

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

October 2020

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering October 11th to 17th, 2020, there were 566,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 2,700 from September 2020 and 19,400 less than the number employed in October 2019.

Agricultural employment was 36,000 persons in October 2020, down 300 from the September 2020 level and down 6,400 from the October 2019 agricultural employment level of 42,400. Non-agricultural employment was 530,900 persons in October 2020. This is a decrease of 2,400 from the September 2020 non-agriculture employment level of 533,300 and 13,000 less than October 2019.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for October 2020 was 5.5 per cent. This is a decrease of 0.6 percentage points from the September 2020 rate of 6.1 per cent but 1.1 percentage points higher than the October 2019 level of 4.4 per cent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 6,600 to 599,600 persons in October 2020 from 606,200 persons in September 2020. This is 13,500 less than the October 2019 labour force of 613,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate decreased 0.7 percentage points to 67.1 per cent in October 2020 from 67.8 per cent in September 2020. The October 2019 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.7 per cent.

There were 32,700 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during October 2020. This is a decrease of 4,000 from September 2020 but 5,800 more than the number unemployed in October 2019.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis, there were 562,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan in October 2020, down 1,600 from the September 2020 level of 564,500 and down 19,300 from the October 2019 employment level of 582,200 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2020 was 6.4 per cent. This is a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the September 2020 rate of 6.8 per cent but 1.2 percentage points higher than the October 2019 rate of 5.2 per cent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian unadjusted employment increased by 72,400 persons in October 2020 to 18,636,900 persons from 18,564,500 persons in September 2020. In October 2019, there were 19,238,800 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unadjusted unemployment rate decreased 0.3 percentage points in October 2020 to 8.1 per cent from the September 2020 level of 8.4 per cent. In October 2019, Canada's unemployment rate was 5.0 per cent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 8.9 per cent in October 2020. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than September 2020 but 3.3 percentage points higher than the October 2019 level of 5.6 per cent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	Change from	
				Last Month	Last Year
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	20,287.8	20,264.6	20,258.1	↑ 23.2	↑ 29.7
Employed ('000)	18,636.9	18,564.5	19,238.8	↑ 72.4	↓ -601.9
Full-Time ('000)	15,051.4	15,077.9	15,513.2	↓ -26.5	↓ -461.8
Part-Time ('000)	3,585.5	3,486.6	3,725.6	↑ 98.9	↓ -140.1
Unemployed ('000)	1,650.9	1,700.1	1,019.4	↓ -49.2	↑ 631.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.1	8.4	5.0	↓ -0.3	↑ 3.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	8.9	9.0	5.6	↓ -0.1	↑ 3.3
Participation Rate (%)	64.9	64.9	65.6	→ 0.0	↓ -0.7
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	599.6	606.2	613.1	↓ -6.6	↓ -13.5
Employed ('000)	566.9	569.6	586.3	↓ -2.7	↓ -19.4
Full-Time ('000)	460.3	466.8	475.1	↓ -6.5	↓ -14.8
Part-Time ('000)	106.5	102.8	111.2	↑ 3.7	↓ -4.7
Unemployed ('000)	32.7	36.7	26.9	↓ -4.0	↑ 5.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	6.1	4.4	↓ -0.6	↑ 1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.4	6.8	5.2	↓ -0.4	↑ 1.2
Participation Rate (%)	67.1	67.8	68.7	↓ -0.7	↓ -1.6
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,487.3	2,490.4	2,522.1	↓ -3.1	↓ -34.8
Employed ('000)	2,241.8	2,218.7	2,361.7	↑ 23.1	↓ -119.9
Full-Time ('000)	1,810.7	1,800.2	1,932.5	↑ 10.5	↓ -121.8
Part-Time ('000)	431.1	418.5	429.2	↑ 12.6	↑ 1.9
Unemployed ('000)	245.6	271.7	160.4	↓ -26.1	↑ 85.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.9	10.9	6.4	↓ -1.0	↑ 3.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	10.7	11.7	6.8	↓ -1.0	↑ 3.9
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	69.5	71.1	↓ -0.1	↓ -1.7
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	698.0	698.5	690.8	↓ -0.5	↑ 7.2
Employed ('000)	653.6	652.5	657.7	↑ 1.1	↓ -4.1
Full-Time ('000)	518.8	522.0	530.4	↓ -3.2	↓ -11.6
Part-Time ('000)	134.8	130.5	127.3	↑ 4.3	↑ 7.5
Unemployed ('000)	44.4	45.9	33.1	↓ -1.5	↑ 11.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.6	4.8	↓ -0.2	↑ 1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.1	7.0	5.3	↑ 0.1	↑ 1.8
Participation Rate (%)	66.6	66.7	66.3	↓ -0.1	↑ 0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	Change from	
				Last Month	Last Year
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	599.6	606.2	613.1	-6.6	-13.5
Male	327.8	328.1	332.2	-0.3	-4.4
Female	271.8	278.2	280.9	-6.4	-9.1
15-24 Years of Age	83.0	83.9	81.6	-0.9	1.4
25+ Years of age	516.6	522.4	531.5	-5.8	-14.9
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	566.9	569.6	586.3	-2.7	-19.4
Male	307.2	308.2	317.4	-1.0	-10.2
Female	259.6	261.4	268.9	-1.8	-9.3
15-24 Years of Age	72.3	73.7	74.3	-1.4	-2.0
25+ Years of age	494.6	495.9	512.0	-1.3	-17.4
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	32.7	36.7	26.9	-4.0	5.8
Male	20.5	19.9	14.8	0.6	5.7
Female	12.2	16.8	12.0	-4.6	0.2
15-24 Years of Age	10.7	10.2	7.3	0.5	3.4
25+ Years of age	22.0	26.5	19.6	-4.5	2.4
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	5.5	6.1	4.4	-0.6	1.1
Male	6.3	6.1	4.5	0.2	1.8
Female	4.5	6.0	4.3	-1.5	0.2
15-24 Years of Age	12.9	12.2	8.9	0.7	4.0
25+ Years of age	4.3	5.1	3.7	-0.8	0.6
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	67.1	67.8	68.7	-0.7	-1.6
Male	72.7	72.8	73.8	-0.1	-1.1
Female	61.4	62.8	63.6	-1.4	-2.2
15-24 Years of Age	63.2	63.9	62.1	-0.7	1.1
25+ Years of age	67.8	68.5	69.9	-0.7	-2.1

