

# THE MANITOBA Current

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## Key Labour Force Indicators, month-to-month change

Labour Force			Employment		
689,500	0.5 %	▲	647,200	0.6 %	▲
Unemployment Rate			Participation Rate		
6.1%	-0.1 pts	▼	674%	0.3 pts	▲

### Labour Force Trends

In April 2018, Manitoba's labour force increased by 3,700 persons compared to the previous month.

689,500 Manitobans were employed in April 2018. Total employment in Manitoba increased by 4,100 people since March. Full-time employment increased by 4,500 to 517,000, while part-time employment decreased slightly by 300 persons to 130,300.

With these labour force and employment changes, Manitoba's unemployment rate ranked fourth among the provinces at 6.1%. Canada's unemployment rate remained the same since last month at 5.8%.

Nova Scotia (6.7%) had the largest decrease in unemployment rate since March, followed by Quebec (5.4%). The largest increase in the unemployment rate was in Prince Edward Island (11.2%) by 0.9 percentage points.

Manitoba's youth unemployment rate in April remained the same as March at 11.9%, ranking fifth among the provinces, and above the Canadian youth unemployment rate of 11.1%, which increased by 0.2 percentage points since March.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, there were 2,700 more private sector employees and 1,400 more public sector employees than at the same time last year in Manitoba.

### Labour Force Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

	Manitoba				Canada			
	April 2018	March 2018	April 2017	Y/Y Change	April 2018	March 2018	April 2017	Y/Y Change
Labour Force	689,500	685,800	677,300	1.8%	19,758,700	19,746,900	19,746,900	0.9%
Total Employment	647,200	643,100	641,300	0.9%	18,603,700	18,604,800	18,325,400	1.5%
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	6.2%	5.3%	0.8pts	5.8%	5.8%	6.4%	-0.6pts
Participation Rate	67.4%	67.1%	67.0%	0.4pts	65.4%	65.5%	65.7%	-0.3pts

# Manitoba



### Industry Employment Trends

Manitoba's goods-producing industry with the highest employment gains year-over-year was Agriculture (+4,400 or 19.6%). Remaining goods-producing industries recorded employment losses; Construction decreased the most (-3,100 or -6.3%).

Manitoba's goods-producing sector employed 149,200 persons in April 2018. This sector represents 23.0% of Manitoba's total employment. Canada's goods-producing

sector employed 3,938,500 persons in April 2018, a year-over-year increase of 2.3%.

Manitoba's services sector industries with the highest employment gains year-over-year were Health Care and Social Assistance (+5,500 or 5.5%) and Other Business Services (+3,400 or 13.0%).

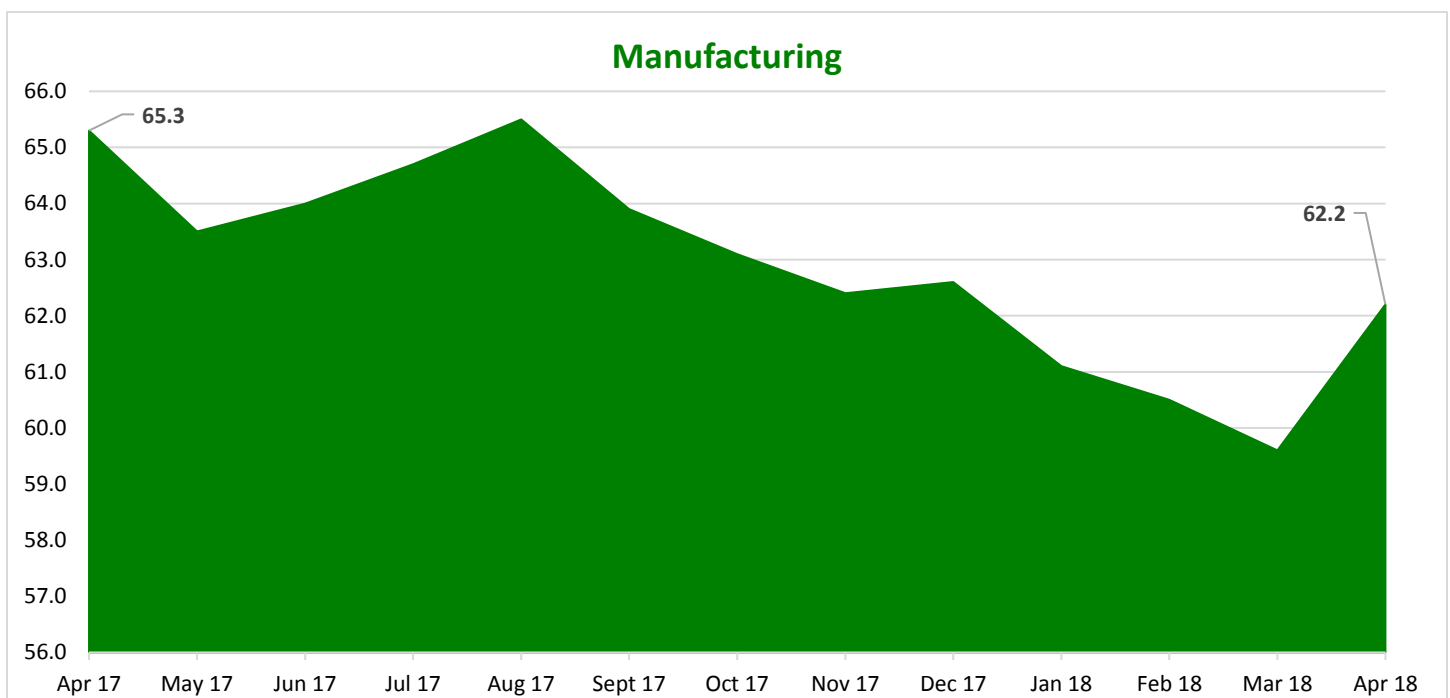
Manitoba's services sector employed 498,000 persons in April 2018. The services sector represents 76.9% of Manitoba's total employment. Canada's services sector industries employed 14,665,200 persons in April 2018, a year-over-year increase of 1.3%.

