	19.2	22.8	1.6	-2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	3.8	4.5	0.3	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	68.4	68.2	69.6	0.2	-1.2
Employment Rate (%)	65.5	65.6	66.4	-0.1	-0.9
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	47.2	48.3	42.0	-1.1	5.2
Employed ('000)	39.9	40.6	34.0	-0.7	5.9
Unemployed ('000)	7.3	7.7	8.0	-0.4	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.4	15.9	19.0	-0.5	-3.6
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	68.6	60.8	-1.7	6.1
Employment Rate (%)	56.6	57.7	49.3	-1.1	7.3
<b><u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	19.6	20.0	16.4	-0.4	3.2
Employed ('000)	15.6	15.7	12.4	-0.1	3.2
Unemployed ('000)	4.0	4.3	4.0	-0.3	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	20.5	21.4	24.4	-0.9	-3.9
Participation Rate (%)	63.4	64.8	54.3	-1.4	9.1
Employment Rate (%)	50.4	51.0	41.1	-0.6	9.3
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	27.4	28.2	25.6	-0.8	1.8
Employed ('000)	24.1	24.8	21.6	-0.7	2.5
Unemployed ('000)	3.2	3.4	4.0	-0.2	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.9	12.2	15.7	-0.3	-3.8
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	71.5	65.9	-2.1	3.5
Employment Rate (%)	61.2	62.8	55.6	-1.6	5.6

## 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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