



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

In the past month, employment in Manitoba increased by 4,800. During this time, full-time employment increased by 4,100, while part-time employment increased by 600. Over the same period, public sector employment grew by 2.2%, (+3,500), while private sector employment grew by 0.2%, (+700). Self-employment increased by 500.¹

The Conference Board of Canada's forecasts Manitoba's employment growth rate to slow to an average of 0.5% per year from 2017 until 2021.² The slower growth would be the result of expected mine closures in Northern Manitoba, and Manitoba Hydro completing the Bipole III transmission line and Keeyask Generating Station.

Unemployment

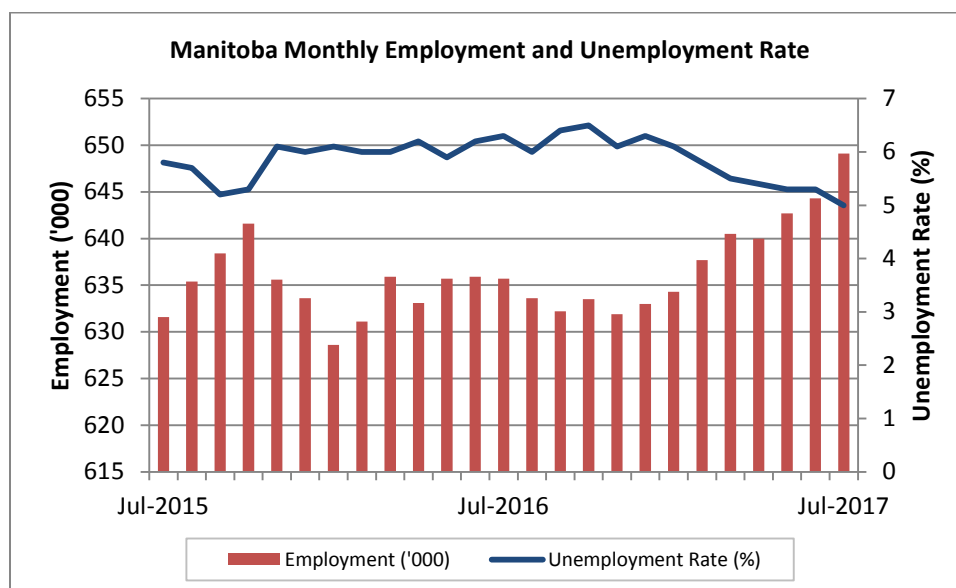
Manitoba's unemployment rate remained relatively unchanged, decreasing by 0.3 of a percentage point to 5%. The province continues to have one of the lowest unemployment rates in Canada, well below the national average of 6.3%.

Seasonally adjusted Monthly Labour Force Statistics

Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Monthly Variation		Yearly Variation	
				Number	%	Number	%
Population 15 + ('000)	1,014.6	1,013.2	1,000.1	1.4	0.1	14.5	1.4
Labour Force ('000)	683.5	680.6	678.2	2.9	0.4	5.3	0.8
Employment ('000)	649.1	644.3	635.7	4.8	0.7	13.4	2.1
Full-Time ('000)	525.4	521.3	513.6	4.1	0.8	11.8	2.3
Part-Time ('000)	123.6	123.0	122.1	0.6	0.5	1.5	1.2
Unemployment ('000)	34.4	36.4	42.5	-2.0	-5.5	-8.1	-19.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	5.3	6.3	-0.3	-	-1.3	-
Participation Rate (%)	67.4	67.2	67.8	0.2	-	-0.4	-
Employment Rate (%)	64.0	63.6	63.6	0.4	-	0.4	-

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

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



The unemployment rate of those aged 15-24 increased this month by 0.3 percentage points to 11.2%. By comparison, the unemployment rate for those aged 25 years and older decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 3.9%. Compared to last year, youth unemployment decreased by 2.9 percentage points and the unemployment rate for those 25 years and older, decreased 0.8 percentage points.

The unemployment rate for men aged 15 to 24 years old grew to 12.6%, an increase of 1.7 percentage points from the previous month. However, the unemployment rate for women aged 15 to 24 decreased by 1.1 percentage points to 9.7% over the same period. In the past month, unemployment rates of young men were about 3 times greater than those of men 25 years and over. Whereas, the unemployment rate for young women were about 2.5 greater than women 25 years and older.

Manitoba Monthly Unemployment Rates, by Gender and Age

Seasonally Adjusted Data	July 2017 (%)	June 2017 (%)	July 2016 (%)	Monthly Variation	Yearly Variation
				(% points)	(% points)
Total	5.0	5.3	6.3	-0.3	-1.3
25 years and over	3.9	4.3	4.7	-0.4	-0.8
Men - 25 years and over	3.9	4.5	5.4	-0.6	-1.5
Women - 25 years and over	3.8	4.1	4.0	-0.3	-0.2
15 to 24 years	11.2	10.9	14.1	0.3	-2.9
Men - 15 to 24 years	12.6	10.9	16.9	1.7	-4.3
Women - 15 to 24 years	9.7	10.8	11.0	-1.1	-1.3

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

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

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Manitoba's goods-producing sector shrank by almost 1,800 during this time, yet employed 1,400 more workers compared to the same time last year. This sector saw losses in all the industries, except for Manufacturing, (+900). These gains were offset by strong losses in both Agriculture, (-800), and in Construction, (-1,100). Moist conditions early in the season and outbreaks of the porcine epidemic diarrhea virus in the pork industry may have contributed to the job losses in Agriculture.

Manitoba's services-producing sector grew by 6,500 since last month, with strong growth in the education services industry, (+6,900). These gains offset losses in both health care and social assistance, (-1,100), and professional, scientific and technical services, (-700).

