

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

August 2021

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## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering August 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, there were 569,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 12,000 from July 2021 and 16,800 more than the number employed in August 2020.

Agricultural employment was 29,800 persons in August 2021, down 1,100 from the July 2021 level and down 6,900 from the August 2020 agricultural employment level of 36,700. Non-agricultural employment was 539,400 persons in August 2021. This is an increase of 13,100 from the July 2021 non-agriculture employment level of 526,300 and 23,700 more than August 2020.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for August 2021 remained unchanged at 7.3 per cent from the July 2021 but 1.8 percentage points lower than the August 2020 level of 9.1 per cent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 12,700 to 614,000 persons in August 2021 from 601,300 persons in July 2021. This is 6,200 more than the August 2020 labour force of 607,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate for August 2021 was 69.0 per cent and increased 1.4 percentage points from the July 2021. The August 2020 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.4 per cent.

There were 44,900 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during August 2021. This is an increase of 800 from July 2021 but 10,500 less than the number unemployed in August 2020.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis, there were 562,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan in August 2021, up 10,100 from the July 2021 level of 552,300 and up 14,900 from the August 2020 employment level of 547,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2021 remained unchanged at 7.0 per cent from the July 2021 but 0.9 percentage points lower than the August 2020 rate of 7.9 per cent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian unadjusted employment increased by 37,000 persons in August 2021 to 19,180,900 persons from 19,143,900 persons in July 2021. In August 2020, there were 18,218,300 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unadjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points in August 2021 from the July 2021 level of 7.7 per cent. In August 2020, Canada's unemployment rate was 11.1 per cent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.1 per cent in August 2021. This is 0.4 percentage points lower than July 2021 and 3.1 percentage points lower than the August 2020 level of 10.2 per cent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at 306-787-6330 or visit [www.Saskatchewan.ca/stats](http://www.Saskatchewan.ca/stats)

