

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

September 2014

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week ending September 20th, 2014, there were 574,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 2,400 from August 2014 and 19,300 more than the number employed in September 2013.

Agricultural employment was 51,300 persons in September 2014, up 1,700 from the August 2014 level and 3,800 more than the September 2013 agricultural employment level of 47,500. Non-agricultural employment was 523,500 persons in September 2014. This is an increase of 700 from the August 2014 non-agriculture employment level of 522,800 and 15,500 more than September 2013.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for September 2014 was 2.9 percent. This is a decrease of 2.3 percentage points from the August 2014 rate of 5.2 percent and 0.9 percentage points lower than the September 2013 level of 3.8 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 12,200 to 591,900 persons in September 2014 from 604,100 persons in August 2014. This is 14,600 more than the September 2013 labour force of 577,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 1.5 percentage points to 70.0 percent in September 2014 from 71.5 percent in August 2014. The September 2013 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.6 percent.

There were 17,100 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during September 2014. This is a decrease of 14,600 from August 2014 and is 4,700 less than the number unemployed in September 2013.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 573,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in September 2014, up 7,000 from the August 2014 level of 566,700 and is up 18,500 from the September 2013 employment level of 555,200 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2014 was 3.5 percent. This is a decrease of 0.7 percentage points from the August 2014 rate of 4.2 percent and 0.9 percentage points lower than the September 2013 rate of 4.4 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 88,800 persons in September 2014 to 18,010,900 persons from 18,098,900 persons in August 2014. In September 2013, there were 17,848,200 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 1.3 percentage points in September 2014 to 6.2 percent from the August 2014 level of 7.5 percent. In September 2013, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.4 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.8 percent in September 2014. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than August 2014 and 0.1 percentage points lower than the September 2013 level of 6.9 percent.

