

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY HISTORICAL REVISIONS 2001-2020

Following each census cycle, Labour Force Survey (LFS) are revised to align with the most recently available population estimates, geographic boundaries, and occupation and industry classifications that correspond to the new census cycle.

The rebasing of the Labour Force Survey is a regular process in order to preserve the continued relevance, accuracy and quality of LFS information by ensuring the population estimates reflect the dynamics of Canadian society, such as immigration and non-permanent residents.

This standard revision process does not have large impacts on key labour market indicators. The revised LFS series from 2001 to 2020 are now available on the Statistics Canada website with most of the fluctuations occurring between 2006 and 2020. Future LFS releases, starting February 5 which contains the January 2021 labour force data, will be aligned with these revised series.

Labour Force Basic Characteristics for 2020

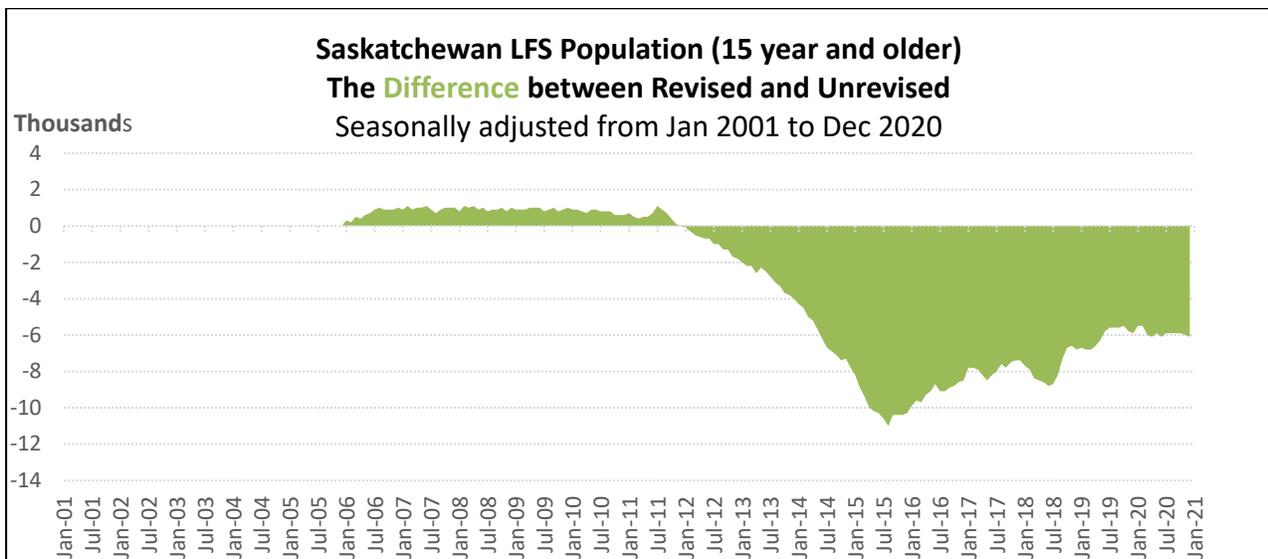
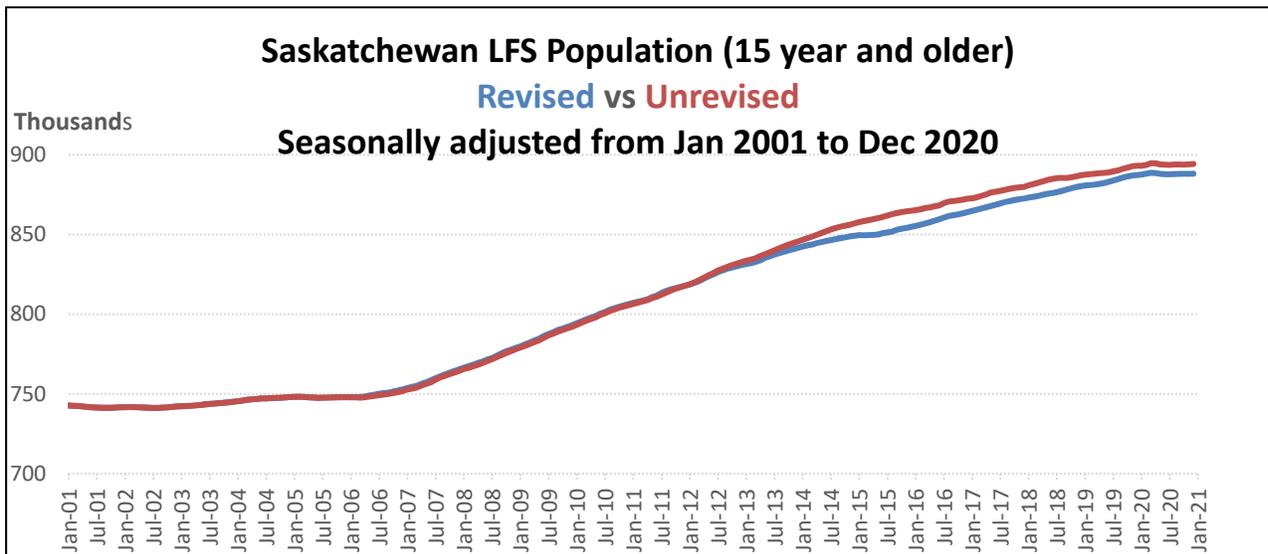
- Revisions to labour force characteristics were downward 0.7 percent for population, downward 7.6 percent for labour force, downward 1.4 percent for employment, and unchanged for unemployment. The unemployment rate was revised upward 0.1 percentage points to 8.4 percent. Participation rate and employment rate were revised downward 0.4 and 0.5 percentage points respectively.

