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This Labour Market Bulletin provides an analysis of Labour Force Survey results for the province of Saskatchewan, including Regina-Moose Mountain, Swift Current-Moose Jaw, Saskatoon-Biggar, Yorkton-Melville and Prince Albert and Northern economic regions.

OVERVIEW

Saskatchewan's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic accelerated during Q2-2021 (April, May, June) as climbing vaccination rates and declining infection counts led to easing public health restrictions across the province. Employment increased 10,900 (+2.0%) compared to Q1-2021, with job gains primarily occurring in part-time employment (+9,600).

Taking a longer view, overall employment in Saskatchewan is up 9.7% compared to Q2-2020, a period relatively early in the initial lockdown last year. In fact, in Q2-2021 overall employment was still 12,900 below February 2020's pre-pandemic level (-2.3%).

In Q2-2021, private sector employment was down 5,900 positions compared to February 2020, while self-employment was down 12,400. In contrast, public sector employment increased 5,400.¹

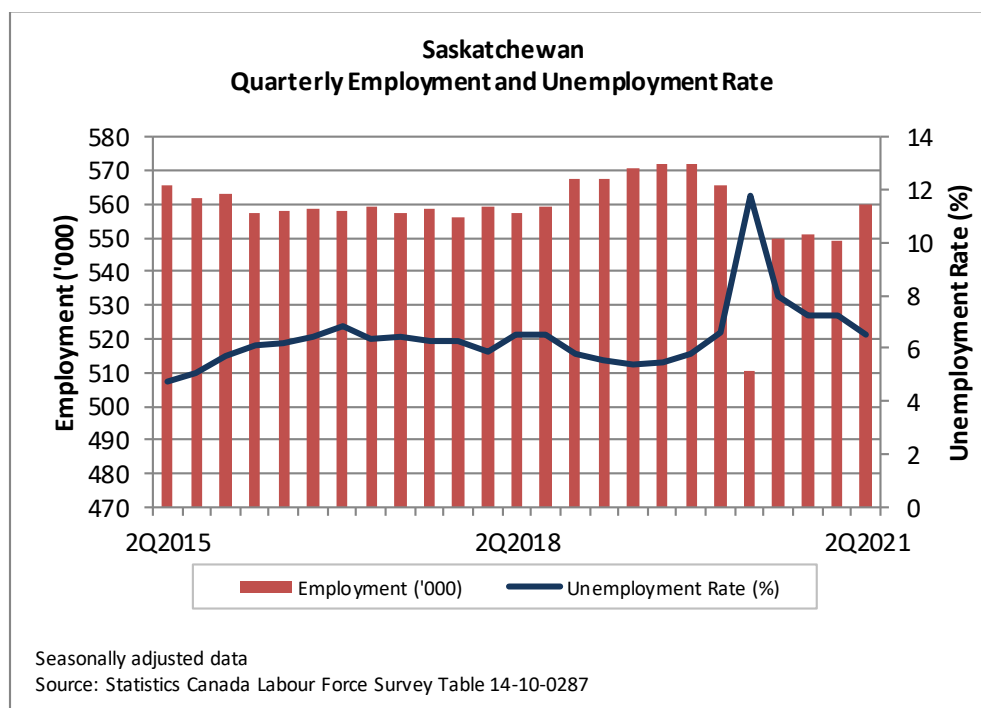
Saskatchewan Quarterly Labour Force Statistics

Seasonally adjusted data	2nd Quarter 2021	1st Quarter 2021	2nd Quarter 2020	Quarterly Variation		Yearly Variation	
				Number	%	Number	%
Population 15 + ('000)	889.3	888.9	888.1	0.4	0.0	1.2	0.1
Labour Force ('000)	599.0	591.9	578.6	7.1	1.2	20.4	3.5
Employment ('000)	559.8	548.9	510.5	10.9	2.0	49.3	9.7
Full-Time ('000)	449.2	447.9	428.2	1.3	0.3	21.0	4.9
Part-Time ('000)	110.6	101.0	82.3	9.6	9.5	28.3	34.4
Unemployment ('000)	39.2	42.9	68.1	-3.7	-8.6	-28.9	-42.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	7.2	11.8	-0.7	-	-5.3	-
Participation Rate (%)	67.4	66.6	65.2	0.8	-	2.2	-
Employment Rate (%)	62.9	61.8	57.5	1.1	-	5.4	-