TABLE 1

**SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES**

	September <u>2014</u>	August <u>2014</u>	September <u>2013</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,200.9	19,560.3	19,066.3	-359.4	134.6
Employed ('000)	18,010.1	18,098.9	17,848.2	-88.8	161.9
Full-Time ('000)	14,588.6	15,009.4	14,500.0	-420.8	88.6
Part-Time ('000)	3,421.5	3,089.5	3,348.2	332.0	73.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,190.9	1,461.4	1,218.1	-270.5	-27.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	7.5	6.4	-1.3	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.8	7.0	6.9	-0.2	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	65.9	67.2	66.3	-1.3	-0.4
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	591.9	604.1	577.3	-12.2	14.6
Employed ('000)	574.8	572.4	555.5	2.4	19.3
Full-Time ('000)	479.9	489.4	465.1	-9.5	14.8
Part-Time ('000)	95.0	82.9	90.4	12.1	4.6
Unemployed ('000)	17.1	31.7	21.8	-14.6	-4.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.9	5.2	3.8	-2.3	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.5	4.2	4.4	-0.7	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	70.0	71.5	69.6	-1.5	0.4
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,393.1	2,426.0	2,333.9	-32.9	59.2
Employed ('000)	2,297.0	2,288.7	2,239.2	8.3	57.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,909.2	1,943.3	1,881.5	-34.1	27.7
Part-Time ('000)	387.8	345.4	357.7	42.4	30.1
Unemployed ('000)	96.1	137.3	94.7	-41.2	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	5.7	4.1	-1.7	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.4	4.9	4.4	-0.5	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	72.4	73.6	72.9	-1.2	-0.5
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	669.4	683.0	669.8	-13.6	-0.4
Employed ('000)	636.1	637.2	635.0	-1.1	1.1
Full-Time ('000)	515.7	528.1	508.3	-12.4	7.4
Part-Time ('000)	120.5	109.1	126.7	11.4	-6.2
Unemployed ('000)	33.2	45.8	34.8	-12.6	-1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	6.7	5.2	-1.7	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.3	5.5	5.5	-0.2	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	67.7	69.1	68.6	-1.4	-0.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	September <u>2014</u>	August <u>2014</u>	September <u>2013</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	591.9	604.1	577.3	-12.2	14.6
Male	322.3	330.2	314.8	-7.9	7.5
Female	269.6	273.9	262.5	-4.3	7.1
15-24 Years of Age	90.0	102.6	89.1	-12.6	0.9
25+ Years of age	501.9	501.5	488.2	0.4	13.7
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	574.8	572.4	555.5	2.4	19.3
Male	313.3	316.5	304.2	-3.2	9.1
Female	261.6	255.8	251.3	5.8	10.3
15-24 Years of Age	84.6	94.0	81.0	-9.4	3.6
25+ Years of age	490.2	478.4	474.5	11.8	15.7
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	17.1	31.7	21.8	-14.6	-4.7
Male	9.0	13.6	10.5	-4.6	-1.5
Female	8.1	18.1	11.2	-10.0	-3.1
15-24 Years of Age	5.4	8.6	8.1	-3.2	-2.7
25+ Years of age	11.8	23.1	13.7	-11.3	-1.9
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	2.9	5.2	3.8	-2.3	-0.9
Male	2.8	4.1	3.3	-1.3	-0.5
Female	3.0	6.6	4.3	-3.6	-1.3
15-24 Years of Age	6.0	8.4	9.1	-2.4	-3.1
25+ Years of age	2.4	4.6	2.8	-2.2	-0.4
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	70.0	71.5	69.6	-1.5	0.4
Male	76.2	78.1	76.1	-1.9	0.1
Female	63.8	64.9	63.0	-1.1	0.8
15-24 Years of Age	66.1	75.2	65.2	-9.1	0.9
25+ Years of age	70.8	70.8	70.4	0.0	0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	September <u>2014</u>	August <u>2014</u>	September <u>2013</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	51.3	49.6	47.5	1.7	3.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	27.6	27.0	23.9	0.6	3.7
Utilities	6.2	6.2	6.6	0.0	-0.4
Construction	54.9	56.0	50.1	-1.1	4.8
Manufacturing	28.6	29.7	28.8	-1.1	-0.2
Trade	81.7	84.9	78.2	-3.2	3.5
Transportation and Warehousing	26.5	25.6	28.0	0.9	-1.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	31.3	31.4	29.4	-0.1	1.9
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	27.8	28.2	26.8	-0.4	1.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	14.2	12.4	13.6	1.8	0.6
Educational Services	45.0	35.7	45.1	9.3	-0.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	70.2	70.7	74.5	-0.5	-4.3
Information, Culture and Recreation	16.3	20.5	19.5	-4.2	-3.2
Accommodation and Food Services	34.0	34.1	32.5	-0.1	1.5
Other Services	26.6	23.7	22.5	2.9	4.1
Public Administration	32.7	36.4	28.4	-3.7	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>574.8</b>	<b>572.4</b>	<b>555.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>19.3</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	479.9	489.4	465.1	-9.5	14.8
Part-Time	95.0	82.9	90.4	12.1	4.6
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	459.3	459.8	447.5	-0.5	11.8
Public Sector	139.0	139.3	137.4	-0.3	1.6
Private Sector	320.2	320.4	310.1	-0.2	10.1
Self-Employed	115.6	112.6	108.0	3.0	7.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>September</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	18,010.1	18,098.9	17,848.2	-88.8	161.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	232.5	233.7	236.1	-1.2	-3.6
Prince Edward Island	76.4	79.9	75.8	-3.5	0.6
Nova Scotia	451.0	458.7	459.3	-7.7	-8.3
New Brunswick	360.4	366.5	359.0	-6.1	1.4
Quebec	4,065.8	4,089.0	4,054.2	-23.2	11.6
Ontario	6,964.6	7,020.0	6,913.6	-55.4	51.0
Manitoba	636.1	637.2	635.0	-1.1	1.1
Saskatchewan	574.8	572.4	555.5	2.4	19.3
Alberta	2,297.0	2,288.7	2,239.2	8.3	57.8
British Columbia	2,351.6	2,352.9	2,320.4	-1.3	31.2
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	6.2	7.5	6.4	-1.3	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	10.5	12.7	8.6	-2.2	1.9
Prince Edward Island	7.7	7.7	9.6	0.0	-1.9
Nova Scotia	7.7	9.0	7.8	-1.3	-0.1
New Brunswick	8.2	8.7	9.0	-0.5	-0.8
Quebec	6.7	7.7	6.7	-1.0	0.0
Ontario	6.7	8.1	7.0	-1.4	-0.3
Manitoba	5.0	6.7	5.2	-1.7	-0.2
Saskatchewan	2.9	5.2	3.8	-2.3	-0.9
Alberta	4.0	5.7	4.1	-1.7	-0.1
British Columbia	5.9	6.5	6.3	-0.6	-0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>September</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,925.5	17,851.4	17,775.1	74.1	150.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	227.9	224.1	230.6	3.8	-2.7
Prince Edward Island	74.0	74.5	73.3	-0.5	0.7
Nova Scotia	446.3	447.0	455.0	-0.7	-8.7
New Brunswick	354.1	353.0	352.6	1.1	1.5
Quebec	4,031.0	4,024.5	4,018.9	6.5	12.1
Ontario	6,957.1	6,932.4	6,908.4	24.7	48.7
Manitoba	633.8	632.6	633.2	1.2	0.6
Saskatchewan	573.7	566.7	555.2	7.0	18.5
Alberta	2,290.4	2,269.2	2,236.2	21.2	54.2
British Columbia	2,337.2	2,327.6	2,311.7	9.6	25.5
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	6.8	7.0	6.9	-0.2	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.7	13.5	10.5	-0.8	2.2
Prince Edward Island	9.5	10.0	11.3	-0.5	-1.8
Nova Scotia	8.6	8.8	8.7	-0.2	-0.1
New Brunswick	9.6	8.7	10.5	0.9	-0.9
Quebec	7.6	7.7	7.6	-0.1	0.0
Ontario	7.1	7.4	7.3	-0.3	-0.2
Manitoba	5.3	5.5	5.5	-0.2	-0.2
Saskatchewan	3.5	4.2	4.4	-0.7	-0.9
Alberta	4.4	4.9	4.4	-0.5	0.0
British Columbia	6.1	6.1	6.7	0.0	-0.6

