



Labour Market Bulletin

Manitoba

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This Labour Market Bulletin provides an analysis of Labour Force Survey results for the province of Manitoba, including the regions of Winnipeg, Northern Manitoba and Southern Manitoba.

OVERVIEW

Employment

Employment in Manitoba fell during the third quarter of 2016, with 1,100 fewer people working compared to the previous quarter. Provincial employment is also down compared to the third quarter of last year (-1,400). Manitoba's employment losses (-0.2%) run counter to overall national gains (+0.1%) this quarter.

Quarterly losses were entirely in full-time employment (-3,700), while part-time employment was up 2,600. Compared to the third quarter of last year, 1,000 fewer people are employed full-time. Part-time employment is also down slightly (-300) over the year.

Public sector employment fell 3,300 in the third quarter, marking three consecutive quarters of losses among publically funded positions. Meanwhile, the private sector saw smaller losses (-800), while the number of self-employed individuals in Manitoba increased by 3,000.

Unemployment

The number of people unemployed in Manitoba grew in the third quarter of 2016 (+800). Accordingly, the province's unemployment rate rose from 6.0% to 6.2%. Even so, Manitoba retains the second lowest unemployment rate nationwide for the sixth quarter in a row, and it should remain low in the future. Looking ahead, the Conference Board of Canada expects the province's unemployment rate to average about 5.9% in 2016 and drop to 5.5% next year.¹

Youth unemployment remained high this quarter, with the rate for those aged 15 to 24 averaging 13.4%; more than double the rate of 4.8% for those aged 25 years and older. Compared to a year ago, the youth

unemployment rate is up nearly three full percentage points. Those aged 55 and older have the lowest unemployment rate (4.1%) among all age groups.

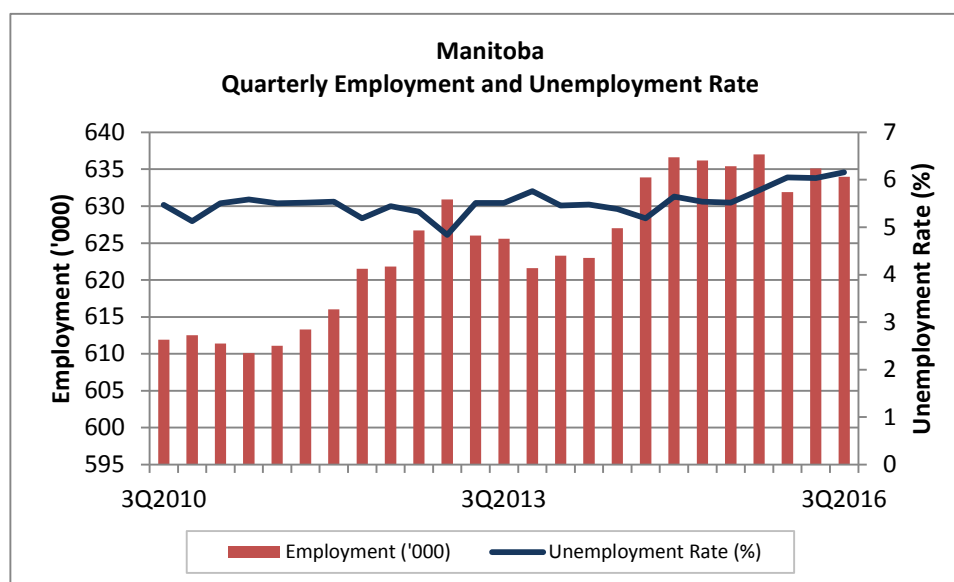
Looking at trends by gender, the unemployment rate was the highest among young men at 15.4% after rising 1.5 percentage points over the quarter. Unemployment among young women is currently 11.3%; nearly triple the rate of women over the age of 25 (4.2%).

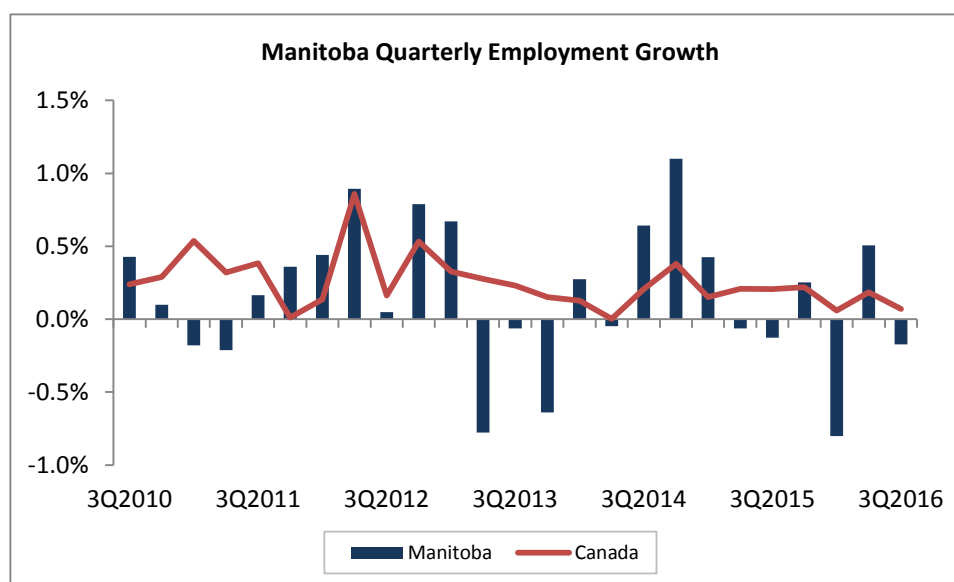
Manitoba Quarterly Labour Force Statistics