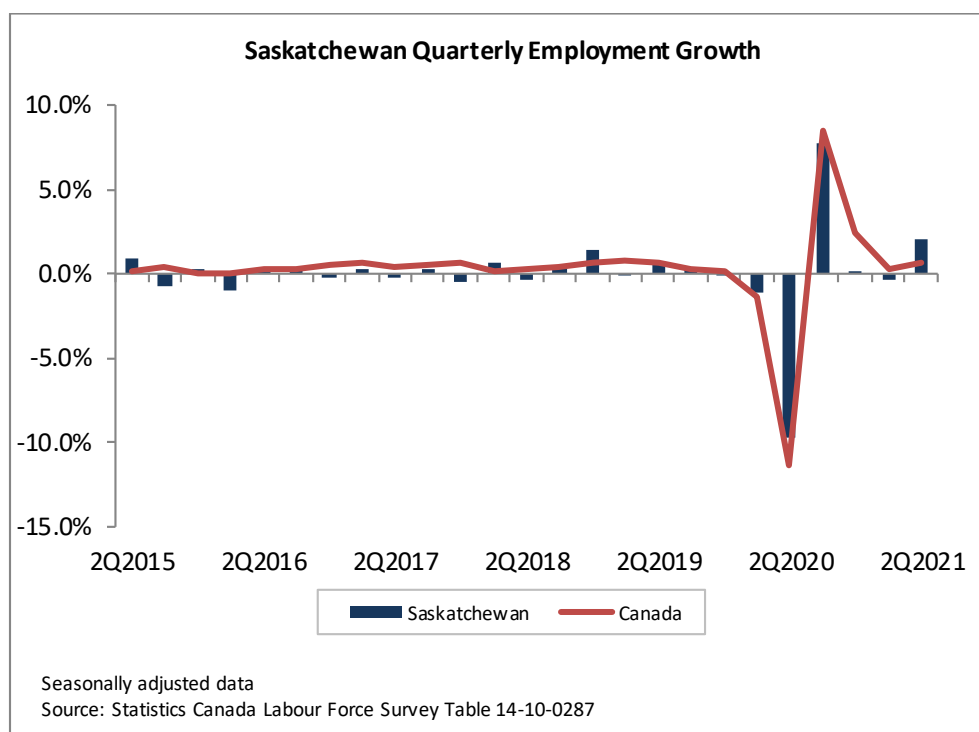
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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – Table 14-10-0287, formerly CANSIM 282-0087

While variant cases remain a concern, Saskatchewan's COVID-19 metrics meet the province's guidelines for removing virtually all public health restrictions as of July 11th. Unfortunately, this comes as there is another outbreak in Hatcher Lake Denesuline First Nation in the far north of the province. As of July 7, there were 127 cases linked to the outbreak.²



Given the quarterly employment gains, it is not surprising that Saskatchewan's unemployment rate fell 0.7 percentage points to 6.5% in Q2-2021. The total labour supply also increased on the quarter, up 7,100 or 1.2%. In Q2-2021, the province's unemployment rate was about half that of Q2-2020 (11.8%) when the employment impacts of COVID-19 were still severe.



Unemployment by Major Demographic Group

Saskatchewan Quarterly Unemployment Rates, by Gender and Age

Seasonally adjusted data	2nd Quarter 2021 (%)	1st Quarter 2021 (%)	2nd Quarter 2020 (%)	Quarterly Variation (% points)	Yearly Variation (% points)
Total	6.5	7.2	11.8	-0.7	-5.3
25 years and over	5.7	6.0	9.8	-0.3	-4.1
Men - 25 years and over	6.3	6.3	9.9	0.0	-3.6
Women - 25 years and over	5.1	5.7	9.7	-0.6	-4.6
15 to 24 years	11.3	14.6	24.0	-3.3	-12.7
Men - 15 to 24 years	12.8	18.3	22.1	-5.5	-9.3
Women - 15 to 24 years	9.9	10.7	26.2	-0.8	-16.3

