

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

February 2014

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## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended February 14, 2014, there were 551,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan during February 2014, an increase of 800 from January 2014 and 5,400 more than the number employed in February 2013.

Agricultural employment was 40,700 persons in February 2014, down 1,600 from the January 2014 level but 300 more than the February 2013 agricultural employment level of 40,400. Non-agricultural employment was 510,900 persons in February 2014. This is a decrease of 3,200 from the January 2014 non-agriculture employment level of 576,500 and 5,100 more than February 2013.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for February 2014 was 3.8 percent. This is a decrease of 0.7 percentage points from the January 2014 rate of 4.5 percent but unchanged from the February 2013 level of 3.8 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 3,200 to 573,300 persons in February 2014 from 576,500 persons in January 2014. This is 5,500 more than the February 2013 labour force of 567,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.5 percentage points to 68.5 percent in February 2014 from 69.0 percent in January 2014. The February 2013 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.3 percent.

There were 21,700 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during February 2014. This is an decrease of 4,000 from January 2014 but is the same as the number unemployed in February 2013.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 557,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan in February 2014, up 1,100 from the January 2014 level of 556,800 and is up 5,200 from the February 2013 employment level of 552,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2014 was 3.9 percent. This is a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the January 2014 rate of 4.3 percent but 0.1 percentage points higher than the February 2013 rate of 3.8 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 55,400 persons in February 2014 to 17,504,000 persons from 17,448,600 persons in January 2014. In February 2013, there were 17,409,000 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate did not change from the January 2014 level of 7.4 In February 2013, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.3 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.0 percent in February 2014. This is unchanged from the January 2014 level and unchanged from the February 2013 level of 7.0 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>2014</u>	January <u>2014</u>	February <u>2013</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,894.1	18,845.8	18,789.8	48.3	104.3
Employed ('000)	17,504.0	17,448.6	17,409.0	55.4	95.0
Full-Time ('000)	13,982.5	13,948.4	13,915.9	34.1	66.6
Part-Time ('000)	3,521.5	3,500.2	3,493.1	21.3	28.4
Unemployed ('000)	1,390.1	1,397.2	1,380.8	-7.1	9.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	7.4	7.3	0.0	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.0	7.0	7.0	0.0	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	65.4	65.3	65.9	0.1	-0.5
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	573.3	576.5	567.8	-3.2	5.5
Employed ('000)	551.6	550.8	546.2	0.8	5.4
Full-Time ('000)	453.4	450.7	445.3	2.7	8.1
Part-Time ('000)	98.2	100.2	100.9	-2.0	-2.7
Unemployed ('000)	21.7	25.7	21.7	-4.0	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8	4.5	3.8	-0.7	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.9	4.3	3.8	-0.4	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.5	69.0	69.3	-0.5	-0.8
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,342.4	2,326.8	2,263.9	15.6	78.5
Employed ('000)	2,241.4	2,218.4	2,159.3	23.0	82.1
Full-Time ('000)	1,859.2	1,845.8	1,809.4	13.4	49.8
Part-Time ('000)	382.2	372.6	349.9	9.6	32.3
Unemployed ('000)	101.0	108.4	104.6	-7.4	-3.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.7	4.6	-0.4	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.3	4.6	4.5	-0.3	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	72.4	72.0	72.4	0.4	0.0
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	660.3	661.6	664.5	-1.3	-4.2
Employed ('000)	623.6	625.0	629.4	-1.4	-5.8
Full-Time ('000)	494.4	501.3	498.7	-6.9	-4.3
Part-Time ('000)	129.2	123.8	130.6	5.4	-1.4
Unemployed ('000)	36.7	36.6	35.1	0.1	1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.5	5.3	0.1	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.3	5.6	4.9	-0.3	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	67.3	67.5	68.6	-0.2	-1.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	February <u>2014</u>	January <u>2014</u>	February <u>2013</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	573.3	576.5	567.8	-3.2	5.5
