

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

May 2012

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended May 19, 2012, there were 546,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan during May 2012, an increase of 14,500 from April 2012 and 10,400 more than the number employed in May 2011.

Agricultural employment was 39,600 persons in May 2012, up 2,400 from the April 2012 level but 3,200 less than the May 2011 agricultural employment level of 42,800. Non-agricultural employment was 506,700 persons in May 2012. This is an increase of 12,100 from the April 2012 non-agriculture employment level of 494,600 and 13,600 more than May 2011.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for May 2012 was 4.4 percent. This is a decrease of 1.0 percentage points from the April 2012 rate of 5.4 percent and 0.5 percentage points lower than the May 2011 level of 4.9 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 9,700 to 571,600 persons in May 2012 from 561,900 persons in April 2012. This is 7,900 more than the May 2011 labour force of 563,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 1.1 percentage points to 70.7 percent in May 2012 from 69.6 percent in April 2012. The May 2011 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.6 percent.

There were 25,300 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during May 2012. This is a decrease of 4,800 from April 2012 and is 2,500 less than the number unemployed in May 2011.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 536,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan in May 2012, down 400 from the April 2012 level of 536,500 but up 9,800 from the May 2011 employment level of 526,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2012 was 4.5 percent. This is a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the April 2012 rate of 4.9 percent and 0.5 percentage points lower than the May 2011 rate of 5.0 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 338,200 persons in May 2012 to 17,677,000 persons from 17,338,800 persons in April 2012. In May 2011, there were 17,478,700 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage points in May 2012 to 7.4 percent from the April 2012 level of 7.5 percent. In May 2011, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.5 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.3 percent in May 2012. This is unchanged from April 2012 and 0.1 percentage points lower than the May 2011 level of 7.4 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	<u>May</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,097.4	18,751.3	18,888.6	346.1	208.8
Employed ('000)	17,677.0	17,338.8	17,478.7	338.2	198.3
Full-Time ('000)	14,340.4	13,898.5	14,161.3	441.9	179.1
Part-Time ('000)	3,336.7	3,440.3	3,317.3	-103.6	19.4
Unemployed ('000)	1,420.3	1,412.5	1,410.0	7.8	10.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	7.5	7.5	-0.1	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.3	7.3	7.4	0.0	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.5	66.4	67.6	1.1	-0.1
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	571.6	561.9	563.7	9.7	7.9
Employed ('000)	546.3	531.8	535.9	14.5	10.4
Full-Time ('000)	448.4	435.8	438.6	12.6	9.8
Part-Time ('000)	98.0	96.1	97.3	1.9	0.7
Unemployed ('000)	25.3	30.1	27.8	-4.8	-2.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	5.4	4.9	-1.0	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.5	4.9	5.0	-0.4	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	70.7	69.6	70.6	1.1	0.1
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,274.5	2,230.3	2,204.8	44.2	69.7
Employed ('000)	2,172.1	2,118.5	2,087.6	53.6	84.5
Full-Time ('000)	1,814.5	1,740.4	1,751.9	74.1	62.6
Part-Time ('000)	357.6	378.1	335.7	-20.5	21.9
Unemployed ('000)	102.4	111.8	117.2	-9.4	-14.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	5.0	5.3	-0.5	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.5	4.9	5.4	-0.4	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	74.4	73.1	73.5	1.3	0.9
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	672.3	660.7	667.0	11.6	5.3
Employed ('000)	639.2	625.9	631.3	13.3	7.9
Full-Time ('000)	510.3	500.1	511.1	10.2	-0.8
Part-Time ('000)	128.8	125.8	120.3	3.0	8.5
Unemployed ('000)	33.2	34.8	35.6	-1.6	-2.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	5.3	5.3	-0.4	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.1	5.3	5.4	-0.2	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.9	68.7	70.1	1.2	-0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>May 2012</u>	<u>April 2012</u>	<u>May 2011</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	571.6	561.9	563.7	9.7	7.9
Male	310.9	303.0	303.7	7.9	7.2
Female	260.7	258.9	260.0	1.8	0.7
15-24 Years of Age	99.0	91.9	97.8	7.1	1.2
25+ Years of age	472.6	470.0	465.8	2.6	6.8
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	546.3	531.8	535.9	14.5	10.4
Male	297.0	287.3	288.5	9.7	8.5
Female	249.4	244.5	247.4	4.9	2.0
15-24 Years of Age	90.2	81.7	87.6	8.5	2.6
25+ Years of age	456.1	450.1	448.2	6.0	7.9