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – Table 14-10-0287, formerly CANSIM 282-0087

Saskatchewan workers 25 years and over continue to fare better than their younger counterparts (15 to 24 years). Younger workers have historically experienced unemployment rates as much as double that of their older counterparts, a trend only amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic. That being said, the unemployment rate of younger workers improved greatly in Q2-2021 while being little changed for those 25 years and over. On the year, young women saw the largest decrease in their unemployment rate (-16.3 percentage points). Notably, older men had a unemployment rate relatively close to that of older women in May 2021 (1.2 percentage points higher), while young men had an unemployment rate almost 3 percentage points higher than that of young women.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

On the quarter, employment in Saskatchewan's goods-producing sector increased 800 (+0.6%), while employment in the services-producing sector increased 9,900 (+2.4%). Year-over-year, employment in the goods-producing sector was up 2.6%, while employment in the services-producing sector was 12.0% higher compared to Q2-2020.

Saskatchewan Quarterly Labour Force Statistics, by Industry

Seasonally adjusted data ('000)	2nd Quarter 2021	1st Quarter 2021	2nd Quarter 2020	Quarterly Variation		Yearly Variation	
				Number	%	Number	%
Total employed, all industries	559.8	548.9	510.5	10.9	2.0	49.3	9.7
Goods-producing sector	133.2	132.4	129.8	0.8	0.6	3.4	2.6
Agriculture	31.6	31.9	39.3	-0.3	-0.9	-7.7	-19.6
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	20.1	21.4	17.7	-1.3	-6.1	2.4	13.6
Utilities	5.7	5.7	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.8
Construction	43.8	43.4	37.9	0.4	0.9	5.9	15.6
Manufacturing	32.0	30.0	29.4	2.0	6.7	2.6	8.8
Services-producing sector	426.5	416.6	380.7	9.9	2.4	45.8	12.0
Trade	91.1	88.2	76.0	2.9	3.3	15.1	19.9
Transportation and warehousing	22.3	23.4	23.9	-1.1	-4.7	-1.6	-6.7
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	26.5	26.1	28.5	0.4	1.5	-2.0	-7.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	28.8	28.1	26.2	0.7	2.5	2.6	9.9
Business, building and other support services	15.6	16.2	14.6	-0.6	-3.7	1.0	6.8
Educational services	46.4	43.6	40.0	2.8	6.4	6.4	16.0
Health care and social assistance	86.4	83.8	76.4	2.6	3.1	10.0	13.1
Information, culture and recreation	17.5	13.5	15.4	4.0	29.6	2.1	13.6
Accommodation and food services	29.0	29.3	21.8	-0.3	-1.0	7.2	33.0
Other services	27.1	28.9	26.3	-1.8	-6.2	0.8	3.0
Public administration	35.8	35.4	31.4	0.4	1.1	4.4	14.0

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – Table T14-10-0355, formerly CANSIM 282-0088

Within the goods-producing sector, year-over-year employment was down significantly in **agriculture** (-7,700), with job losses seen in the production of animals, primarily cattle. In contrast, Saskatchewan's crop producers enjoyed a good year in 2020 as the province led the country in total net farm income at \$2.9 billion, accounting for over one-third of the national total (\$8.1 billion).³ However, this year's harvest may not be as bountiful as a continued lack of moisture, combined with record-breaking heat threatens crop quality and yields, particularly for canola.⁴

Employment in the **construction** industry was little changed on the quarter (+400). Nevertheless, the Government of Saskatchewan continues to focus on construction as an avenue for economic recovery. Many large provincially funded projects were announced in the province's 2021-2022 budget. The federal and

provincial governments are providing more than \$81.2M in funding for 23 infrastructure projects across Saskatchewan. Projects include upgrades to wastewater treatment facilities, recreation projects, and the decommissioning of landfills.⁵ The federal, provincial, and municipal governments are providing \$28.8M to replace the Winnipeg Street North overpass in Regina. The project is expected to take two years.⁶