Labour Force Basic Characteristics for 2020					
Saskatchewan (annual average)					
Labour Force Characteristics	2020 Unrevised	2020 Revised	Change	% Change	
Population (x1,000)	893.9	888.0	-5.9	-0.7%	
Labour Force (x1,000)	601.4	593.8	-7.6	-1.3%	
Employment (x1,000)	551.7	544.1	-7.6	-1.4%	
Full-time employment (x1,000)	455.8	449.3	-6.6	-1.4%	
Part-time employment (x1,000)	95.9	94.8	-1.1	-1.1%	
Unemployment (x1,000)	49.7	49.7	0.0	0.1%	
Unemployment Rate	8.3	8.4	0.1		
Participation Rate	67.3	66.9	-0.4		
Employment Rate	61.8	61.3	-0.5		

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LFS Population Revisions

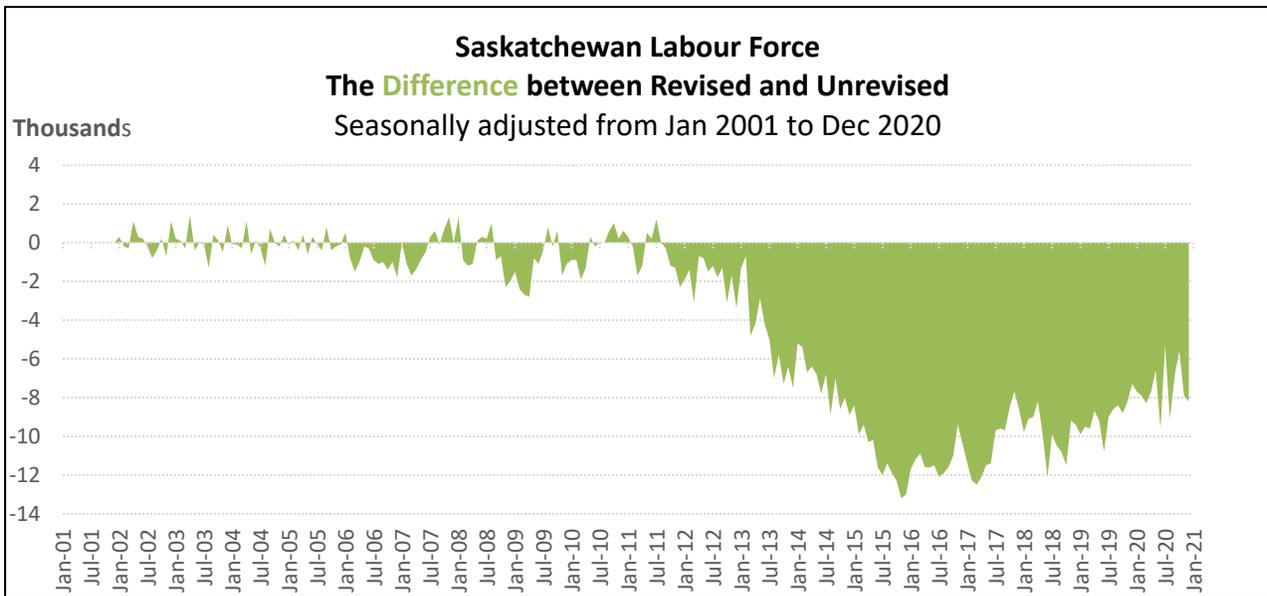
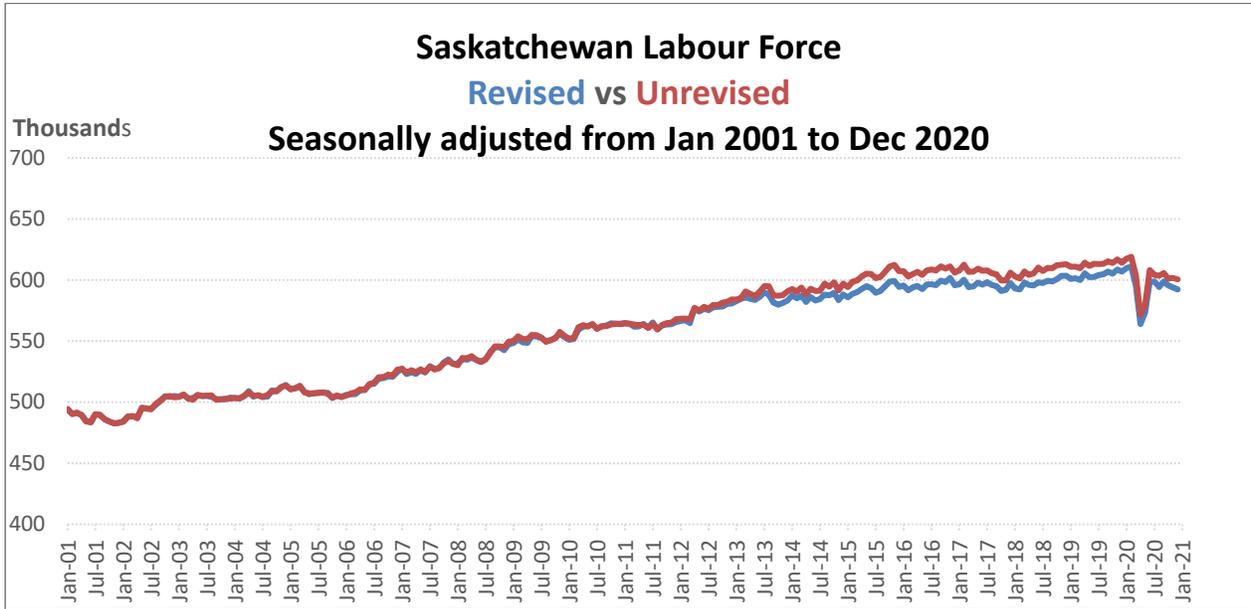
Saskatchewan’s rebasing is similar to Canada’s in that the revisions are mostly downward and minor. The adjustments prior to July 2011 are minor. The Saskatchewan LFS population downward revisions were largest in 2015. The revised LFS Population was 0.4 percent lower than the unrevised data over 2006-2020. The revised LFS population in December 2020 was 0.7 percent or 6,100 lower than the unrevised figures.