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	September <u>2014</u>	August <u>2014</u>	September <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	6.6	6.4	5.7	0.2	0.9
Halifax	6.3	6.1	6.4	0.2	-0.1
Saint John	8.3	7.7	9.8	0.6	-1.5
Quebec	5.5	5.6	4.4	-0.1	1.1
Montreal	8.3	8.6	8.1	-0.3	0.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.4	7.2	6.9	0.2	0.5
Greater Sudbury	6.1	6.4	7.2	-0.3	-1.1
Toronto	8.8	9.1	8.6	-0.3	0.2
Winnipeg	6.8	6.5	6.5	0.3	0.3
Regina	3.2	3.6	3.7	-0.4	-0.5
Saskatoon	4.4	4.5	4.8	-0.1	-0.4
Calgary	4.9	5.7	4.9	-0.8	0.0
Edmonton	5.7	5.7	5.3	0.0	0.4
Vancouver	6.1	5.9	7.1	0.2	-1.0
Victoria	5.5	5.6	5.3	-0.1	0.2
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b>ECONOMIC REGIONS</b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	180.4	179.9	179.9	0.5	0.5
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.4	53.5	51.8	-0.1	1.6
Saskatoon-Biggar	200.1	201.7	194.8	-1.6	5.3
Yorkton-Melville	38.5	38.5	37.3	0.0	1.2
Prince Albert & Northern	101.0	100.4	97.8	0.6	3.2

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)

	September <u>2014</u>	August <u>2014</u>	September <u>2013</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	596.6	598.2	587.7	-1.6	8.9
Employed ('000)	573.2	573.9	561.6	-0.7	11.6
Unemployed ('000)	23.4	24.2	26.1	-0.8	-2.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	4.1	4.4	-0.2	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	70.6	70.9	70.9	-0.3	-0.3
Employment Rate (%)	67.9	68.0	67.8	-0.1	0.1
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	548.4	549.7	537.9	-1.3	10.5
Employed ('000)	530.2	530.9	517.8	-0.7	12.4
Unemployed ('000)	18.2	18.8	20.1	-0.6	-1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.4	3.7	-0.1	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	71.2	71.4	71.2	-0.2	0.0
Employment Rate (%)	68.8	69.0	68.5	-0.2	0.3
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	48.1	48.5	49.8	-0.4	-1.7
Employed ('000)	43.0	43.1	43.9	-0.1	-0.9
Unemployed ('000)	5.1	5.4	6.0	-0.3	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.7	11.1	12.0	-0.4	-1.3
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	65.6	68.6	-0.5	-3.5
Employment Rate (%)	58.1	58.3	60.4	-0.2	-2.3
<b><u>FIRST NATIONS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18.3	18.8	20.1	-0.5	-1.8
Employed ('000)	15.1	15.6	16.4	-0.5	-1.3
Unemployed ('000)	3.2	3.2	3.7	0.0	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	17.5	16.9	18.5	0.6	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	56.1	57.7	62.8	-1.6	-6.7
Employment Rate (%)	46.3	48.0	51.2	-1.7	-4.9
<b><u>MÉTIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	29.6	29.3	29.7	0.3	-0.1
Employed ('000)	27.8	27.3	27.5	0.5	0.3
Unemployed ('000)	1.8	2.1	2.3	-0.3	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	7.1	7.6	-1.2	-1.7
Participation Rate (%)	71.9	71.6	73.2	0.3	-1.3
Employment Rate (%)	67.6	66.5	67.6	1.1	0.0

## 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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