In the private sector, Red Leaf Pulp Ltd. is building a new \$350M mill that will turn wheat straw into pulp for paper products. Located near Regina, the plant will create 250 jobs when construction begins in 2022 and 110 full-time permanent jobs once operational.⁷ The agriculture-related development comes as four firms have announced major canola crushing projects, with all four slated for completion in 2024. Richardson International is expanding its Yorkton-based canola crush facility, with construction beginning this spring.⁸ Additionally, Cargill, Vittera, and Ceres Global Ag Corp are planning new crush plants in the Regina area. Of the four, Vittera's new facility will be the largest, supporting 1,000 workers during construction and 100 permanent staff once operational.⁹ Cargill's and Ceres Global Ag Corp's \$350 million plants are each expected to support 50 jobs upon completion.^{10,11}

The **manufacturing** industry added 2,000 jobs in Q2-2021, led by food manufacturing, and petroleum and coal products manufacturing as well. In fabrication news, Ready Roll Truck Tarps Inc. recently opened near Kamsack. The tarp fabricator provides repair and installation services on roll tarps to farmers along the Saskatchewan/Manitoba border. Meanwhile, the federal and provincial governments are providing \$2.3M to expand Saskatoon's Agri-Food Innovation Centre. The expansion will help food manufacturers develop value-added foods and beverages and bring these products to market.¹²

Saskatchewan's resource extraction industry (**forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas**) lost 1,300 jobs on the quarter, primarily in mining. However, the industry is still up 2,400 jobs compared to Q2-2020. According to the Government of Saskatchewan, sales in the province's forestry sector increased 30% in 2020. Increased production is expected to continue and reach record levels in 2022.¹³ Saskatchewan is currently in the second phase of the abandoned oil well clean-up program. The Accelerated Site Closure Program runs until March 2022 and provides support to the oil and gas industry by creating and maintaining jobs.¹⁴ In alternate energy news, Saskatoon-based helium company Royal Helium Ltd. has discovered a large amount of the element in southwestern Saskatchewan. The company estimates there is six billion cubic-feet of helium in the prospective area.¹⁵

Turning to the services-producing sector, Saskatchewan's **retail and wholesale trade** industry gained 2,900 jobs on the quarter, up 15,100 year over year. The quarterly gains come as COVID-19 case loads shrink, vaccination rates rise and outlets that had voluntarily turned to delivery or curbside pickup resume in-store operations. Foster's Shoes, a family-owned business in Saskatoon, is closing at the end of June after operating for 40 years. The pandemic and online shopping are some of the reasons for the closure.¹⁶ The number of retail cannabis stores in Saskatchewan continued to increase during the pandemic. Province-wide, 80 stores have either opened or plan to open, resulting in an increase in job opportunities.¹⁷

Employment in the **health care and social assistance** industry rose both on the quarter (+2,600) and on the year (+10,000) as the demands of COVID-19 increased staffing needs. Pop-up vaccination clinics are now in operation around the province as the province encourages the vaccine-hesitant to overcome their reluctance. As of July 9, 72% of those 12 and over in the province have now received at least one shot.¹⁸ In funding news, the Government

of Saskatchewan is providing \$4M in 2021-22 towards the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF). CIF provides support and funding to communities that focus on the wellbeing of youth and families.¹⁹ The Government of Saskatchewan is also providing \$670,000 through a new program with Yorkton's Foxvalley Counseling Services Inc., to help keep vulnerable children and families together.²⁰

The **accommodation and food services** industry continues to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, with employment down 300 from Q1-2021. Despite adding 7,200 jobs since Q2-2020, employment in the industry remains 9,300 below the pre-pandemic level of February 2020 (-24.3%). As of June 20, restaurants in Saskatchewan were allowed to operate at full capacity. Some restaurant owners are having difficulties recalling staff as former workers may have a new job or no longer want to work in the restaurant industry.²¹

In a move likely welcomed by the accommodation industry, the Government of Canada is providing \$11.6M in funding for the Safe Voluntary Isolation Sites program. The program provides individuals in Saskatchewan who are unable to self-isolate at home a place to safely isolate (usually a hotel room).²²