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Labour Force Revisions

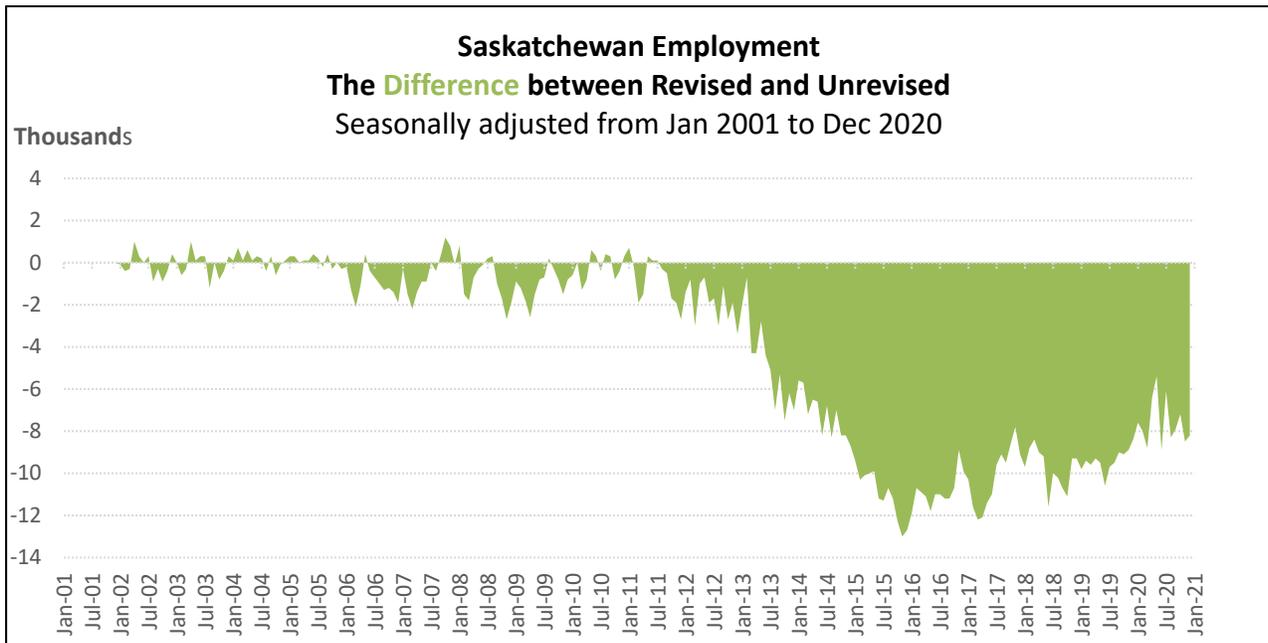
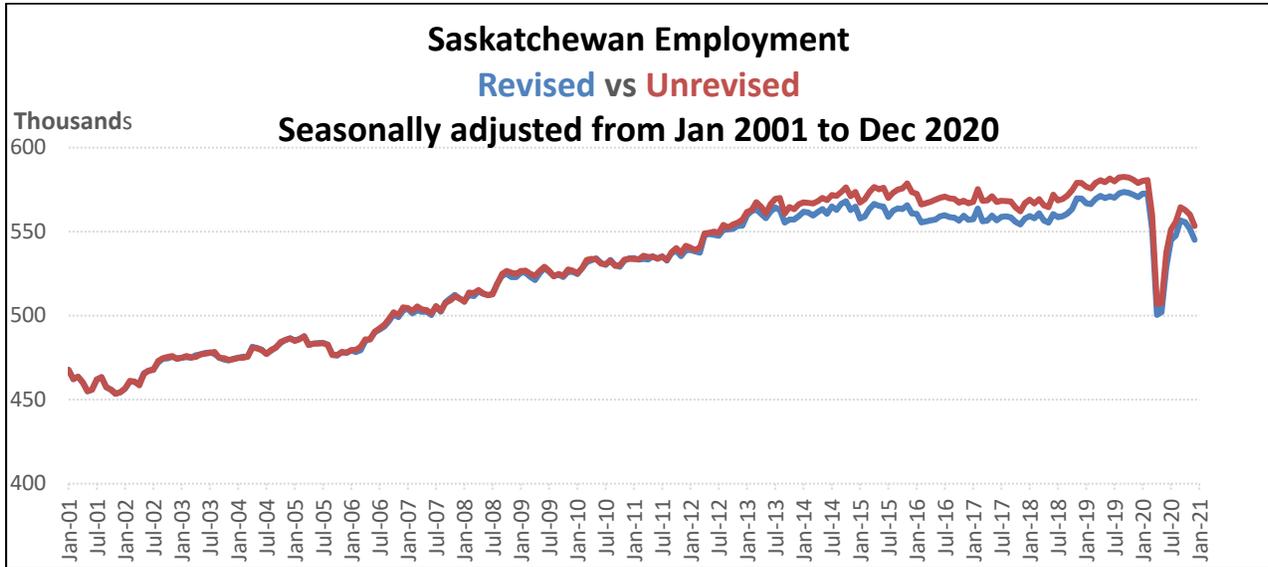
Similar to the population component of the LFS, the labour force adjustments prior to July 2011 were minor while the revised model was consistently below the unrevised model after July 2011. The revised Labour Force was, on average, 0.8 percent lower than the unrevised data over 2006-2020. November 2015 had the largest difference between revised and unrevised data at 2.2 percent, or 13,200 people. Revised labour force in December 2020 was 1.4 percent or 8200 people lower than the unrevised figures.