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	25.3	30.1	27.8	-4.8	-2.5
Male	14.0	15.7	15.1	-1.7	-1.1
Female	11.3	14.4	12.6	-3.1	-1.3
15-24 Years of Age	8.8	10.2	10.2	-1.4	-1.4
25+ Years of age	16.5	19.9	17.6	-3.4	-1.1
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	4.4	5.4	4.9	-1.0	-0.5
Male	4.5	5.2	5.0	-0.7	-0.5
Female	4.3	5.6	4.8	-1.3	-0.5
15-24 Years of Age	8.9	11.1	10.4	-2.2	-1.5
25+ Years of age	3.5	4.2	3.8	-0.7	-0.3
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	70.7	69.6	70.6	1.1	0.1
Male	77.4	75.6	76.8	1.8	0.6
Female	64.0	63.6	64.5	0.4	-0.5
15-24 Years of Age	72.6	67.4	71.4	5.2	1.2
25+ Years of age	70.3	70.0	70.4	0.3	-0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	<u>May 2012</u>	<u>April 2012</u>	<u>May 2011</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	39.6	37.2	42.8	2.4	-3.2
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.6	25.0	25.0	0.6	0.6
Utilities	5.9	5.6	5.7	0.3	0.2
Construction	45.2	42.3	39.6	2.9	5.6
Manufacturing	27.3	27.5	27.7	-0.2	-0.4
Trade	79.8	80.2	80.7	-0.4	-0.9
Transportation and Warehousing	26.4	26.6	27.3	-0.2	-0.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.0	30.4	31.4	-0.4	-1.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	24.6	24.4	23.4	0.2	1.2
Business, Building and Other Support Services	14.0	11.9	12.4	2.1	1.6
Educational Services	46.3	45.0	42.2	1.3	4.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	71.0	69.5	67.2	1.5	3.8
Information, Culture and Recreation	21.3	19.4	20.8	1.9	0.5
Accommodation and Food Services	32.8	33.0	32.2	-0.2	0.6
Other Services	25.0	23.4	24.6	1.6	0.4
Public Administration	31.6	30.2	32.9	1.4	-1.3
Total	546.3	531.8	535.9	14.5	10.4
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	448.4	435.8	438.6	12.6	9.8
Part-Time	98.0	96.1	97.3	1.9	0.7
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	451.1	434.4	436.9	16.7	14.2
Public Sector	142.6	137.2	140.2	5.4	2.4
Private Sector	308.6	297.2	296.7	11.4	11.9
Self-Employed	95.2	97.4	99.0	-2.2	-3.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>May</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,677.0	17,338.8	17,478.7	338.2	198.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	234.7	226.1	232.1	8.6	2.6
Prince Edward Island	75.1	69.5	75.2	5.6	-0.1
Nova Scotia	462.0	445.3	458.1	16.7	3.9
New Brunswick	362.9	344.7	357.3	18.2	5.6
Quebec	4,036.9	3,935.4	4,021.2	101.5	15.7
Ontario	6,816.0	6,737.7	6,790.9	78.3	25.1
Manitoba	639.2	625.9	631.3	13.3	7.9
Saskatchewan	546.3	531.8	535.9	14.5	10.4
Alberta	2,172.1	2,118.5	2,087.6	53.6	84.5
British Columbia	2,331.8	2,304.1	2,289.1	27.7	42.7
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	7.4	7.5	7.5	-0.1	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.0	13.5	12.3	-1.5	-0.3
Prince Edward Island	10.3	14.4	10.0	-4.1	0.3
Nova Scotia	9.1	10.0	8.7	-0.9	0.4
New Brunswick	9.6	11.1	9.8	-1.5	-0.2
Quebec	7.6	8.7	7.1	-1.1	0.5
Ontario	8.3	7.7	8.3	0.6	0.0
Manitoba	4.9	5.3	5.3	-0.4	-0.4
Saskatchewan	4.4	5.4	4.9	-1.0	-0.5
Alberta	4.5	5.0	5.3	-0.5	-0.8
British Columbia	7.3	6.3	7.4	1.0	-0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>May</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,502.4	17,494.7	17,299.0	7.7	203.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	230.3	232.0	227.5	-1.7	2.8
Prince Edward Island	72.0	73.0	71.6	-1.0	0.4
Nova Scotia	453.5	454.5	449.0	-1.0	4.5
New Brunswick	356.7	351.4	351.1	5.3	5.6
Quebec	3,990.1	3,975.4	3,977.6	14.7	12.5
Ontario	6,761.8	6,780.5	6,728.9	-18.7	32.9
Manitoba	630.6	629.6	623.3	1.0	7.3
Saskatchewan	536.1	536.5	526.3	-0.4	9.8
Alberta	2,152.8	2,143.0	2,068.3	9.8	84.5
British Columbia	2,318.6	2,318.8	2,275.2	-0.2	43.4
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	7.3	7.3	7.4	0.0	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.0	12.3	12.1	-0.3	-0.1
Prince Edward Island	11.3	11.0	11.8	0.3	-0.5
Nova Scotia	9.2	9.0	9.0	0.2	0.2
New Brunswick	9.4	9.8	9.6	-0.4	-0.2
Quebec	7.8	8.0	7.3	-0.2	0.5
Ontario	7.8	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0
Manitoba	5.1	5.3	5.4	-0.2	-0.3
Saskatchewan	4.5	4.9	5.0	-0.4	-0.5
Alberta	4.5	4.9	5.4	-0.4	-0.9
British Columbia	7.4	6.2	7.5	1.2	-0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>May</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	7.8	7.6	5.9	0.2	1.9
Halifax	6.6	6.4	6.4	0.2	0.2
Saint John	8.4	8.8	6.6	-0.4	1.8
Quebec	5.6	5.7	7.1	-0.1	-1.5
Montreal	9.0	9.7	8.1	-0.7	0.9
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.2	6.1	6.1	0.1	0.1
Greater Sudbury	7.0	7.3	8.2	-0.3	-1.2
Toronto	8.8	8.2	8.6	0.6	0.2
Winnipeg	5.3	5.7	5.6	-0.4	-0.3
Regina	4.1	4.1	5.5	0.0	-1.4
Saskatoon	5.9	6.1	6.2	-0.2	-0.3
Calgary	5.0	5.1	5.9	-0.1	-0.9
Edmonton	5.0	5.5	5.7	-0.5	-0.7
Vancouver	6.6	6.3	7.7	0.3	-1.1
Victoria	5.0	4.9	5.9	0.1	-0.9
SASKATCHEWAN					
ECONOMIC REGIONS					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	167.9	166.4	162.0	1.5	5.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	49.9	48.4	50.4	1.5	-0.5
Saskatoon-Biggar	177.8	174.7	173.5	3.1	4.3
Yorkton-Melville	38.8	39.1	39.4	-0.3	-0.6
Prince Albert & Northern	99.0	96.6	98.5	2.4	0.5

