

THE MANITOBA Current

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Key Labour Force Indicators, month-to-month change

Labour Force			Employment		
674,600	-0.3%	▼	633,200	-0.5%	▼
Unemployment Rate			Participation Rate		
6.1	0.1pts	▲	67.7	-0.3pts	▼

Labour Force Trends

In April 2016, Manitoba's labour force decreased by 2,300 (-0.3%) persons compared to the previous month.

Manitoba employed 633,200 people in April 2016. Total employment in Manitoba decreased by 3,000 (-0.5%) persons from the previous month. Most of this decrease was a result of lower part-time employment numbers. Full-time employment increased by 1,200, while part-time employment decreased by 4,400 persons.

With these labour force and employment changes, Manitoba's unemployment rate was second-lowest among the provinces at 6.1%, up 0.1 percentage points from March

2016. British Columbia has the lowest unemployment rate at 5.8% and Saskatchewan has the third-lowest unemployment rate at 6.3%, while Canada's unemployment rate remained at 7.1%. Nova Scotia saw the largest decrease in unemployment rate, by 0.8 percentage points.

Manitoba's youth unemployment rate decreased from 12.2 to 11.8 percentage points between March and April and improved to third-lowest among the provinces, behind Alberta and British Columbia. Canada's youth unemployment rate was 13.1% in April, a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the previous month.

Labour Force Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

	Manitoba				Canada			
	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Y/Y Change	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Y/Y Change
Labour Force	674,600	676,900	675,300	-0.1%	19,424,600	19,428,400	19,212,400	1.1%
Total Employment	633,200	636,200	638,000	-0.5%	18,041,400	18,043,500	17,897,400	0.8%
Unemployment Rate	6.1	6.0	5.5	0.6pts	7.1	7.1	6.8	0.3pts
Participation Rate	67.7	68.0	68.6	-0.9pts	65.8	65.9	65.8	0.0pts



Industry Employment Trends

Manitoba's goods-producing industries with the highest employment gains year-over-year were Construction (+2,400 or 5.3%), Utilities (+1,600 or 20.5%) and Agriculture (+1,200 or 5.3%).

Manitoba's goods-producing sector employed 150,600 persons in April 2016. This sector represents 23.8% of Manitoba's total employment. Canada's goods-producing sector employed 3,859,400 persons in April 2016, a year-over-year decrease of 0.7%.

Manitoba's only services sector industries employment gains year-over-year were Professional, scientific and technical services (+2,700 or 10.8%), Information, culture and recreation (+2,200 or 10.0%) and Accommodation and food services with an increase of 1,200 persons or 3.0%.

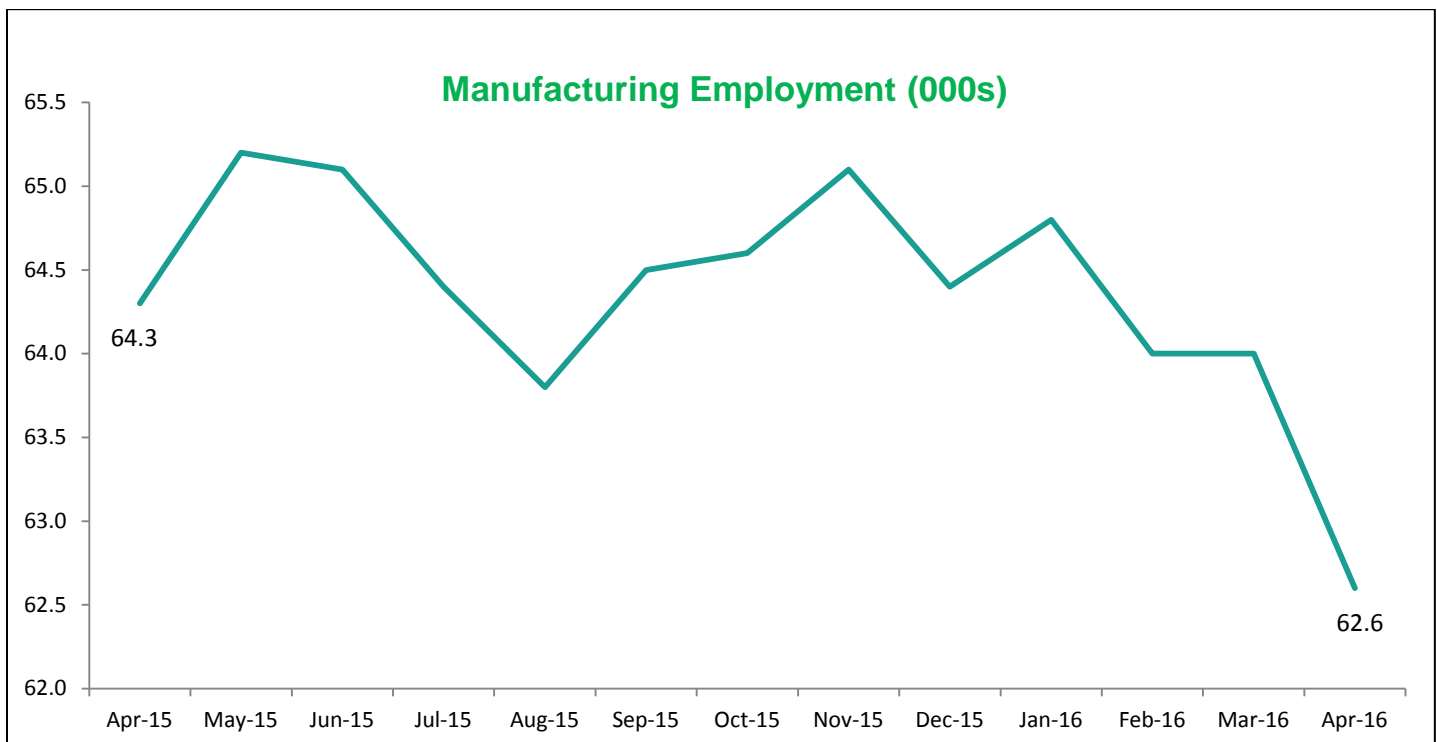
Manitoba's services sector employed 482,500 persons in April 2016. The services sector represents 76.2% of Manitoba's total employment. Canada's services sector industries employed 14,209,100 persons in April 2016, a year-over-year increase of 1.2%.

