

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

August 2026

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (Seasonally Adjusted)

Table 1: Month-to-Month Comparison (%)	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026 Rank*
Canada	6.4	6.4	N/A
Manitoba	5.0	5.0	1
Quebec	5.6	5.6	2
Saskatchewan	6.0	6.0	3
Nova Scotia	6.1	6.2	4
British Columbia	6.5	6.2	5
Alberta	6.8	7.0	6
Ontario	6.9	6.8	7
New Brunswick	7.3	7.0	8
Prince Edward Island	7.9	6.8	9
Newfoundland & Labrador	8.6	9.3	10
Territories and CMAs**			
Yukon	5.3	6.6	
Northwest Territories	7.6	8.0	
Nunavut	11.3	11.3	
Regina CMA	6.2	6.1	18(tied)
Saskatoon CMA	6.6	6.5	25
By Age Group			
Youth (aged 15-24)	13.7	12.4	5
Core Working Age (25-54)	4.8	5.3	2
Older Workers (55 and over)	4.3	3.7	1

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01, 14-10-0292-01 and 14-10-0459-01

Unemployment Rate (Seasonally Adjusted)

- Saskatchewan's unemployment rate was 6.0%, the third lowest among provinces and below the national average of 6.4%.
- Regina tied for the 18th lowest unemployment rate at 6.2% and Saskatoon's unemployment rate ranked 25th at 6.6% among 41 Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs).
- Youth unemployment rate was 13.7%, the fifth lowest among provinces and above the national rate of 12.9%.

Record Highs

- All-time high: population aged 15 years and over (987,000), labour force (676,300), employment for men (340,700), off-reserve Indigenous population (117,400), and off-reserve Indigenous labour force (77,300).
- Record highs for the month of August: employment (626,600).

EMPLOYMENT (Unadjusted)

Table 2: Year-over-Year Comparison	Aug 2026	Aug 2026 over Aug 2025		Aug 2026 Rank*
		#	%	
Canada	21,299,200	+212,900	+1.0%	N/A
Nova Scotia	545,000	+17,900	+3.4%	1
Alberta	2,678,800	+87,900	+3.4%	1
Manitoba	755,300	+19,500	+2.7%	3
New Brunswick	419,100	+6,500	+1.6%	4
Ontario	8,352,400	+119,100	+1.4%	5
Prince Edward Island	100,800	+1,200	+1.2%	6
Newfoundland & Labrador	256,700	+3,000	+1.2%	6
British Columbia	2,948,800	+11,600	+0.4%	8
Saskatchewan	626,600	+1,900	+0.3%	9
Quebec	4,615,600	-55,800	-1.2%	10
Territories**				
Yukon	27,900	0	0.0%	
Northwest Territories	25,100	+1,700	+7.3%	
Nunavut	15,600	+1,200	+8.3%	

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01 and 14-10-0292-01

* Provincial ranking excluding territories due to differences in data collection and reporting.

** Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) and Territory data are expressed as a three-month moving average.

Year-over-Year Employment

- There were 626,600 people employed in Saskatchewan, an increase of 1,900 jobs compared to August 2025.
- Saskatchewan's growth rate of 0.3% was lower than the national increase of 1.0%.

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Table 3: Year-over-Year Comparison	Saskatchewan	Canada
Overall		
August 2026	626,600	21,299,200
August 2025	624,700	21,086,300
Change Year-over-Year (Aug 2026 over Aug 2025)	+1,900 (+0.3%)	+212,900 (+1.0%)
By Status		
Full-Time	-5,300 (-1.0%)	+182,800 (+1.0%)
Part-Time	+7,200 (+8.0%)	+30,100 (+0.9%)

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01

Year-over-Year Employment

- Employment up 1,900 compared to August 2025.
- FT/PT: full-time employment down 5,300 and part-time employment up 7,200.

Table 4: Year-over-Year Comparison	Aug 2026	Aug 2026 over Aug 2025	
		#	%
By Age Group			
Youth (aged 15-24)	95,100	-800	-0.8%
Core Working Age (25-54)	408,500	+8,200	+2.0%
Older Workers (55 and over)	123,000	-5,500	-4.3%
By Demography			
Women+*	285,900	-2,900	-1.0%
Men+*	340,700	+4,700	+1.4%
Off-reserve Indigenous**	65,700	-4,200	-6.0%
Off-reserve Indigenous Youth**	12,800	-300	-2.3%
By CMA and CA**			
Regina CMA	158,200	+5,000	+3.3%
Saskatoon CMA	210,000	+1,300	+0.6%
Moose Jaw CA	18,100	-1,600	-8.1%
Prince Albert CA	21,800	-1,300	-5.6%
By Economic Region**			
Regina-Moose Mountain	197,500	+1,300	+0.7%
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52,400	-800	-1.5%
Saskatoon-Biggar	237,000	+2,300	+1.0%
Yorkton-Melville	39,300	-2,100	-5.1%
Prince Albert and Northern	102,300	-2,300	-2.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01, 14-10-0401-01 and 14-10-0462-01

* Terms "men/men+" and "women/women+" are used interchangeably.