REGIONAL ANALYSIS

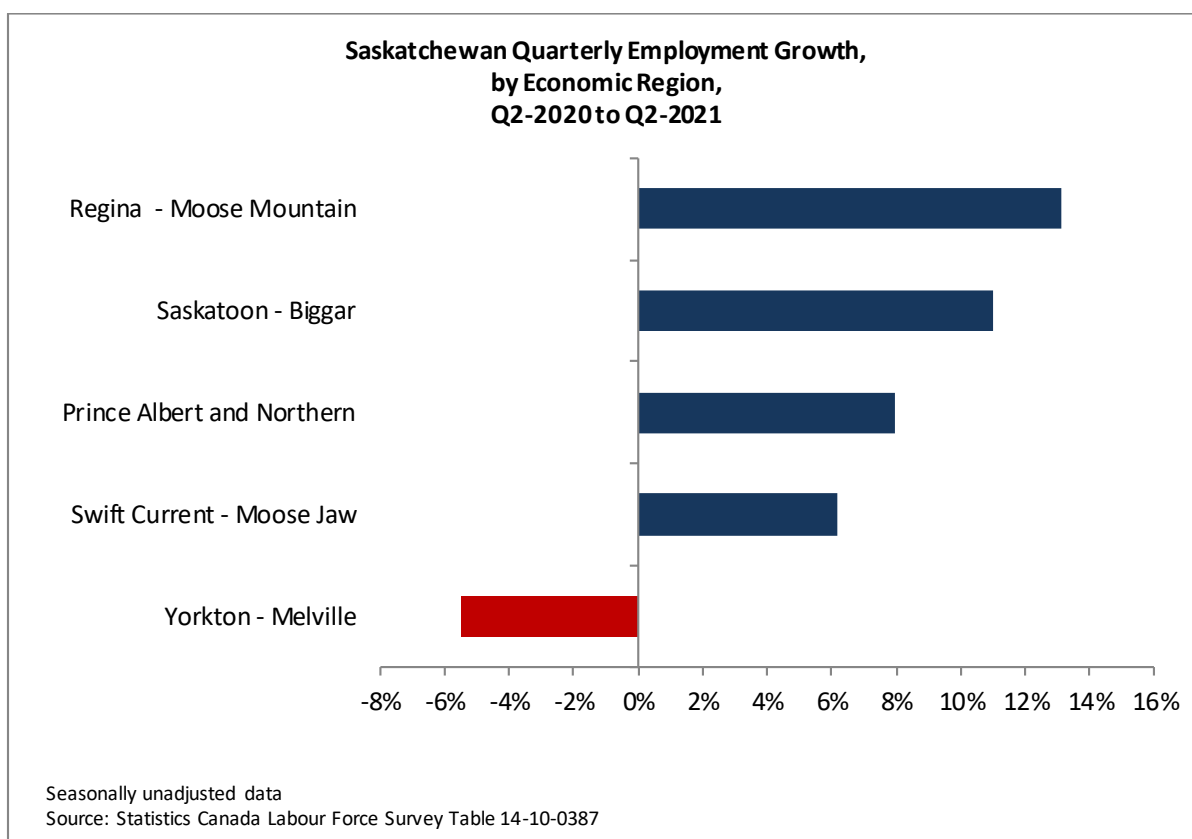
On an annual basis, employment is up in four of Saskatchewan's five economic regions compared to weak employment in Q2-2020 as the province moved closer to the final step of its Re-Opening Roadmap on July 11th. Only Yorkton-Melville saw job losses -2,000 (-5.5%), while Regina – Moose Mountain led the regions by adding 21,000 jobs (+13.1%).

Saskatchewan Quarterly Labour Force Statistics, by Economic Region

Seasonally unadjusted data	Employment			Unemployment Rate		
	2nd Quarter 2021 ('000)	2nd Quarter 2020 ('000)	Yearly Variation (%)	2nd Quarter 2021 (%)	2nd Quarter 2020 (%)	Yearly Variation (% points)
Saskatchewan	562.9	514.1	9.5	6.6	11.9	-5.3
Economic Regions						
Regina - Moose Mountain	180.7	159.7	13.1	7.1	11.5	-4.4
Swift Current - Moose Jaw	53.5	50.4	6.2	6.8	10.5	-3.7
Saskatoon - Biggar	197.6	178.0	11.0	7.0	13.9	-6.9
Yorkton - Melville	34.5	36.5	-5.5	4.2	8.8	-4.6
Prince Albert and Northern	96.6	89.5	7.9	5.6	10.8	-5.2