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>May</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	560.6	554.0	553.6	6.6	7.0
Employed ('000)	532.4	524.5	523.6	7.9	8.8
Unemployed ('000)	28.2	29.5	30.0	-1.3	-1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	5.3	5.4	-0.3	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	68.7	69.4	0.7	0.0
Employment Rate (%)	65.9	65.0	65.6	0.9	0.3
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	514.8	508.2	507.9	6.6	6.9
Employed ('000)	492.7	485.3	485.4	7.4	7.3
Unemployed ('000)	22.0	22.9	22.5	-0.9	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.5	4.4	-0.2	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.9	69.1	69.7	0.8	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	66.9	65.9	66.7	1.0	0.2
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	45.8	45.8	45.7	0.0	0.1
Employed ('000)	39.7	39.2	38.1	0.5	1.6
Unemployed ('000)	6.2	6.6	7.6	-0.4	-1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.5	14.5	16.5	-1.0	-3.0
Participation Rate (%)	64.6	64.7	65.8	-0.1	-1.2
Employment Rate (%)	55.9	55.3	54.9	0.6	1.0
<u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	18.1	18.2	17.9	-0.1	0.2
Employed ('000)	14.6	14.4	13.6	0.2	1.0
Unemployed ('000)	3.5	3.8	4.3	-0.3	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.3	20.7	24.0	-1.4	-4.7
Participation Rate (%)	58.2	58.8	58.9	-0.6	-0.7
Employment Rate (%)	46.9	46.6	44.7	0.3	2.2
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	27.3	27.3	27.7	0.0	-0.4
Employed ('000)	24.8	24.5	24.5	0.3	0.3
Unemployed ('000)	2.6	2.8	3.3	-0.2	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.4	10.2	11.8	-0.8	-2.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	69.1	71.1	0.3	-1.7
Employment Rate (%)	62.8	62.0	62.8	0.8	0.0

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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