** Census Metropolitan Area (CMA), Census Agglomeration (CA) and Economic Regions (ER) data are expressed as a three-month moving average.

Year-over-Year Employment by Subpopulation

- Gender*: employment for women down 2,900 and employment for men up 4,700.
- Off-reserve Indigenous**: employment down 4,200. Indigenous youth employment down 300.
- Youth: employment down 800.
- Cities**: Saskatoon employment increased by 1,300 and Regina employment increased by 5,000 .

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EMPLOYMENT by SECTOR (Unadjusted)

Table 5: Year-over-Year Comparison	Aug 2026	Aug 2026 over Aug 2025		
		#	%	Cons. Months Gains/Losses ⁴
Public ¹	161,600	-7,900	-4.7%	↓ 2
Private ²	386,100	+18,200	+4.9%	↑ 2
Self Employed ³	78,800	-8,600	-9.8%	↓ 7
Agriculture	31,100	+200	+0.6%	↑ 1
Non-Agriculture	595,500	+1,700	+0.3%	↑ 1

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0026-01

¹ Includes those who work for a local, provincial or federal government, for a government service or agency, a crown corporation, or a government-funded establishment such as a school (including universities) or hospital.

² Includes those who work as employees of a private firm or business.

³ Includes both incorporated and unincorporated working owners, self-employed persons who do not have a business and persons working in a family business without pay.

⁴ Consecutive months are categorized as growth or decline. A month of no change is assigned the same direction as the previous month's trend.

Year-over-Year Sector Employment

- Public sector employment down 7,900.
- Private sector employment up 18,200.
- Self-employed down 8,600.
- Agriculture employment up 200 and non-agriculture employment up 1,700.

EMPLOYMENT by ESTABLISHMENT SIZE (Unadjusted)

Table 6: Year-over-Year Comparison	Aug 2026	Aug 2026 over Aug 2025	
		#	%
All establishment sizes	547,800	+10,400	+1.9%
Less than 20 employees	201,000	+3,100	+1.6%
20 to 99 employees	185,600	+10,700	+6.1%
100 to 500 employees	95,500	-6,100	-6.0%
More than 500 employees	65,600	+2,700	+4.3%

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0067-01; table excludes self-employed workers.

Year-over-Year Employment by Establishment Size

- Employment was up in establishments with fewer than 100 employees and more than 500 employees, while employment decreased in establishments with 100 to 500 employees compared to last August.

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EMPLOYMENT (Seasonally Adjusted)

Table 7: Month-to-Month Comparison	Saskatchewan	Canada
Overall		
August 2026	621,800	21,173,100
July 2026	619,200	21,214,800
Change Month-to-Month (Jul 2026 to Aug 2026)	+2,600 (+0.4%)	-41,700 (-0.2%)
By Status		
Full-Time	+4,200 (+0.8%)	-35,900 (-0.2%)
Part-Time	-1,600 (-1.4%)	-5,800 (-0.2%)

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01

Month-to-Month Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

- Saskatchewan's employment up 2,600.
- Saskatchewan's employment increase of 0.4% ranked fourth among provinces.

Table 8: Month-to-Month Comparison	Aug 2026	Jul 2026 to Aug 2026	
		#	%
By Demography			
Women+*	289,600	+900	+0.3%
Men+*	332,200	+1,700	+0.5%
Youth (aged 15-24)	84,100	-900	-1.1%
By Geography**			
Regina CMA	156,100	+800	+0.5%
Saskatoon CMA	205,300	+900	+0.4%

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01 and 14-10-0459-01

Month-to-Month Employment by Subpopulation (Seasonally Adjusted)

- Gender*: employment for women up 900 and employment for men up 1,700.
- Youth: employment down 900.
- Cities**: Saskatoon's employment up 900 and Regina's employment up 800.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Table 9: Number of Unemployed	Aug 2026	Change	
		#	%
Year-over-Year (Unadjusted)			
Total	49,700	+9,800	+24.6%
Youth	15,600	+4,800	+44.4%
Regina CMA**	11,200	+700	+6.7%
Saskatoon CMA**	15,900	+3,900	+32.5%
Moose Jaw CA**	1,800	+1,100	+157.1%
Prince Albert CA**	2,700	+1,100	+68.8%
Off-reserve Indigenous**	11,600	+4,400	+61.1%
Off-reserve Indigenous Youth**	4,400	+1,600	+57.1%
Month-to-Month (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Total	39,400	-300	-0.8%
Youth	13,300	+1,300	+10.8%
Regina CMA**	10,300	+200	+2.0%
Saskatoon CMA**	14,600	+400	+2.8%

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01, 14-10-0459-01 and 14-10-0401-01

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** Census Metropolitan Area (CMA), Census Agglomeration (CA) and Indigenous data are expressed as a three-month moving average.