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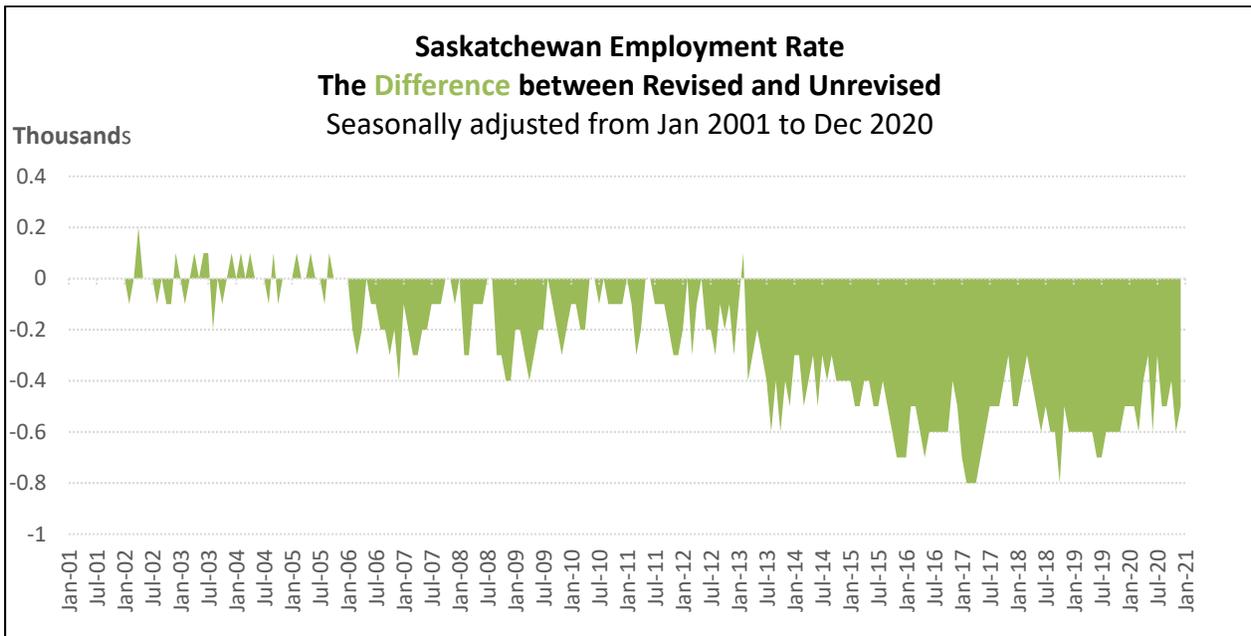
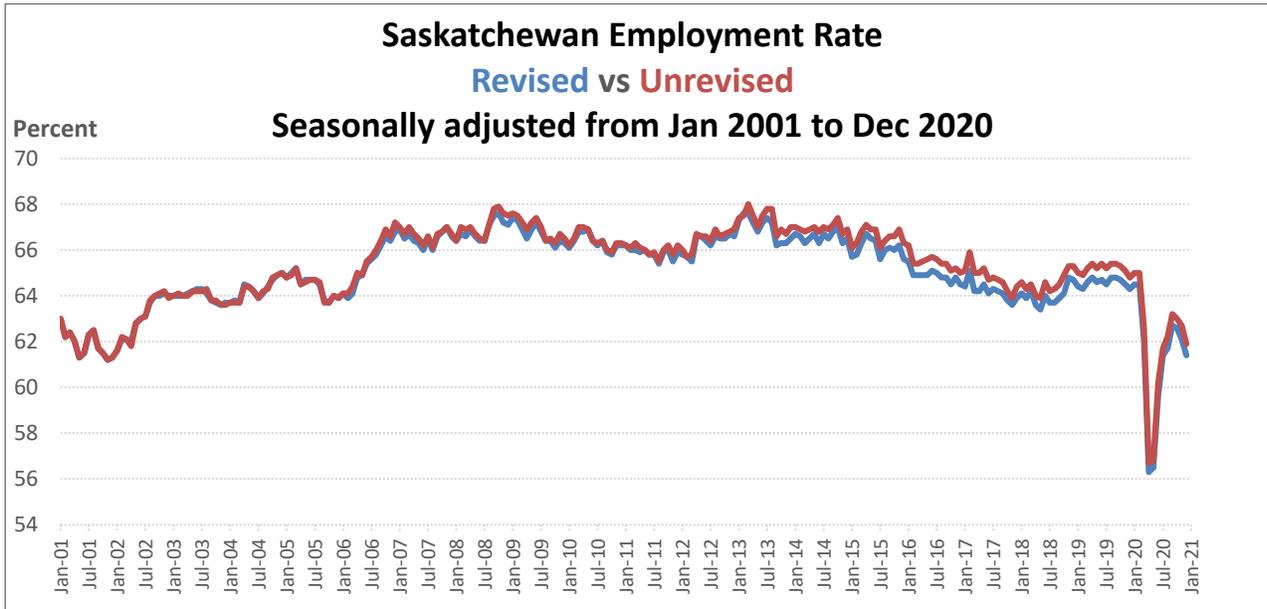
Employment and Employment Rate Revisions