TABLE 1

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

	August 2021	July 2021	August 2020	Change from			
				Last Month		Last Year	
<b>CANADA</b>							
Labour Force ('000)	20,828.5	20,746.8	20,500.5	↑	81.7	↑	328.0
Employed ('000)	19,180.9	19,143.9	18,218.3	↑	37.0	↑	962.6
Full-Time ('000)	15,908.2	15,849.7	15,157.1	↑	58.5	↑	751.1
Part-Time ('000)	3,272.6	3,294.2	3,061.2	↓	-21.6	↑	211.4
Unemployed ('000)	1,647.6	1,602.9	2,282.2	↑	44.7	↓	-634.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	7.7	11.1	↑	0.2	↓	-3.2
Unemployment Rate (%)							
Seasonally Adjusted	7.1	7.5	10.2	↓	-0.4	↓	-3.1
Participation Rate (%)	66.4	66.3	66.0	↑	0.1	↑	0.4
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>							
Labour Force ('000)	614.0	601.3	607.8	↑	12.7	↑	6.2
Employed ('000)	569.2	557.2	552.4	↑	12.0	↑	16.8
Full-Time ('000)	473.9	457.7	463.7	↑	16.2	↑	10.2
Part-Time ('000)	95.3	99.5	88.7	↓	-4.2	↑	6.6
Unemployed ('000)	44.9	44.1	55.4	↑	0.8	↓	-10.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.3	7.3	9.1	→	0.0	↓	-1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)							
Seasonally Adjusted	7.0	7.0	7.9	→	0.0	↓	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	67.6	68.4	↑	1.4	↑	0.6
<b>ALBERTA</b>							
Labour Force ('000)	2,487.2	2,466.2	2,456.7	↑	21.0	↑	30.5
Employed ('000)	2,269.1	2,247.5	2,137.7	↑	21.6	↑	131.4
Full-Time ('000)	1,855.9	1,833.0	1,773.7	↑	22.9	↑	82.2
Part-Time ('000)	413.2	414.5	364.0	↓	-1.3	↑	49.2
Unemployed ('000)	218.1	218.7	319.0	↓	-0.6	↓	-100.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.8	8.9	13.0	↓	-0.1	↓	-4.2
Unemployment Rate (%)							
Seasonally Adjusted	7.9	8.5	12.2	↓	-0.6	↓	-4.3
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	69.7	70.0	↑	0.5	↑	0.2
<b>MANITOBA</b>							
Labour Force ('000)	711.7	708.7	710.1	↑	3.0	↑	1.6
Employed ('000)	659.7	660.7	641.4	↓	-1.0	↑	18.3
Full-Time ('000)	557.0	551.0	529.6	↑	6.0	↑	27.4
Part-Time ('000)	102.7	109.6	111.8	↓	-6.9	↓	-9.1
Unemployed ('000)	52.0	48.0	68.7	↑	4.0	↓	-16.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.3	6.8	9.7	↑	0.5	↓	-2.4
Unemployment Rate (%)							
Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	6.1	8.3	↓	-0.4	↓	-2.6
Participation Rate (%)	67.6	67.4	67.7	↑	0.2	↓	-0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>August 2021</u>	<u>July 2021</u>	<u>August 2020</u>	<u>Change from</u>	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	614.0	601.3	607.8	↑ 12.7	↑ 6.2
Male	332.5	329.0	329.5	↑ 3.5	↑ 3.0
Female	281.5	272.3	278.2	↑ 9.2	↑ 3.3
15-24 Years of Age	101.0	98.7	97.1	↑ 2.3	↑ 3.9
25+ Years of age	513.0	502.6	510.6	↑ 10.4	↑ 2.4
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	569.2	557.2	552.4	↑ 12.0	↑ 16.8
Male	308.9	305.5	303.6	↑ 3.4	↑ 5.3
Female	260.3	251.7	248.8	↑ 8.6	↑ 11.5
15-24 Years of Age	90.7	87.6	81.9	↑ 3.1	↑ 8.8
25+ Years of age	478.4	469.5	470.5	↑ 8.9	↑ 7.9
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	44.9	44.1	55.4	↑ 0.8	↓ -10.5
Male	23.6	23.5	25.9	↑ 0.1	↓ -2.3
Female	21.2	20.6	29.4	↑ 0.6	↓ -8.2
15-24 Years of Age	10.3	11.1	15.2	↓ -0.8	↓ -4.9
25+ Years of age	34.6	33.1	40.1	↑ 1.5	↓ -5.5
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	7.3	7.3	9.1	— 0.0	↓ -1.8
Male	7.1	7.1	7.9	— 0.0	↓ -0.8
Female	7.5	7.6	10.6	↓ -0.1	↓ -3.1
15-24 Years of Age	10.2	11.2	15.7	↓ -1.0	↓ -5.5
25+ Years of age	6.7	6.6	7.9	↑ 0.1	↓ -1.2
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	69.0	67.6	68.4	↑ 1.4	↑ 0.6
Male	74.4	73.6	73.8	↑ 0.8	↑ 0.6
Female	63.6	61.5	63.0	↑ 2.1	↑ 0.6
15-24 Years of Age	75.2	73.5	72.2	↑ 1.7	↑ 3.0
25+ Years of age	67.9	66.6	67.8	↑ 1.3	↑ 0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<b><u>August 2021</u></b>	<b><u>July 2021</u></b>	<b><u>August 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Change from</u></b>	
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>				<b><u>Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
Agriculture	29.8	30.9	36.7	↓ -1.1	↓ -6.9
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	20.1	19.0	21.1	↑ 1.1	↓ -1.0
Utilities	6.4	6.5	6.2	↓ -0.1	↑ 0.2
Construction	47.4	47.4	45.4	0.0	↑ 2.0
Manufacturing	33.1	33.1	32.7	0.0	↑ 0.4
Trade	98.2	91.2	83.3	↑ 7.0	↑ 14.9
Transportation and Warehousing	23.4	22.1	25.3	↑ 1.3	↓ -1.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.9	28.3	29.6	↑ 0.6	↓ -0.7
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	27.3	28.1	26.9	↓ -0.8	↑ 0.4
Business, Building and Other Support Services	15.7	16.9	17.2	↓ -1.2	↓ -1.5
Educational Services	35.4	31.9	33.1	↑ 3.5	↑ 2.3
Health Care and Social Assistance	87.4	85.8	80.6	↑ 1.6	↑ 6.8
Information, Culture and Recreation	21.4	22.0	18.8	↓ -0.6	↑ 2.6
Accommodation and Food Services	31.7	30.0	28.7	↑ 1.7	↑ 3.0
Other Services	26.3	26.6	30.7	↓ -0.3	↓ -4.4
Public Administration	36.6	37.5	36.1	↓ -0.9	↑ 0.5
Total	569.2	557.2	552.4	↑ 12.0	↑ 16.8
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	473.9	457.7	463.7	↑ 16.2	↑ 10.2
Part-Time	95.3	99.5	88.7	↓ -4.2	↑ 6.6
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	482.2	469.0	458.3	↑ 13.2	↑ 23.9
Public Sector	141.7	138.4	136.7	↑ 3.3	↑ 5.0
Private Sector	340.5	330.7	321.6	↑ 9.8	↑ 18.9
Self-Employed	87.0	88.1	94.1	↓ -1.1	↓ -7.1