Seasonally Adjusted Data	3rd Quarter 2016	2nd Quarter 2016	3rd Quarter 2015	Quarterly Variation		Yearly Variation	
				Number	%	Number	%
Population 15 + ('000)	1,001.2	997.4	988.6	3.8	0.4	12.6	1.3
Labour Force ('000)	675.6	675.9	672.4	-0.3	0.0	3.2	0.5
Employment ('000)	634.0	635.1	635.4	-1.1	-0.2	-1.4	-0.2
Full-Time ('000)	511.5	515.2	512.5	-3.7	-0.7	-1.0	-0.2
Part-Time ('000)	122.5	119.9	122.8	2.6	2.2	-0.3	-0.2
Unemployment ('000)	41.6	40.8	37.1	0.8	2.0	4.5	12.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	6.0	5.5	0.1	-	0.6	-
Participation Rate (%)	67.5	67.8	68.0	-0.3	-	-0.5	-
Employment Rate (%)	63.3	63.7	64.3	-0.4	-	-0.9	-

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – CANSIM Table 282-0087





Manitoba Quarterly Unemployment Rates, by Gender and Age

Seasonally Adjusted Data	3rd Quarter 2016 (%)	2nd Quarter 2016 (%)	3rd Quarter 2015 (%)	Quarterly Variation (% points)	Yearly Variation (% points)
Total	6.2	6.0	5.5	0.1	0.6
25 years and over	4.8	4.8	4.6	0.0	0.2
Men - 25 years and over	5.2	5.1	4.4	0.1	0.9
Women - 25 years and over	4.2	4.3	4.8	-0.1	-0.6
15 to 24 years	13.4	12.7	10.6	0.7	2.8
Men - 15 to 24 years	15.5	14.0	10.0	1.5	5.4
Women - 15 to 24 years	11.3	11.3	11.0	0.0	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – CANSIM Table 282-0087

In the third quarter (Q3) of 2016, the total population aged 15+ in Manitoba was a little over one million. The Indigenous population living off-reserve accounted for 11.4% of that, or 114,300 people. Employment among the Indigenous population stood at 64,600 representing an increase of 1,300 (+2.1%) from a year earlier. Employment gains were split amongst full-time positions (+700 or +1.3%), and part-time positions (+700 or +6.4%).

The unemployment rate among the Indigenous population was 13.6% in Q3 2016, representing a 2.2 percentage points (pp) increase from the previous year. Among the non-Indigenous population, the unemployment rate edged up somewhat year-over-year and stood at 6.0% (+0.5pp). Between Q3 2015 and Q3 2016, the participation rate increased to 65.4% (+0.9pp) among the Indigenous population but decreased to 68.7% (-0.6pp) among the non-Indigenous population. Over the same time period, the employment rate among the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations declined to 56.5% (-0.7pp) and 64.6% (-0.9pp), respectively.

Manitoba - Labour Market Indicators for Indigenous People

3-month moving averages Seasonally unadjusted data	Indigenous		Yearly variation (Indigenous)		Non-Indigenous		Yearly variation (non-Indigenous)	
	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Number	%	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Number	%
Population 15 + ('000)	114.3	110.7	3.6	3.3	886.8	878.0	8.8	1.0
Labour Force ('000)	74.7	71.4	3.3	4.6	608.8	608.4	0.4	0.1
Employment ('000)	64.6	63.3	1.3	2.1	572.6	574.8	-2.2	-0.4
Full-Time ('000)	52.9	52.2	0.7	1.3	469.9	471.6	-1.7	-0.4
Part-Time ('000)	11.7	11.0	0.7	6.4	102.7	103.2	-0.5	-0.5
Unemployment ('000)	10.2	8.1	2.1	25.9	36.2	33.6	2.6	7.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.6	11.4	2.2	-	6.0	5.5	0.5	-
Participation Rate (%)	65.4	64.5	0.9	-	68.7	69.3	-0.6	-
Employment Rate (%)	56.5	57.2	-0.7	-	64.6	65.5	-0.9	-

Notes: The Labour Force Survey excludes those living on-reserve.