Job losses in health care and social assistance have risen as regional health authorities continue to implement cost saving measures. For example, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority has taken steps to find \$83 million in savings from its annual budget by announcing cuts to various positions at its hospitals, closures of Quick Care clinics, and the Mature Women's Centre to better align services to the public.³⁴⁵

Manitoba Monthly Labour Force Statistics, by Industry

Seasonally Adjusted Data ('000)	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Monthly Variation		Yearly Variation	
				Number	%	Number	%
Total employed, all industries	649.1	644.3	635.7	4.8	0.7	13.4	2.1
Goods-producing sector	152.3	154.1	150.9	-1.8	-1.2	1.4	0.9
Agriculture	23.9	24.7	24.9	-0.8	-3.2	-1.0	-4.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	6.9	7.1	6.2	-0.2	-2.8	0.7	11.3
Utilities	8.7	9.3	9.9	-0.6	-6.5	-1.2	-12.1
Construction	48.0	49.1	47.1	-1.1	-2.2	0.9	1.9
Manufacturing	64.8	63.9	62.9	0.9	1.4	1.9	3.0
Services-producing sector	496.7	490.2	484.7	6.5	1.3	12.0	2.5
Trade	91.5	91.1	89.4	0.4	0.4	2.1	2.3
Transportation and warehousing	35.9	35.9	36.2	0.0	0.0	-0.3	-0.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	36.6	36.7	34.1	-0.1	-0.3	2.5	7.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	27.4	28.1	26.1	-0.7	-2.5	1.3	5.0
Business, building and other support services	20.6	20.1	17.9	0.5	2.5	2.7	15.1
Educational services	57.0	50.1	53.4	6.9	13.8	3.6	6.7
Health care and social assistance	101.2	102.3	101.6	-1.1	-1.1	-0.4	-0.4
Information, culture and recreation	24.7	23.3	22.9	1.4	6.0	1.8	7.9
Accommodation and food services	42.2	42.4	42.4	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.5
Other services	26.9	26.7	28.2	0.2	0.7	-1.3	-4.6
Public administration	32.8	33.4	32.4	-0.6	-1.8	0.4	1.2

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

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

REGIONAL ANALYSIS

Within the past year, employment grew in all the regions of Manitoba, except for the Parklands and North region. Simultaneously, the unemployment rate decreased in four of the six regions, with exceptions being the Southwest and Parklands and North.

Manitoba Monthly Labour Force Statistics, by Economic Region

3-Month Moving Averages Seasonally Unadjusted Data	Employment			Unemployment Rate		
	July 2017 ('000)	July 2016 ('000)	Yearly Variation (%)	July 2017 (%)	July 2016 (%)	Yearly Variation (% points)
Manitoba	654.2	643.5	1.7	5.2	6.1	-0.9
Economic Regions						
Southeast	63.7	62.2	2.4	3.5	4.8	-1.3
South Central and North Central	55.9	55.1	1.5	3.5	4.7	-1.2
Southwest	55.9	54.8	2.0	5.4	5.4	0.0
Winnipeg	395.5	387.7	2.0	5.7	6.7	-1.0
Interlake	47.7	46.9	1.7	3.4	6.7	-3.3
Parklands and North	35.5	36.8	-3.5	6.3	4.7	1.6

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

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

The unemployment rate in the Interlake decreased by nearly half, (to 3.4%), with employment in the service sector increasing by 4,900. The employment gains were due in part to growth in finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing, (+1,900), and in business, building and other support services, (+1,700).

South Central and North Central reported an increase in business, finance, and administration occupations. While parts of this economic region surround Winnipeg, it is expected that employment in the construction, agriculture, and manufacturing industries will grow in Portage La Prairie and the surrounding area once the multinational Roquette company begins construction of its pea processing plant later this year.

Southwest again saw a substantial increase in agriculture related employment. Farmers in the region grow a diversity of crops that have benefited from good weather.⁶ Though the region could use more rain, agricultural related employment should soon peak in the coming months as crops near harvesting.

Employment in Winnipeg increased by 2.0% over the previous year due to strong employment growth in the Manufacturing and Accommodation and food services industries. For instance, Boeing employs 1,400 people manufacturing composite parts and assemblies for its popular 787 Dreamliner and 737 Max planes in its Winnipeg plant. The company's strong showing at the 2017 Paris Air Show could spur further production at the plant.⁷

Growth in the Accommodation and food services will receive a boost this month with Winnipeg hosting the Canada Summer Games, with 20,000 visitors expected to attend the event. It is estimated that the overall economic impact from the games will be a \$153 million benefit to the local economy and a \$29 million in improvements in local amenities.⁸

Parklands and North region experienced a decrease in employment by 3.5% compared to the same period last year due to a slow decline in the services-producing sector. The region experienced a loss of 600 jobs in the Health Care and Social Assistance industry in the past year. These job losses are associated with the Northern Regional Health Authority efforts to find savings under its provincial mandate.⁹

Rail service to Churchill remains out of service due to spring flooding, with no announcement of a scheduled repair date. The owner of the rail line, Omnitrax, claims repairs could amount to \$60 million and is seeking government financial assistance.¹⁰ The continued closure of the single rail line has negatively impacted the community's seasonal tourism industry and has raised the costs of supplies that have to be flown in.

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¹ Source: Statistics Canada. Table 282-0089 – Labour force survey estimates (LFS), employment by class of worker and sex, seasonally adjusted and unadjusted, monthly (person), CANSIM (database). (accessed August 4, 2017)

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