Male	311.7	312.4	304.1	-0.7	7.6
Female	261.7	264.1	263.7	-2.4	-2.0
15-24 Years of Age	87.0	85.8	90.4	1.2	-3.4
25+ Years of age	486.4	490.7	477.4	-4.3	9.0
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	551.6	550.8	546.2	0.8	5.4
Male	298.8	297.0	292.4	1.8	6.4
Female	252.9	253.8	253.8	-0.9	-0.9
15-24 Years of Age	79.4	79.5	82.6	-0.1	-3.2
25+ Years of age	472.3	471.3	463.6	1.0	8.7
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	21.7	25.7	21.7	-4.0	0.0
Male	12.9	15.4	11.8	-2.5	1.1
Female	8.8	10.3	9.9	-1.5	-1.1
15-24 Years of Age	7.6	6.3	7.8	1.3	-0.2
25+ Years of age	14.1	19.4	13.8	-5.3	0.3
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	3.8	4.5	3.8	-0.7	0.0
Male	4.1	4.9	3.9	-0.8	0.2
Female	3.4	3.9	3.8	-0.5	-0.4
15-24 Years of Age	8.7	7.3	8.6	1.4	0.1
25+ Years of age	2.9	4.0	2.9	-1.1	0.0
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	68.5	69.0	69.3	-0.5	-0.8
Male	74.6	74.9	74.6	-0.3	0.0
Female	62.5	63.1	64.0	-0.6	-1.5
15-24 Years of Age	63.7	62.8	66.2	0.9	-2.5
25+ Years of age	69.5	70.2	69.9	-0.7	-0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<b>February 2014</b>	<b>January 2014</b>	<b>February 2013</b>	<b>Change from Last Month</b>	<b>Change from Last Year</b>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	40.7	42.3	40.4	-1.6	0.3
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	26.3	24.3	25.7	2.0	0.6
Utilities	6.5	7.1	4.8	-0.6	1.7
Construction	45.7	45.2	44.8	0.5	0.9
Manufacturing	26.7	26.9	27.9	-0.2	-1.2
Trade	81.7	82.2	84.9	-0.5	-3.2
Transportation and Warehousing	29.7	29.6	25.1	0.1	4.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.7	29.9	28.9	-0.2	0.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	28.8	27.3	25.8	1.5	3.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.7	13.0	11.0	-1.3	0.7
Educational Services	46.3	46.8	47.7	-0.5	-1.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	72.4	73.3	73.8	-0.9	-1.4
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.0	18.9	18.0	0.1	1.0
Accommodation and Food Services	34.3	31.8	31.1	2.5	3.2
Other Services	23.6	22.2	27.8	1.4	-4.2
Public Administration	28.3	29.9	28.4	-1.6	-0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>551.6</b>	<b>550.8</b>	<b>546.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	453.4	450.7	445.3	2.7	8.1
Part-Time	98.2	100.2	100.9	-2.0	-2.7
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	448.0	446.4	441.0	1.6	7.0
Public Sector	136.1	139.0	141.6	-2.9	-5.5
Private Sector	311.9	307.3	299.4	4.6	12.5
Self-Employed	103.7	104.5	105.2	-0.8	-1.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<b>February <u>2014</u></b>	<b>January <u>2013</u></b>	<b>February <u>2013</u></b>	<b>Change from <u>Last Month</u></b>	<b>Change from <u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,504.0	17,448.6	17,409.0	55.4	95.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	222.6	218.9	223.8	3.7	-1.2
Prince Edward Island	70.1	69.6	70.5	0.5	-0.4
Nova Scotia	437.2	433.1	440.2	4.1	-3.0
New Brunswick	341.4	337.7	340.6	3.7	0.8
Quebec	3,935.7	3,949.1	3,942.4	-13.4	-6.7
Ontario	6,801.2	6,769.0	6,770.2	32.2	31.0
Manitoba	623.6	625.0	629.4	-1.4	-5.8
Saskatchewan	551.6	550.8	546.2	0.8	5.4
Alberta	2,241.4	2,218.4	2,159.3	23.0	82.1
British Columbia	2,279.3	2,276.9	2,286.5	2.4	-7.2
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	7.4	7.4	7.3	0.0	0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.1	14.2	13.0	-1.1	0.1
Prince Edward Island	13.7	14.6	13.7	-0.9	0.0
Nova Scotia	9.7	9.8	10.1	-0.1	-0.4
New Brunswick	11.0	10.9	11.3	0.1	-0.3
Quebec	8.8	8.5	8.2	0.3	0.6
Ontario	7.5	7.6	7.7	-0.1	-0.2
Manitoba	5.6	5.5	5.3	0.1	0.3
Saskatchewan	3.8	4.5	3.8	-0.7	0.0
Alberta	4.3	4.7	4.6	-0.4	-0.3
British Columbia	6.7	6.9	6.7	-0.2	0.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>February</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>February</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,790.3	17,797.3	17,695.6	-7.0	94.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	232.5	232.7	234.1	-0.2	-1.6
Prince Edward Island	74.7	74.6	75.4	0.1	-0.7
Nova Scotia	450.7	447.8	454.2	2.9	-3.5
New Brunswick	353.1	351.3	353.1	1.8	0.0
Quebec	4,032.7	4,058.2	4,035.3	-25.5	-2.6
Ontario	6,888.9	6,882.8	6,860.2	6.1	28.7
Manitoba	631.4	633.1	636.9	-1.7	-5.5
Saskatchewan	557.9	556.8	552.7	1.1	5.2
Alberta	2,262.1	2,243.3	2,179.8	18.8	82.3
British Columbia	2,306.4	2,316.8	2,314.0	-10.4	-7.6
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	7.0	7.0	7.0	0.0	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.8	12.0	11.8	-0.2	0.0
Prince Edward Island	11.5	11.3	11.6	0.2	-0.1
Nova Scotia	8.9	8.6	9.3	0.3	-0.4
New Brunswick	9.8	9.9	10.1	-0.1	-0.3
Quebec	7.8	7.5	7.4	0.3	0.4
Ontario	7.5	7.5	7.7	0.0	-0.2
Manitoba	5.3	5.6	4.9	-0.3	0.4
Saskatchewan	3.9	4.3	3.8	-0.4	0.1
Alberta	4.3	4.6	4.5	-0.3	-0.2
British Columbia	6.4	6.4	6.3	0.0	0.1