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey – Table 14-10-0387, formerly CANSIM 282-0122



The **Regina-Moose Mountain** region posted strong employment gains (+21,000 or +13.1%) on the year, while variants of concern remain a worry to residents and businesses alike. In mid-May, community and recreation centres in Regina reopened to the public after facilities closed on March 28, 2021 due to a surge of COVID-19 variant cases.²³ In addition, all Regina Public Library branches and the Royal Saskatchewan Museum reopened at the end of May after they too were closed due to the pandemic.²⁴

The City of Regina is spending \$112.6M on construction projects in 2021. The projects include \$22.8 million for residential road upgrades, \$16.8 million for street infrastructure, and \$55 million towards water, wastewater and drainage projects.²⁵ The provincial government has chosen Regina-based contractor Westridge Construction Inc. to upgrade two bridges on Highway 11 in the Lumsden Valley at a cost of \$1.7M. Construction began April 13 and is expected to be complete by late fall 2021.²⁶

Looking forward, Regina Exhibition Association Limited will be recalling around 750 employees back to work when the Queen City Exhibition returns in August. Approximately 100 of those returning are full-time employees.²⁷ Saskatchewan-based Covenant Energy Ltd. is building Canada's first standalone renewable diesel refinery near Estevan. The company is aiming to hire around 60 full-time employees with production set to start by the end of 2023.²⁸ The Government of Saskatchewan is spending \$47M to build a new joint-use school, replacing Argyle School and École St. Pius X elementary schools in Regina. The new joint facility is expected to be open for the beginning of the 2023-24 school year.²⁹

Regina-based Brandt Group of Companies plans to hire more than 1,000 employees throughout Canada and the United States, including hundreds in Regina and Saskatoon. Some of the jobs available are in marketing, sales, finance, skilled trades and IT.³⁰

Year-over-year employment in **Saskatoon-Biggar** grew 19,600 (+11.0%) as job gains were seen both in goods-producing and services-producing industries. The Government of Canada is providing the University of Saskatchewan's Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization \$59.2M to support the development of its COVID-19 vaccine candidates and to expand its facility in Saskatoon.³¹ The City of Saskatoon is spending approximately \$65.5M on summer construction projects this year. Some projects include road construction and water and sewer upgrades.³²

Due to a budget shortfall, Saskatoon Public Schools is eliminating more than 60 positions for the 2021-2022 academic year. Some cuts include full time office positions, full time elementary and secondary teachers, and dozens of support positions.³³

On a more positive note, in professional, scientific and technical services, Saskatoon-based software company, Vendasta, plans to hire up to 150 staff in the coming year. The tech company builds and develops business software tools to help small- and medium-sized businesses market and rebrand themselves.³⁴ Saskatoon-based 7shifts plans to hire 20 more staff in sales, marketing and client success. The retail software company provides a scheduling and labour administration platform for restaurants.³⁵

Compared to Q2-2020, 7,100 (+7.9%) more people were employed in the **Prince Albert and Northern** region where COVID-19 has significantly impacted some communities in the far north. Saskatoon-based company, Cameco Corp., resumed uranium production at its Cigar Lake mine at the end of April following a COVID-19-related layoff. Around 640 employees and contractors work at Cigar Lake when it is in full production. At the end of June, a wildfire led to the evacuation of non-essential workers from the mine-site.^{36,37}

Paper Excellence is acquiring pulp and paper company Domtar. The company plans to reopen the Prince Albert Pulp and Paper Mill by 2023, creating around 200 jobs at the mill and 1,000 to 1,500 indirect jobs from the economic spinoff.³⁸ Prince Albert-based RNF Ventures Ltd. has been awarded the \$3.45M contract to build a six-station hemodialysis unit at the Meadow Lake Hospital. The new hemodialysis unit is set to open in early 2022, with construction beginning this summer.³⁹

In other construction news, the City of Humboldt is planning for the creation of a \$25M tribute centre to honour the victims of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash. The centre will include a gallery, ice surface and physiotherapy area.⁴⁰

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