

# THE MANITOBA Current

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

Labour Force			Employment		
675,400	0.3%	▲	633,000	0.2%	▲
Unemployment Rate			Participation Rate		
6.3%	0.1pts	▲	67.2%	0.1pts	▲

### Labour Force Trends

In December 2016, Manitoba's labour force increased by 2,100 (+0.3%) persons compared to the previous month.

633,000 Manitobans were employed in December 2016. Total employment in Manitoba increased by 1,200 people in December from 631,800 in November. Full-time employment in December increased by 5,000 while part-time employment decreased by 3,700 persons.

With these labour force and employment changes, Manitoba's unemployment rate was the second-lowest

among the provinces at 6.3% and increased by 0.1 percentage points since November. British Columbia has the lowest unemployment rate at 5.8%, while Canada's unemployment rate rose slightly to 6.9%.

New Brunswick saw the largest increase in unemployment rate by 0.7 percentage points. The largest decrease in unemployment rate was Alberta by 0.5 percentage points.

Manitoba's youth unemployment rate decreased to 13.1 percentage points from 13.2 in November and is the fifth-lowest among the provinces. Canada's youth unemployment rate was 12.6% in December, with a 0.3 percentage-point decrease from the previous month.

### Labour Force Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

	Manitoba				Canada			
	Dec 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2015	Y/Y Change	Dec 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2015	Y/Y Change
Labour Force	675,400	673,300	674,200	0.2%	19,566,600	19,498,100	19,397,300	0.9%
Total Employment	633,000	631,800	634,000	-0.2%	18,225,000	18,171,300	18,010,900	1.2%
Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.2	5.9	0.4 pts	6.9	6.8	7.1	-0.2 pts
Participation Rate	67.2	67.1	68.0	-0.8 pts	65.8	65.6	65.9	-0.1 pts



### Industry Employment Trends

Manitoba's goods-producing industries with the highest employment gains year-over-year were Utilities (+1,200 or 13.8%) and Forestry, Fishing & Mining (+300 or 4.8%).

Manitoba's goods-producing sector employed 149,400 persons in December 2016. This sector represents 23.6% of Manitoba's total employment. Canada's goods-producing sector employed 3,825,000 persons in December 2016, a year-over-year decrease of 1.6%.

Manitoba's services sector industries with the highest employment gains year-over-year were Finance (+4,100 or 12.8%), Information, Culture and Recreation (+2,300 or 10.3%) and Professional & Administrative Services (+1,300 or 2.9%).

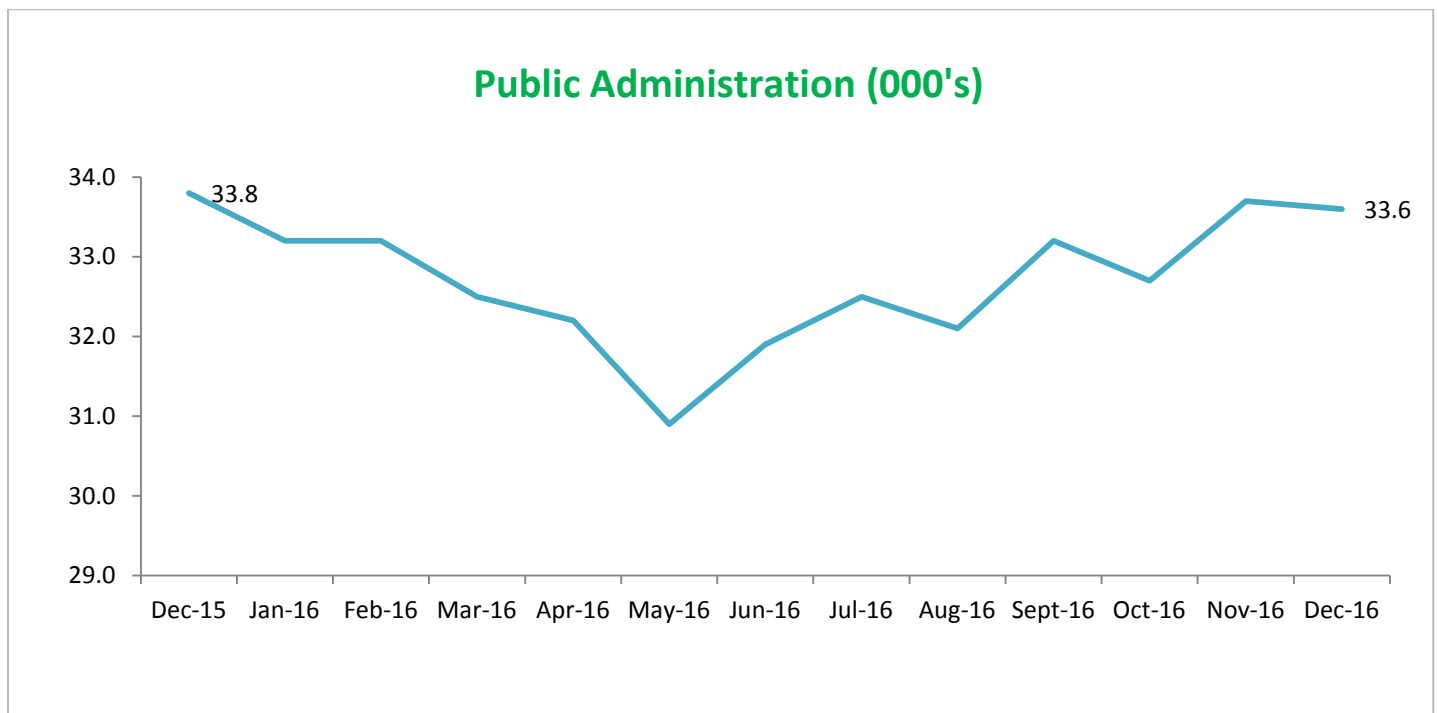
Manitoba's services sector employed 483,600 persons in December 2016. The services sector represents 76.4% of Manitoba's total employment. Canada's services sector industries employed 14,400,000 persons in December 2016, a year-over-year increase of 2.0%.