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	August <u>2021</u>	July <u>2021</u>	August <u>2020</u>	Change from	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	19,180.9	19,143.9	18,218.3	↑ 37.0	↑ 962.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	230.3	233.2	224.7	↓ -2.9	↑ 5.6
Prince Edward Island	84.0	83.9	82.7	↑ 0.1	↑ 1.3
Nova Scotia	472.9	472.3	445.5	↑ 0.6	↑ 27.4
New Brunswick	367.8	367.7	364.0	↑ 0.1	↑ 3.8
Quebec	4,328.4	4,383.2	4,204.0	↓ -54.8	↑ 124.4
Ontario	7,502.9	7,451.8	7,077.9	↑ 51.1	↑ 425.0
Manitoba	659.7	660.7	641.4	↓ -1.0	↑ 18.3
Saskatchewan	569.2	557.2	552.4	↑ 12.0	↑ 16.8
Alberta	2,269.1	2,247.5	2,137.7	↑ 21.6	↑ 131.4
British Columbia	2,696.6	2,686.5	2,488.0	↑ 10.1	↑ 208.6
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	7.9	7.7	11.1	↑ 0.2	↓ -3.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.7	11.5	12.3	↑ 0.2	↓ -0.6
Prince Edward Island	8.5	8.6	8.7	↓ -0.1	↓ -0.2
Nova Scotia	8.3	8.0	11.1	↑ 0.3	↓ -2.8
New Brunswick	9.0	8.8	9.7	↑ 0.2	↓ -0.7
Quebec	6.3	6.0	9.2	↑ 0.3	↓ -2.9
Ontario	8.7	8.7	11.9	0.0	↓ -3.2
Manitoba	7.3	6.8	9.7	↑ 0.5	↓ -2.4
Saskatchewan	7.3	7.3	9.1	0.0	↓ -1.8
Alberta	8.8	8.9	13.0	↓ -0.1	↓ -4.2
British Columbia	7.2	6.6	11.5	↑ 0.6	↓ -4.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	August <u>2021</u>	July <u>2021</u>	August <u>2020</u>	Change from	
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Canada	18,974.1	18,883.9	18,016.3	↑ 90.2	↑ 957.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	221.4	219.3	212.9	↑ 2.1	↑ 8.5
Prince Edward Island	79.0	78.9	77.4	↑ 0.1	↑ 1.6
Nova Scotia	465.1	461.2	437.6	↑ 3.9	↑ 27.5
New Brunswick	355.6	356.1	352.6	↓ -0.5	↑ 3.0
Quebec	4,288.1	4,299.1	4,150.6	↓ -11.0	↑ 137.5
Ontario	7,426.1	7,373.1	7,006.8	↑ 53.0	↑ 419.3
Manitoba	653.5	654.8	637.1	↓ -1.3	↑ 16.4
Saskatchewan	562.4	552.3	547.5	↑ 10.1	↑ 14.9
Alberta	2,253.3	2,233.8	2,125.2	↑ 19.5	↑ 128.1
British Columbia	2,669.6	2,655.2	2,468.7	↑ 14.4	↑ 200.9

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)**

Canada	7.1	7.5	10.2	↓ -0.4	↓ -3.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.1	12.7	13.0	↓ -0.6	↓ -0.9
Prince Edward Island	10.6	9.6	10.7	↑ 1.0	↓ -0.1
Nova Scotia	7.8	8.4	10.3	↓ -0.6	↓ -2.5
New Brunswick	9.3	9.3	9.5	0.0	↓ -0.2
Quebec	5.8	6.1	8.8	↓ -0.3	↓ -3.0
Ontario	7.6	8.0	10.6	↓ -0.4	↓ -3.0
Manitoba	5.7	6.1	8.3	↓ -0.4	↓ -2.6
Saskatchewan	7.0	7.0	7.9	0.0	↓ -0.9
Alberta	7.9	8.5	12.2	↓ -0.6	↓ -4.3
British Columbia	6.2	6.6	10.7	↓ -0.4	↓ -4.5