Estimates are based on three-month moving averages.

Totals may not add due to rounding.

Totals may be different from other tables due to adjustments done to indigenous statistics in the Labour Force Survey.

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – ESDC custom table

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Employment in Manitoba's goods-producing sector increased by 1,600 in the third quarter. An upward trend in employment throughout 2016 has translated into 4,200 more people working in the sector compared to the same time last year. Sizeable gains in agriculture (+2,100) were largely responsible for quarterly employment growth among goods-producing industries. Many Manitoba farmers were expecting a bumper crop this growing season, with yields similar to 2013. However, heavy late season rains may have a negative impact on production. Meanwhile, employment continued to climb in utilities (+300) this quarter, as overall industry employment is up nearly 18% over the past year.

Employment in province's manufacturing industry rose in the third quarter (+2,000), halting a downward trend that started at the beginning of 2016. While prospects are bright for several key segments of Manitoba's manufacturing industry, bus manufacturing giant New Flyer Industries is feeling the negative impacts of a funding crisis in New Jersey. The loss of a 1,200-commuter bus order from the U.S. state would result in layoffs across New Flyer's workforce, likely affecting Manitoba locations.² However, a new order from Washington, D.C. for an additional 100 buses may provide a solution to New Flyer's order management problems.³

Employment in the construction industry fell significantly this quarter (-2,400), but remains up slightly (+200) compared to the same time last year. Nonetheless, the outlook for construction employment in the near-term is positive. A number of hydro projects representing over \$11-billion of construction spending will drive activity throughout the province, while several large-scale developments in Winnipeg will keep that region's labour market busy.

Employment in the services-producing sector fell by 2,700 since last quarter. Compared to the same 3-month period in 2015, the sector employs 5,500 fewer people. No service industry saw employment growth greater than 3.0% this quarter.

The trade industry shed 1,400 positions in the third quarter, continuing a long-term downward trend since employment peaked in late 2014. The outlook for the industry is likely to improve though. The trade industry is poised to capitalize on an expected uptick in spending by Manitobans. Retail sales in the province expanded by 4.7% between June 2015 and June 2016, nearly double the national rate (+2.7%) during the same period.⁴

Meanwhile, employment in transportation and warehousing increased in the third quarter after trending downward for four consecutive quarters. Year-over-year, this mid-sized industry has lost the largest percentage of employment among all industries in Manitoba (-7.5%).

Among public-sector industries: employment is down in educational services (-400), while employment in health care and social assistance remains unchanged. Public administration saw substantial employment gains this quarter (+900), leading growth among service producing industries.

Manitoba Quarterly Labour Force Statistics, by Industry

Seasonally Adjusted Data ('000)	3rd Quarter 2016	2nd Quarter 2016	3rd Quarter 2015	Quarterly Variation		Yearly Variation	
				Number	%	Number	%
Total employed, all industries	634.0	635.1	635.4	-1.1	-0.2	-1.4	-0.2
Goods-producing sector	151.7	150.1	147.5	1.6	1.1	4.2	2.8
Agriculture	25.7	23.6	23.4	2.1	8.9	2.3	9.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	6.1	6.5	5.3	-0.4	-6.2	0.8	15.1
Utilities	10.0	9.7	8.5	0.3	3.1	1.5	17.6
Construction	46.2	48.6	46.0	-2.4	-4.9	0.2	0.4
Manufacturing	63.6	61.6	64.2	2.0	3.2	-0.6	-0.9
Services-producing sector	482.3	485.0	487.8	-2.7	-0.6	-5.5	-1.1
Trade	89.7	91.1	90.7	-1.4	-1.5	-1.0	-1.1
Transportation and warehousing	35.7	35.2	38.6	0.5	1.4	-2.9	-7.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	34.1	33.6	31.7	0.5	1.5	2.4	7.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	27.7	28.3	26.2	-0.6	-2.1	1.5	5.7
Business, building and other support services	18.0	17.8	18.8	0.2	1.1	-0.8	-4.3
Educational services	50.6	51.0	52.3	-0.4	-0.8	-1.7	-3.3
Health care and social assistance	101.7	101.6	101.8	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Information, culture and recreation	22.0	23.3	22.6	-1.3	-5.6	-0.6	-2.7
Accommodation and food services	42.3	42.4	42.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.5
Other services	28.0	28.9	29.7	-0.9	-3.1	-1.7	-5.7
Public administration	32.6	31.7	33.3	0.9	2.8	-0.7	-2.1

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – CANSIM Table 282-0088

REGIONAL ANALYSIS

Many of Manitoba's economic regions saw poor labour market results in the third quarter, with only a single area experiencing strong annual employment growth. Employment in Southeast region rose 8.6% year-over-year, thanks in large part to significant employment growth in the trade industry (+45.8%). The region's unemployment rate also dropped a full percentage point to 4.6% during the past year.