### Industry Employment Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

	Manitoba				Canada			
	Dec 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2015	Y/Y Change	Dec 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2015	Y/Y Change
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	149,400	152,900	150,000	-0.4%	3,825,000	3,823,300	3,886,600	-1.6%
<b>Services Sector</b>	483,600	478,900	484,000	-0.1%	14,400,000	14,348,000	14,124,200	2.0%

### Manitoba Industry Spotlight: Public Administration

Manitoba's Public Administration sector employed 33,600 persons in December 2016. Year-over-year, employment decreased by 200 persons or 0.6%. This sector represents 5.3% of Manitoba's total employment.



## Did you know?

A new [provincial initiative in Swan Valley](#) will provide \$250,000 for unemployed or underemployed participants to certify as heavy duty technicians, agricultural equipment technicians and truck and transport mechanics.

As of January 1, 2017 the waiting period for employment Insurance benefits has been reduced from two weeks to one week. For more details see the [ESDC website](#).

[Working Without A Net](#) is a new report from the Mowat Centre exploring the impact of new technologies on Canada's economy and labour market. The report examines the ability of social programs to support workers during this period of transition; makes recommendations; and identifies rapid changes to the nature of work.

## Regional Highlights

Manitoba's working age population increased by 8,900 persons between December 2015 and December 2016. The Labour Force increased by 1,200 persons to 1003,600 in the same time.

The [Postsecondary Student Information System](#) (PSIS) provides enrollment data on Canadian graduates. According to Statistics Canada, there were 61,926 university and college grads in Manitoba in 2014/15.

A Statistics Canada study on [Co-op Participation of College and Bachelor's Graduates](#) between 1986 to 2010, shows the proportion of college co-op grads rose from 7% to 22%; and from 5% to 12% among bachelor's grads. By 2010, Manitoba had the highest college co-op participation rates at 32%. As more fields developed co-op programs, participation by female students rose. By 2010, women accounted for 55% of all co-op grads at the bachelor's level.

Between December 2015 and December 2016, the unemployment rate increased in all regions except in the Southeast (-1.3 pts) and Central (-0.8 pts). The unemployment rate in Parklands and North remained steady at 4.3%. The Interlake region experienced the highest increase by 1.5 points.

## Labour Force Trends, Unadjusted for Seasonality

Region	Working Age Population		Total Employment		Participation Rate (%)		Unemployment Rate (%)	
	Dec 2016	Dec 2015	Dec 2016	Dec 2015	Dec 2016	Dec 2015	Dec 2016	Dec 2015
Winnipeg	606,500	597,600	383,600	383,800	67.7	68.2	6.6	5.8
Rest of Manitoba	397,100	393,700	249,800	253,600	65.7	67.4	4.2	4.3
Southeast	91,700	89,900	60,100	58,100	67.9	67.9	3.5	4.8
Central	85,700	84,900	53,700	53,700	64.6	65.7	3.1	3.9
Southwest	88,700	88,100	53,900	57,700	64.1	69.0	5.3	5.1
Interlake	75,600	75,200	46,100	48,300	64.3	66.6	5.1	3.6
Parklands and North	55,400	55,700	35,900	35,900	67.7	67.3	4.3	4.3

## Manitoba Current Focus: Quarterly Population Estimates, October 2016 (Manitoba Bureau of Statistics)

Manitoba's total population was estimated at 1,323,958 residents as of October 1, 2016, up 5,830 persons from the July 1, 2016 estimate. This represents an annual increase of 22,601 people or 1.74%.

Net international migration for the first three quarters of 2016 was 12,392 individuals, up from 9,907 people in the first three quarters of 2015.

Interprovincial migration decreased in Manitoba by 5,812 residents during the first three quarters of 2016.

Over the first nine months of 2016, Manitoba's net population gains were from Nunavut, Prince Edward Island, and the Yukon. Combining various forms of population movement, Manitoba's overall net migration gain was 12,112 people in the first three quarters of 2016. This marked an increase of 5,138 individuals compared to the first three months of 2015.

In the first three quarters of 2016 there were 13,384 births in Manitoba.