

# Saskatchewan Earnings & Income

2006 Census of Canada

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According to the 2006 Census of Canada, Saskatchewan reported median earnings of \$35,948 in 2005 for full-time, full-year workers. This represents an increase of 6.4 percent from the 2000 median income of full-time, full-year earners of \$33,785 (all figures expressed in constant 2005 dollars). The increase was the second highest amongst the provinces and territories, only behind Alberta at 7.8 percent.

Median earnings refer to the earning level where half of the population aged 15 years and over earns less than the median and the other half of the population aged 15 years and over earns more than the median.

Saskatchewan had the third lowest median earnings (full-time, full-year workers) of all provinces in Canada, ahead of only Prince Edward Island (\$34,140) and New Brunswick (\$35,288). The North West Territories had the highest level amongst the provinces and territories at \$60,119 while Ontario had the highest provincial total at \$44,748.

## EARNINGS BY GENDER

Real employment earnings for males who worked full-time, full-year in Saskatchewan rose 1.8 between 2000 and 2005 from \$39,253 to \$39,991 while female data rose 6.2 percent over the same period (from \$30,237 in 2000 to \$32,097 in 2005). The earnings gap (the difference between male and female earnings as a percent of female earnings) fell from 29.8 percent in 2000 to 24.6 percent in 2005, an improvement of 17.4 percent.

## EARNINGS BY EDUCATION LEVEL

The 2006 Census of Canada indicates that higher levels of education lead to higher levels of earnings. Earnings for full-time, full-year workers with a university degree have median earnings of \$57,512 in 2005, which is 60.0 percent higher than the overall population.

## EARNINGS BY OCCUPATION

Based on evidence that higher education levels lead to higher earnings, it is not surprising to see that higher paying occupations generally require higher levels of education. Table 1 shows the top ten occupations by earnings for 2005 and 2000.

	2005	2000
Specialist physicians	183,797	168,681
General practitioners and family physicians	135,249	134,724
Dentists	99,976	130,028
Railway and yard locomotive engineers	96,963	78,721
Senior managers - Financial, comm and other bus. services	93,177	73,181
Supervisors, mining and quarrying	92,093	81,518
Primary production managers (except agriculture)	91,426	72,810
Lawyers	88,692	84,075
Engineering managers	86,486	N/A
Supervisors, petro, gas and chem processing and utilities	81,472	66,184

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

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