### Industry Employment Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

	Manitoba				Canada			
	April 2018	March 2018	April 2017	Y/Y Change	April 2018	March 2017	April 2017	Y/Y Change
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	149,200	145,800	153,900	-3.1%	3,938,500	3,954,400	3,850,600	2.8%
<b>Services Sector</b>	498,000	497,300	487,300	2.2%	14,665,200	14,650,400	14,474,800	1.2%

### Manitoba Industry Spotlight: Manufacturing

Manitoba's Manufacturing sector employed 62,200 persons in April 2018. Year-over-year, employment decreased by 3,100 persons or -4.7%. This sector represents 9.6% of Manitoba's total employment.



## Did you know?

Manitoba is developing an [economic growth strategy](#) for the province. Interested Manitobans as well as business, industry, education and economic development organizations are invited to submit ideas online.

Manitoba announced that grant applications for new [Community Development projects and initiatives](#) are now being accepted until May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Manitoba is streamlining the [Student Aid](#) application process, while providing \$8.6 million in additional student loans, and increasing bursaries by \$2.7 million.

Manitoba is consulting on implementing a standardized system of [training and certification for commercial truck drivers](#).

*Plan to attend these events:*

[Vision Quest Conference and Trade Show](#) invites innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders to discuss Indigenous business community economic development. Attend May 15-17 at RBC Convention Centre.

North Forge is hosting [Ramp Up! Weekend June 1-3](#) for developers, designers, makers, and entrepreneurs to build new viable products and network!

[Embracing Excellence Lean Conference June 4-7](#) at RBC Convention Centre hosted by the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters.

## Regional Highlights

Between April 2017 and April 2018, the unemployment rate in Winnipeg increased by 0.8 percentage points to 7.1%.

Outside of Winnipeg, the unemployment rate in Interlake increased the most by 2.7 percentage points. The region with the largest decrease in unemployment rate this month was Southwest by 0.8 percentage points.

## Labour Force Trends, Unadjusted for Seasonality

Region	Working Age Population		Total Employment		Participation Rate (%)		Unemployment Rate (%)	
	April 2018	April 2017	April 2018	April 2017	April 2018	April 2017	April 2018	April 2017
<b>Winnipeg</b>	620,500	610,100	385,500	381,400	66.9	66.7	7.1	6.3
<b>Rest of Manitoba</b>	401,000	398,700	251,500	252,000	66.1	66.3	5.1	4.7
<b>Southeast</b>	94,000	92,300	60,800	60,700	68.1	69.4	5.2	5.3
<b>Central</b>	87,000	86,100	54,600	54,300	64.7	65.4	3.0	3.6
<b>Southwest</b>	89,700	89,000	54,700	53,900	64.2	64.3	5.0	5.8
<b>Interlake</b>	76,100	75,800	45,300	47,200	63.9	64.9	6.8	4.1
<b>Parklands and North</b>	54,200	55,500	36,100	36,000	71.0	67.9	6.2	4.8

## Manitoba Current Focus: Provincial Economic Outlook (Manitoba Finance)

*(updated since the last forecast release March 12th)*

In 2018, Manitoba's real GDP is expected to increase by 2.0% compared to 2.1% growth for Canada. Manitoba ranks 5th among the provinces.

In 2018, employment is forecast to grow by 0.7%, ranking Manitoba 6th and tied with Nova Scotia. The

unemployment rate is forecast at 5.4%, ranking 2nd lowest among the provinces.

In 2019, Manitoba's real GDP is expected to increase by 1.7% compared to 1.9% for Canada. Manitoba ranks 6th, tied with Quebec.

In 2019, employment is forecast to grow by 0.7%, ranking Manitoba 6th. The unemployment rate is forecast at 5.4%, tying Manitoba with Quebec for 2nd lowest.