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	Change from	
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Agriculture	36.0	36.3	42.4	↓ -0.3	↓ -6.4
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	21.1	20.9	22.3	↑ 0.2	↓ -1.2
Utilities	6.3	6.4	5.5	↓ -0.1	↑ 0.8
Construction	44.4	46.2	49.0	↓ -1.8	↓ -4.6
Manufacturing	30.9	29.6	31.3	↑ 1.3	↓ -0.4
Trade	89.0	90.0	81.8	↓ -1.0	↑ 7.2
Transportation and Warehousing	25.5	24.9	25.6	↑ 0.6	↓ -0.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.2	30.4	29.2	↓ -2.2	↓ -1.0
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	27.3	26.4	27.5	↑ 0.9	↓ -0.2
Business, Building and Other Support Services	16.3	17.3	16.9	↓ -1.0	↓ -0.6
Educational Services	50.2	48.9	49.3	↑ 1.3	↑ 0.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	82.2	81.2	80.7	↑ 1.0	↑ 1.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	14.4	17.6	21.1	↓ -3.2	↓ -6.7
Accommodation and Food Services	29.7	28.2	39.2	↑ 1.5	↓ -9.5
Other Services	31.0	30.9	31.1	↑ 0.1	↓ -0.1
Public Administration	34.4	34.3	33.4	↑ 0.1	↑ 1.0
Total	566.9	569.6	586.3	↓ -2.7	↓ -19.4
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	460.3	466.8	475.1	↓ -6.5	↓ -14.8
Part-Time	106.5	102.8	111.2	↑ 3.7	↓ -4.7
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	469.8	469.3	483.4	↑ 0.5	↓ -13.6
Public Sector	148.7	145.7	149.0	↑ 3.0	↓ -0.3
Private Sector	321.1	323.6	334.4	↓ -2.5	↓ -13.3
Self-Employed	97.0	100.3	102.9	↓ -3.3	↓ -5.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	Change from	
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Canada	18,636.9	18,564.5	19,238.8	↑ 72.4	↓ -601.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	225.3	222.1	229.2	↑ 3.2	↓ -3.9
Prince Edward Island	77.7	78.1	80.2	↓ -0.4	↓ -2.5
Nova Scotia	462.0	459.9	471.2	↑ 2.1	↓ -9.2
New Brunswick	356.5	358.4	359.3	↓ -1.9	↓ -2.8
Quebec	4,282.9	4,299.8	4,397.9	↓ -16.9	↓ -115.0
Ontario	7,282.6	7,252.4	7,522.1	↑ 30.2	↓ -239.5
Manitoba	653.6	652.5	657.7	↑ 1.1	↓ -4.1
Saskatchewan	566.9	569.6	586.3	↓ -2.7	↓ -19.4
Alberta	2,241.8	2,218.7	2,361.7	↑ 23.1	↓ -119.9
British Columbia	2,487.7	2,453.0	2,573.1	↑ 34.7	↓ -85.4
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	8.1	8.4	5.0	↓ -0.3	↑ 3.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	10.9	12.5	10.0	↓ -1.6	↑ 0.9
Prince Edward Island	8.4	7.5	6.7	↑ 0.9	↑ 1.7
Nova Scotia	8.0	7.0	7.4	↑ 1.0	↑ 0.6
New Brunswick	8.5	8.3	6.9	↑ 0.2	↑ 1.6
Quebec	6.9	6.6	4.3	↑ 0.3	↑ 2.6
Ontario	8.8	9.1	4.8	↓ -0.3	↑ 4.0
Manitoba	6.4	6.6	4.8	↓ -0.2	↑ 1.6
Saskatchewan	5.5	6.1	4.4	↓ -0.6	↑ 1.1
Alberta	9.9	10.9	6.4	↓ -1.0	↑ 3.5
British Columbia	7.7	8.0	4.7	↓ -0.3	↑ 3.0