TABLE 6

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

	<b>August <u>2021</u></b>	<b>July <u>2021</u></b>	<b>August <u>2020</u></b>	<b>Change from</b>		
				<b><u>Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>	
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>						
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>						
St. John's	7.2	8.2	11.5	↓ -1.0	↓ -4.3	
Halifax	7.4	8.6	10.3	↓ -1.2	↓ -2.9	
Saint John	8.9	8.9	10.0	→ 0.0	↓ -1.1	
Quebec	4.2	3.6	6.2	↑ 0.6	↓ -2.0	
Montreal	7.3	7.5	12.0	↓ -0.2	↓ -4.7	
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.7	7.4	9.7	↓ -0.7	↓ -3.0	
Toronto	9.8	10.1	14.4	↓ -0.3	↓ -4.6	
Greater Sudbury	9.0	8.7	8.6	↑ 0.3	↑ 0.4	
Winnipeg	7.5	7.5	10.8	→ 0.0	↓ -3.3	
Regina	6.4	6.4	9.9	→ 0.0	↓ -3.5	
Saskatoon	8.2	8.0	11.1	↑ 0.2	↓ -2.9	
Calgary	10.1	9.6	14.7	↑ 0.5	↓ -4.6	
Edmonton	8.5	9.2	14.2	↓ -0.7	↓ -5.7	
Vancouver	7.5	7.6	13.2	↓ -0.1	↓ -5.7	
Victoria	4.4	4.5	11.0	↓ -0.1	↓ -6.6	
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>						
<b><u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u></b>						
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>						
Regina-Moose Mountain	181.9	182.3	170.2	↓ -0.4	↑ 11.7	
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.3	53.0	53.1	↓ -0.7	↓ -0.8	
Saskatoon-Biggar	197.4	197.7	193.2	↓ -0.3	↑ 4.2	
Yorkton-Melville	35.5	34.7	36.4	↑ 0.8	↓ -0.9	
Prince Albert & Northern	98.6	97.2	95.2	↑ 1.4	↑ 3.4	

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)**

	August 2021	July 2021	August 2020	Change from	
				Last Month	Last Year
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	604.4	602.1	603.0	↑ 2.3	↑ 1.4
Employed ('000)	561.5	561.0	544.1	↑ 0.5	↑ 17.4
Unemployed ('000)	42.8	41.1	58.9	↑ 1.7	↓ -16.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	6.8	9.8	↑ 0.3	↓ -2.7
Participation Rate (%)	67.9	67.7	67.9	↑ 0.2	→ 0.0
Employment Rate (%)	63.1	63.1	61.3	→ 0.0	↑ 1.8
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	536.0	534.5	540.1	↑ 1.5	↓ -4.1
Employed ('000)	501.5	501.8	490.8	↓ -0.3	↑ 10.7
Unemployed ('000)	34.5	32.7	49.3	↑ 1.8	↓ -14.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.1	9.1	↑ 0.3	↓ -2.7
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	68.0	68.5	↑ 0.2	↓ -0.3
Employment Rate (%)	63.8	63.8	62.2	→ 0.0	↑ 1.6
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	68.4	67.6	62.9	↑ 0.8	↑ 5.5
Employed ('000)	60.1	59.1	53.3	↑ 1.0	↑ 6.8
Unemployed ('000)	8.3	8.4	9.6	↓ -0.1	↓ -1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.2	12.5	15.3	↓ -0.3	↓ -3.1
Participation Rate (%)	66.1	65.6	63.5	↑ 0.5	↑ 2.6
Employment Rate (%)	58.1	57.4	53.8	↑ 0.7	↑ 4.3
<b><u>FIRST NATIONS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	34.1	32.6	28.1	↑ 1.5	↑ 6.0
Employed ('000)	28.7	27.2	23.7	↑ 1.5	↑ 5.0
Unemployed ('000)	5.4	5.4	4.5	→ 0.0	↑ 0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.8	16.6	15.8	↓ -0.8	→ 0.0
Participation Rate (%)	66.1	63.6	58.4	↑ 2.5	↑ 7.7
Employment Rate (%)	55.6	53.1	49.1	↑ 2.5	↑ 6.5
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	33.6	34.2	33.7	↓ -0.6	↓ -0.1
Employed ('000)	30.7	31.2	28.6	↓ -0.5	↑ 2.1
Unemployed ('000)	2.9	3.0	5.2	↓ -0.1	↓ -2.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.6	8.7	15.3	↓ -0.1	↓ -6.7
Participation Rate (%)	66.1	67.5	68.0	↓ -1.4	↓ -1.9
Employment Rate (%)	60.4	61.7	57.6	↓ -1.3	↑ 2.8

## 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.