Employment revisions occurred mostly after July 2011 while being consistently lower than the unrevised data. For Saskatchewan, revised employment in December 2020 was 1.5 percent or 8200 people lower than the unrevised figures. November 2015 had the largest difference between revised and unrevised data at 2.2 percent or 13,000 people. The revised employment was, on average, 0.9 percent lower than the unrevised data.



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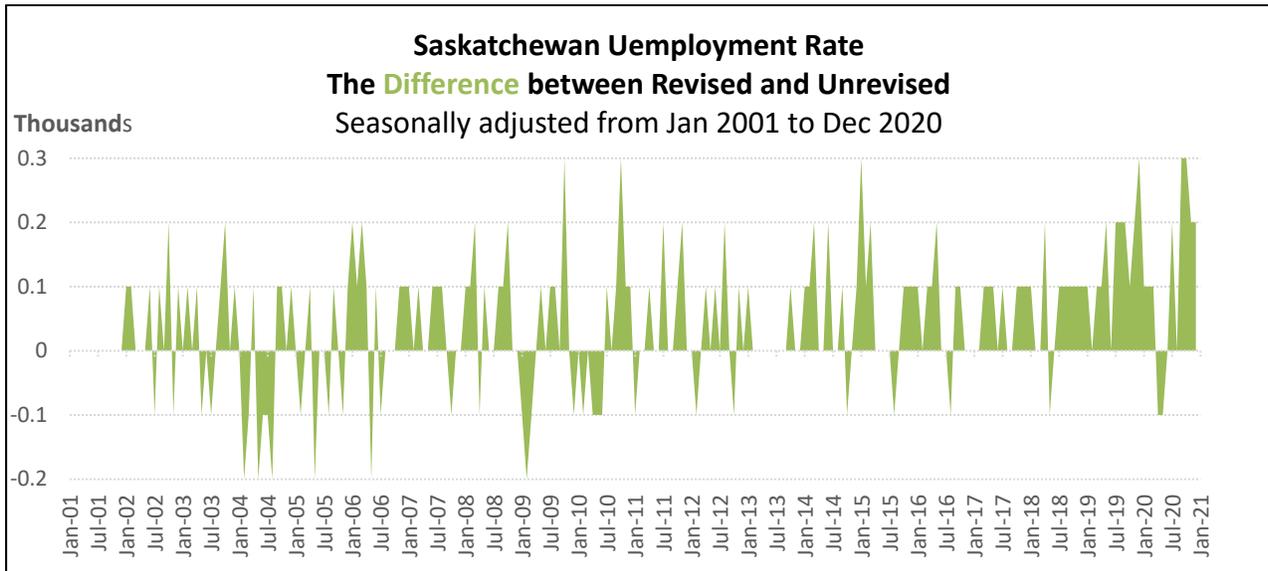
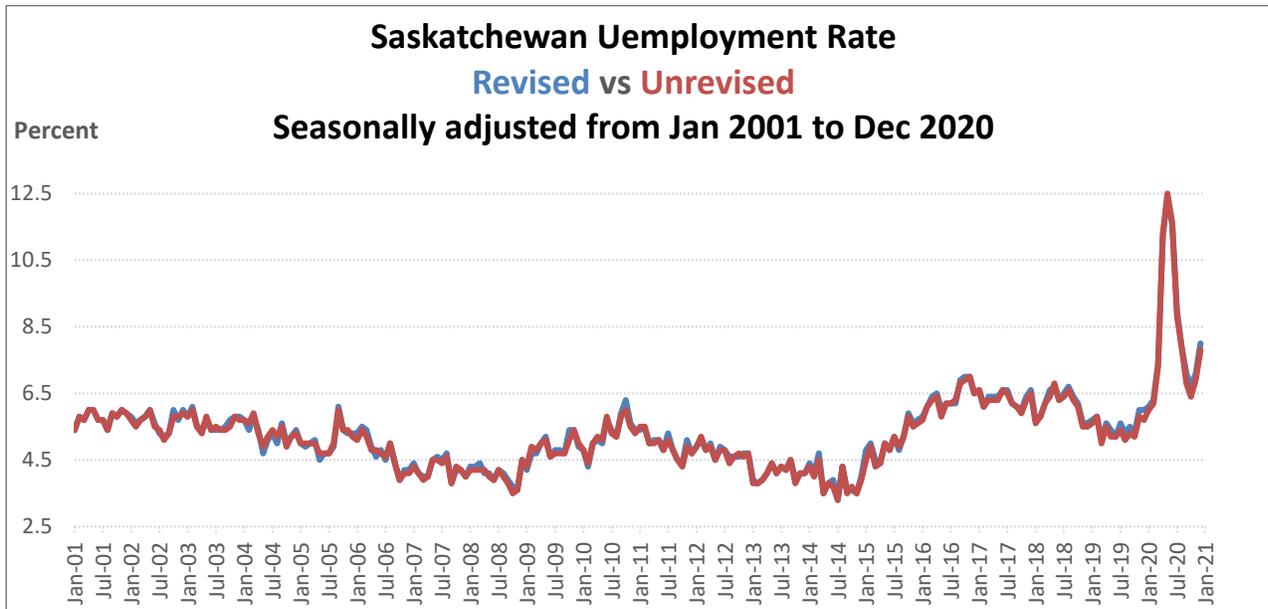
Most employment rate revisions occurred in July 2011 and later and were consistently lower than the unrevised figures. For Saskatchewan, revision to December 2020 employment was 0.5 percentage points lower than the unrevised data. Over 2006-2020, the revised employment rate was 0.3 percentage points below the unrevised data.