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	Change from	
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Canada	18,553.5	18,469.9	19,151.7	↑ 83.6	↓ -598.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	222.1	216.2	226.6	↑ 5.9	↓ -4.5
Prince Edward Island	76.4	75.5	79.0	↑ 0.9	↓ -2.6
Nova Scotia	458.5	455.7	467.1	↑ 2.8	↓ -8.6
New Brunswick	352.7	350.1	354.7	↑ 2.6	↓ -2.0
Quebec	4,258.0	4,270.9	4,365.1	↓ -12.9	↓ -107.1
Ontario	7,267.2	7,236.6	7,507.4	↑ 30.6	↓ -240.2
Manitoba	650.5	652.3	653.3	↓ -1.8	↓ -2.8
Saskatchewan	562.9	564.5	582.2	↓ -1.6	↓ -19.3
Alberta	2,227.4	2,204.0	2,352.9	↑ 23.4	↓ -125.5
British Columbia	2,477.8	2,444.3	2,563.4	↑ 33.5	↓ -85.6
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	8.9	9.0	5.6	↓ -0.1	↑ 3.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.8	14.8	11.1	↓ -2.0	↑ 1.7
Prince Edward Island	10.0	10.1	8.2	↓ -0.1	↑ 1.8
Nova Scotia	8.7	7.9	8.1	↑ 0.8	↑ 0.6
New Brunswick	10.1	10.4	8.1	↓ -0.3	↑ 2.0
Quebec	7.7	7.4	5.0	↑ 0.3	↑ 2.7
Ontario	9.6	9.5	5.3	↑ 0.1	↑ 4.3
Manitoba	7.1	7.0	5.3	↑ 0.1	↑ 1.8
Saskatchewan	6.4	6.8	5.2	↓ -0.4	↑ 1.2
Alberta	10.7	11.7	6.8	↓ -1.0	↑ 3.9
British Columbia	8.0	8.4	4.8	↓ -0.4	↑ 3.2

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**(3 Month Moving Average)**