Employment in the Winnipeg region is down slightly when compared to the third quarter of 2015. Employment fell 0.6% year-over-year as significant losses across service-producing industries held back gains in a number of large goods-producing industries. For example, employment in Winnipeg's construction industry jumped 10.4% or 2,500 positions since the third quarter of 2015. Going forward, jobs in construction should remain in high demand as a number of mega-projects are scheduled to begin in Winnipeg this year. Construction has begun on the \$400-million True North Centre and plans are moving ahead on a new \$165-million, 40-story residential tower.

Parklands and Northern region saw employment grow 2.2% over the year, while its unemployment rate dropped drastically from 7.0% to 4.9%, representing the largest decrease in Manitoba. A number of the large-scale layoff announcements the region endured in recent months are receiving attention from interested parties, which may lessen, or negate their impact. The federal government announced it will commit \$4.6-million towards immediate economic development programs for the town of Churchill and surrounding areas following OmniTrax's decision to halt grain shipments from the northern port.⁵ Meanwhile, Tolko Industries announced it has received a letter of intent from an interested party to purchase their mill in The Pas that is slated for closure.

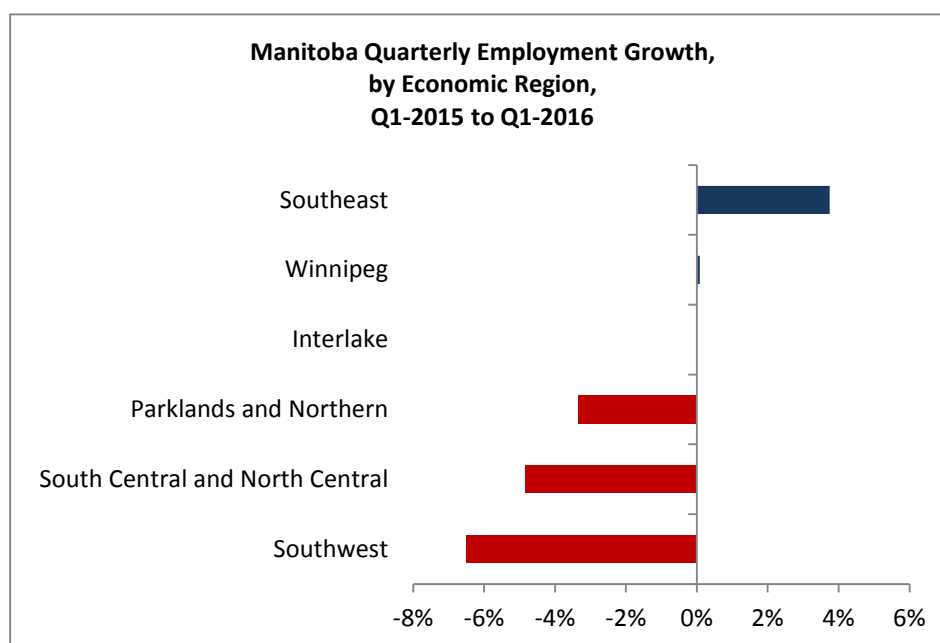
The largest percentage drop in employment occurred in Southwest region, where employment fell 5.8% compared to the third quarter of 2015. All labour market indicators point to negative results for the region. Employment is down both in the goods- and in the services-producing sectors, with the steepest drop occurring in the manufacturing industry. Not surprisingly, the region's unemployment rate increased from 4.6% to 5.2% during the past year.

Manitoba Quarterly Labour Force Statistics, by Economic Region

Not Seasonally Adjusted Data	Employment			Unemployment Rate		
	3rd Quarter 2016 ('000)	3rd Quarter 2015 ('000)	Yearly Variation (%)	3rd Quarter 2016 (%)	3rd Quarter 2015 (%)	Yearly Variation (% points)
Manitoba	637.7	638.5	-0.1	6.8	6.1	0.7
Economic Regions						
Southeast	60.3	55.5	8.6	4.6	5.6	-1.0
South Central and North Central	54.2	55.0	-1.5	5.6	5.5	0.1
Southwest	55.3	58.7	-5.8	5.2	4.6	0.6
Winnipeg	383.6	386.0	-0.6	7.7	6.5	1.2
Interlake	47.4	47.3	0.2	6.7	6.0	0.7
Parklands and Northern	36.9	36.1	2.2	4.9	7.0	-2.1

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – CANSIM Table 282-0122



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