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Unemployment Rate Revisions

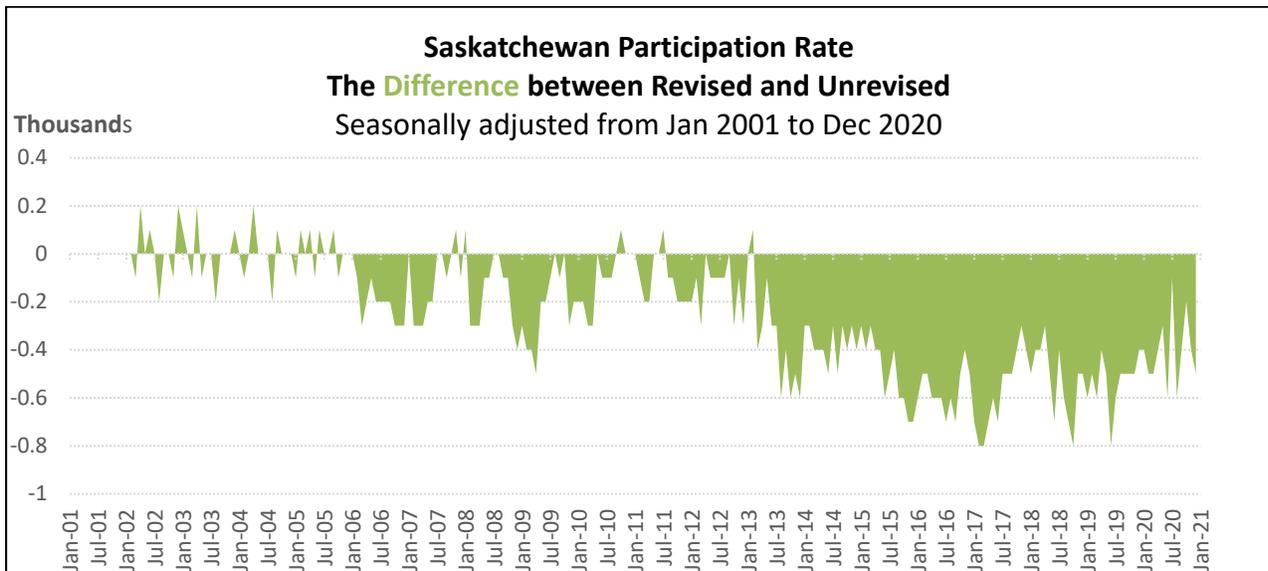
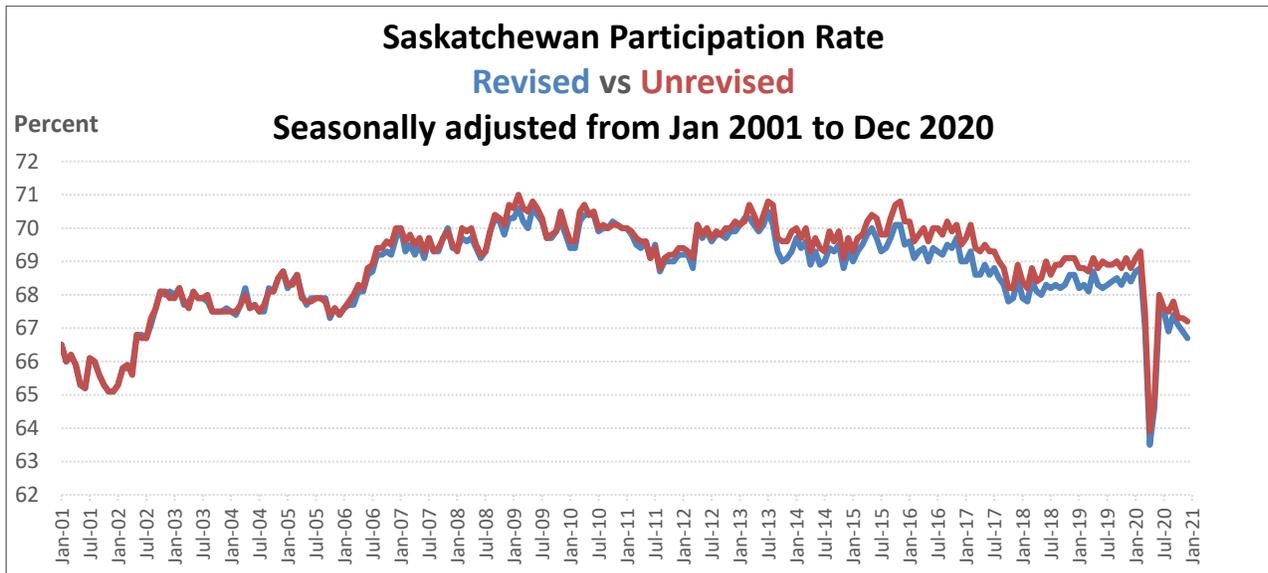
The unemployment rate stayed about the same during 2001-2020. The December 2020 unemployment rate is 0.2 percentage point above than the unrevised figure. The revised unemployment rate averaged 5.26 percent while the unrevised data averaged 5.21 percent over 2006-2020.



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Participation Rate Revisions

The revisions for the participation rate were consistently below the unrevised model from March 2013 and onward. The December 2020 participation rate was revised downward by 0.5 percentage points. The revised participation rate averaged 69.1 percent or 0.3 percentage points below the unrevised data during 2006 to 2020.



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Employment Revisions by Industry

The revisions of employment averaged 0.9 percent lower than the unrevised data over 2006-2020. The goods-producing sector were on average revised 0.4 percent upward with higher employment levels in agriculture (+2.5%) and forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas (+1.1%). The largest downward revisions in goods-producing industries were in the utilities sector at (2.3%).

Services-producing industries were on average revised 1.4 percent lower with all subsectors revised lower. The largest downward revisions among services were in information, culture, and recreation sector (-3.4%). The smallest downward revision in services-producing industries was transportation and warehousing (-0.1%).