	October <u>2020</u>	September <u>2020</u>	October <u>2019</u>		Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>	
CANADIAN CITIES							
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>							
St. John's	8.5	10.5	7.2	↓	-2.0	↑	1.3
Halifax	8.0	8.6	6.3	↓	-0.6	↑	1.7
Saint John	10.1	10.5	7.7	↓	-0.4	↑	2.4
Quebec	4.5	5.0	2.9	↓	-0.5	↑	1.6
Montreal	9.5	10.8	5.3	↓	-1.3	↑	4.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	8.2	8.9	4.3	↓	-0.7	↑	3.9
Toronto	11.6	13.1	5.7	↓	-1.5	↑	5.9
Greater Sudbury	7.2	8.1	5.6	↓	-0.9	↑	1.6
Winnipeg	8.7	9.9	5.3	↓	-1.2	↑	3.4
Regina	6.1	7.8	5.3	↓	-1.7	↑	0.8
Saskatoon	7.9	9.5	5.4	↓	-1.6	↑	2.5
Calgary	11.5	12.8	7.6	↓	-1.3	↑	3.9
Edmonton	11.7	12.9	6.9	↓	-1.2	↑	4.8
Vancouver	9.7	11.2	5.0	↓	-1.5	↑	4.7
Victoria	7.7	9.3	3.4	↓	-1.6	↑	4.3
SASKATCHEWAN							
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>							
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>							
Regina-Moose Mountain	178.4	176.6	185.0	↑	1.8	↓	-6.6
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	51.5	51.6	52.8	↓	-0.1	↓	-1.3
Saskatoon-Biggar	206.5	204.4	211.0	↑	2.1	↓	-4.5
Yorkton-Melville	34.0	33.9	38.9	↑	0.1	↓	-4.9
Prince Albert & Northern	95.6	95.4	99.7	↑	0.2	↓	-4.1

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)

	October <u>2020</u>	September <u>2020</u>	October <u>2019</u>	<u>Change from</u>	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	605.0	609.1	619.2	↓ -4.1	↓ -14.2
Employed ('000)	563.1	559.1	587.7	↑ 4.0	↓ -24.6
Unemployed ('000)	42.0	50.0	31.5	↓ -8.0	↑ 10.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.9	8.2	5.1	↓ -1.3	↑ 1.8
Participation Rate (%)	67.7	68.1	69.5	↓ -0.4	↓ -1.8
Employment Rate (%)	63.0	62.6	66.0	↑ 0.4	↓ -3.0
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	547.3	550.6	561.5	↓ -3.3	↓ -14.2
Employed ('000)	512.1	508.7	536.8	↑ 3.4	↓ -24.7
Unemployed ('000)	35.2	41.9	24.7	↓ -6.7	↑ 10.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	7.6	4.4	↓ -1.2	↑ 2.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.3	68.7	70.0	↓ -0.4	↓ -1.7
Employment Rate (%)	63.9	63.4	66.9	↑ 0.5	↓ -3.0
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	57.8	58.4	57.7	↓ -0.6	↑ 0.1
Employed ('000)	51.0	50.4	50.9	↑ 0.6	↑ 0.1
Unemployed ('000)	6.8	8.0	6.8	↓ -1.2	→ 0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.7	13.7	11.7	↓ -2.0	→ 0.0
Participation Rate (%)	62.5	63.5	65.0	↓ -1.0	↓ -2.5
Employment Rate (%)	55.2	54.8	57.4	↑ 0.4	↓ -2.2
<u>FIRST NATIONS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	24.6	24.8	24.4	↓ -0.2	↑ 0.2
Employed ('000)	21.1	21.1	20.6	→ 0.0	↑ 0.5
Unemployed ('000)	3.4	3.7	3.8	↓ -0.3	↓ -0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.9	14.9	15.6	↓ -1.0	↓ -1.7
Participation Rate (%)	58.1	59.0	60.8	↓ -0.9	↓ -2.7
Employment Rate (%)	50.1	50.2	51.3	↓ -0.1	↓ -1.2
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	32.3	32.8	33.0	↓ -0.5	↓ -0.7
Employed ('000)	28.9	28.4	30.0	↑ 0.5	↓ -1.1
Unemployed ('000)	3.4	4.3	2.9	↓ -0.9	↑ 0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.4	13.2	8.9	↓ -2.8	↑ 1.5
Participation Rate (%)	65.9	66.9	68.6	↓ -1.0	↓ -2.7
Employment Rate (%)	59.0	58.1	62.5	↑ 0.9	↓ -3.5

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.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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