Unemployment

- Unemployment up 9,800 from a year ago, and down 300 from a month ago.
- Regina**: unemployment up 700 from a year ago, and up 200 from a month ago.
- Saskatoon**: unemployment up 3,900 from a year ago, and up 400 from a month ago.
- Youth: unemployment up 4,800 from a year ago, and up 1,300 from a month ago.
- Off-reserve Indigenous**: unemployment up 4,400 from a year ago.
- Off-reserve Indigenous Youth**: unemployment up 1,600 from a year ago.

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EMPLOYMENT by INDUSTRY (Unadjusted)

Table 10: Year-over-Year Comparison	Aug 2026 over Aug 2025		
	#	%	Cons. Months Gains/Losses**
Employment increases:			
Construction	+6,100	+12.2%	↑ 24
Manufacturing	+4,900	+18.3%	↑ 2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	+3,500	+11.8%	↑ 18
Accommodation & Food Services	+3,000	+8.5%	↑ 3
Health Care & Social Assistance	+2,000	+1.9%	↑ 26
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil & Gas	+1,700	+7.2%	↑ 5
Transportation & Warehousing	+1,700	+6.8%	↑ 1
Business, Building & Other Support Services	+1,100	+7.7%	↑ 2
Agriculture	+200	+0.6%	↑ 1
Employment decreases:			
Other Services*	-800	-2.8%	↓ 3
Information, Culture & Recreation	-1,500	-6.0%	↓ 2
Utilities	-1,900	-22.6%	↓ 4
Wholesale and Retail Trade	-3,400	-3.5%	↓ 10
Public Administration	-4,000	-9.2%	↓ 5
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	-4,400	-12.3%	↓ 4
Educational services	-6,400	-14.3%	↓ 11
Total	+1,900	+0.3%	

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0355-01

* Includes Repair & Maintenance, Personal & Laundry Services, Religious, Grant-Making, Civic & Professional and Related Organizations, and Private Households.

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Year-over-Year Industry Employment

- The three industries with the largest employment gains were construction (+6,100), manufacturing (+4,900) and finance, insurance, real estate & leasing (+3,500).
- The three industries with the largest employment losses were educational services (-6,400), professional, scientific & technical services (-4,400) and public administration (-4,000).

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Table 11: Month-to-Month Comparison	Jul 2026 to Aug 2026		
	#	%	Cons. Months Gains/Losses**
Employment increases:			
Health Care & Social Assistance	+1,900	+1.8%	↑ 1
Manufacturing	+1,500	+4.9%	↑ 3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	+1,500	+4.8%	↑ 3
Construction	+1,100	+2.1%	↑ 2
Other Services*	+900	+3.4%	↑ 1
Agriculture	+800	+2.8%	↑ 1
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil & Gas	+700	+2.9%	↑ 2
Utilities	+400	+6.9%	↑ 1
Transportation & Warehousing	+300	+1.1%	↑ 1
Employment decreases:			
Information, Culture & Recreation	-200	-0.9%	↓ 3
Business, Building & Other Support Services	-300	-2.1%	↓ 1
Accommodation & Food Services	-600	-1.7%	↓ 1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	-600	-0.6%	↓ 1
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	-1,300	-4.1%	↓ 1
Educational services	-1,400	-2.7%	↓ 3
Public Administration	-1,800	-4.6%	↓ 3
Total	+2,600	+0.4%	

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0355-01

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Month-to-Month Industry Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

- The three industries with the largest employment gains were health care & social assistance (+1,900), manufacturing (+1,500) and finance, insurance, real estate & leasing (+1,500).
- The three industries with the largest employment losses were public administration (-1,800), educational services (-1,400) and professional, scientific & technical services (-1,300).

Industry Gains

Industries that had **BOTH** year-over-year and month-to-month employment gains are:

- Agriculture
- Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil & Gas
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Transportation & Warehousing
- Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing
- Health Care & Social Assistance

Industry Losses

Industries that had **BOTH** year-over-year and month-to-month employment losses are:

- Wholesale and Retail Trade
- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services
- Educational services
- Information, Culture & Recreation
- Public Administration