Industry Employment Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

	Manitoba				Canada			
	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Y/Y Change	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Y/Y Change
Goods-Producing	150,600	150,400	146,500	2.8%	3,832,300	3,869,400	3,859,800	-0.7%
Services Sector	482,500	485,500	491,500	-1.8%	14,209,100	14,174,100	14,037,500	1.2%

Manitoba Industry Spotlight: Manufacturing

Manitoba's Manufacturing industry employed 62,600 persons in April 2016. Year-over-year, employment decreased by 1,700 persons or 2.6%. This industry represents 9.9% of Manitoba's total employment.



Did you know?

[The Manitoba LMI website](#) has been updated to include two new monthly publications featuring employment trends: *The Manitoba Current* and the *Manitoba Help Wanted Dashboard* and is now also available in French.

The federal [Youth Employment Strategy](#) is being expanded to assist employers to hire 70,000 youth this

summer. For more information contact YES at 1-800-935-5555.

[Manitoba Hydro](#) offers work experience and a variety of employment options including: Trades and Technology Training programs, Summer Student program, Engineer-in-Training program, and Aboriginal Pre-Placement Training program.

Regional Highlights

Manitoba's working age population increased by 11,100 persons between April 2015 and April 2016. However, the Labour Force decreased by 700 persons in the same time.

While only the Parklands and North region saw a decrease in working age population, total employment decreased in half of the economic regions. Between April 2015 and April 2016, the unemployment rate increased in all regions except Parklands and North and the Southeast region. The Southwest experienced the highest increase by 3.5 points, followed by the Interlake region with 3.1 points.

Labour Force Trends, Unadjusted for Seasonality

Region	Working Age Population		Total Employment		Participation Rate (%)		Unemployment Rate (%)	
	Apr 2016	Apr 2015	Apr 2016	Apr 2015	Apr 2016	Apr 2015	Apr 2016	Apr 2015
Winnipeg	600,300	592,500	383,800	381,500	67.9	69.0	6.4	6.1
Rest of Manitoba	394,800	391,500	245,200	247,200	65.9	66.3	5.8	4.7
Southeast	90,500	88,600	59,600	54,800	69.5	65.8	5.2	6.0
Central	85,200	84,100	53,700	55,200	65.5	67.8	3.8	3.2
Southwest	88,200	87,800	52,600	56,700	64.2	66.9	6.9	3.4
Interlake	75,400	74,700	44,500	44,400	64.5	62.7	8.2	5.1
Parklands and North	55,500	56,400	34,800	36,100	65.6	68.4	4.4	6.5

Manitoba Current Focus: Manitoba Economic Outlook (Manitoba Finance)

In 2016, Manitoba's real GDP is expected to increase by 2.2%, down 0.1% from the January 7, 2016 forecast, and ranking Manitoba third strongest among provinces. Canadian growth was expected to increase 1.7%, down from 1.9% previously.

In 2017, Manitoba real GDP is expected to increase by 2.5%, up 0.1% from the January survey. Manitoba is expected to rank second strongest among provinces in 2017, following BC. Canadian growth is expected at 2.2%, down from 2.3% previously.

Employment is forecast to grow by 0.5% in 2016, ranking Manitoba fourth best among the provinces. Canada's employment is expected to increase by 0.7%.

Manitoba's employment is forecast to grow by 1.2%, greater than Canada's 1.0%, ranking Manitoba second strongest among the provinces in 2017, following BC.

Manitoba's unemployment is forecast at 5.8% in 2016, the lowest in Canada and tied with Saskatchewan. In 2017, unemployment is forecast at 5.6%, second lowest in Canada and following Saskatchewan.