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	February <u>2014</u>	January <u>2014</u>	February <u>2013</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	5.2	5.8	6.8	-0.6	-1.6
Halifax	6.6	6.6	6.4	0.0	0.2
Saint John	6.3	5.9	9.2	0.4	-2.9
Quebec	4.4	4.1	5.1	0.3	-0.7
Montreal	8.4	7.9	8.1	0.5	0.3
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.6	6.2	6.0	0.4	0.6
Greater Sudbury	7.0	6.7	7.9	0.3	-0.9
Toronto	7.8	7.7	7.9	0.1	-0.1
Winnipeg	5.4	5.4	5.4	0.0	0.0
Regina	3.7	4.0	3.6	-0.3	0.1
Saskatoon	4.2	4.0	4.4	0.2	-0.2
Calgary	4.4	4.5	4.9	-0.1	-0.5
Edmonton	4.9	5.1	4.3	-0.2	0.6
Vancouver	5.9	6.0	6.4	-0.1	-0.5
Victoria	5.6	5.2	5.6	0.4	0.0
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b>ECONOMIC REGIONS</b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	173.8	173.7	171.8	0.1	2.0
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.8	51.0	52.3	-0.2	-1.5
Saskatoon-Biggar	192.5	193.1	185.4	-0.6	7.1
Yorkton-Melville	38.9	38.2	39.5	0.7	-0.6
Prince Albert & Northern	96.1	96.3	94.8	-0.2	1.3

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)

	February <u>2014</u>	January <u>2014</u>	February <u>2013</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	575.7	575.9	566.5	-0.2	9.2
Employed ('000)	553.0	553.3	543.1	-0.3	9.9
Unemployed ('000)	22.6	22.6	23.4	0.0	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	3.9	4.1	0.0	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	69.0	69.2	-0.1	-0.3
Employment Rate (%)	66.2	66.3	66.3	-0.1	-0.1
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	527.9	527.7	519.7	0.2	8.2
Employed ('000)	510.7	510.4	502.4	0.3	8.3
Unemployed ('000)	17.2	17.3	17.3	-0.1	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	69.3	69.6	0.0	-0.3
Employment Rate (%)	67.0	67.1	67.3	-0.1	-0.3
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	47.8	48.2	46.8	-0.4	1.0
Employed ('000)	42.4	42.9	40.7	-0.5	1.7
Unemployed ('000)	5.4	5.3	6.1	0.1	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.4	10.9	13.0	0.5	-1.6
Participation Rate (%)	65.3	65.9	65.1	-0.6	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	57.9	58.7	56.7	-0.8	1.2
<b><u>FIRST NATIONS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18.7	19.1	18.4	-0.4	0.3
Employed ('000)	15.5	16.0	15.4	-0.5	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	3.2	3.1	3.0	0.1	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	17.2	16.2	16.4	1.0	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	58.0	59.3	58.2	-1.3	-0.2
Employment Rate (%)	48.1	49.7	48.7	-1.6	-0.6
<b><u>MÉTIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	29.0	29.1	28.4	-0.1	0.6
Employed ('000)	26.8	26.9	25.3	-0.1	1.5
Unemployed ('000)	2.2	2.2	3.1	0.0	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	7.5	10.8	0.2	-3.1
Participation Rate (%)	71.0	71.1	70.7	-0.1	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	65.6	65.8	63.1	-0.2	2.5

## 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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