





The Manitoba Current

Labour Market Outlook Monthly Summary

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Key Labour Force Indicators, month-to-month change

Labour Force			Employment		
671,200	0.3%		630,700	0.3%	
Unemployment Rate			Participation Rate		
6.0	-0.1pts		67.5	0.1 pts	

Labour Force Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

In February 2016, Manitoba's labour force increased by 700 (0.3%) persons compared to the previous month.

Manitoba employed 630,700 people in January 2016. Total employment in Manitoba increased by 2,000 (-0.8%) persons from the previous month. Full-time employment increased by 900, while part-time employment increased by 100 persons.

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

provinces at 6.0%, down from 6.1% in January 2016. Saskatchewan has the lowest unemployment rate at 5.9% and British Columbia had the 3rd lowest unemployment rate at 6.6%, while Canada's unemployment rate increased to 7.3%. Only Manitoba and Newfoundland and Labrador saw a decrease in unemployment rate.

Manitoba's youth unemployment rate decreased from 12.7% in January to 12.2% in February 2016 and was 3rd lowest among the provinces. Canada's youth unemployment rate was 13.3% in February, an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the previous month.

Labour Force Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

	Manitoba				Canada			
	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Feb 2015	Y/Y Change	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Feb 2015	Y/Y Change
Labour Force	671,200	669,500	672,000	0.1%	19,413,300	19,395,500	19,200,700	1.1%
Total Employment	630,700	628,700	635,000	0.7%	18,002,900	18,005,200	17,885,000	0.7%
Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.1	5.5	0.5pts	7.3	7.2	6.9	0.4pts
Participation Rate	67.5	67.4	68.4	-0.9pts	65.9	65.9	65.8	0.1pts

Industry Employment Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

Manitoba's goods-producing industries with the highest employment gains year-over-year were Utilities (+2,300 or 29.5%) and Construction (+2,900 or 6.7%).

Manitoba's goods-producing sector employed 149,600 persons in February 2016. This sector represents 23.7% of Manitoba's total employment. Canada's goods-producing sector employed 3,903,500 persons in February 2016, a year-over-year increase of 0.5%.

Manitoba's services sector industries with the highest employment gains year-over-year were Business, building and other support services (+2,400 or 14.2%), Professional, scientific and technical services (+1,600 or 6.4%) and Information, culture and recreation (+500 or 2.2%).

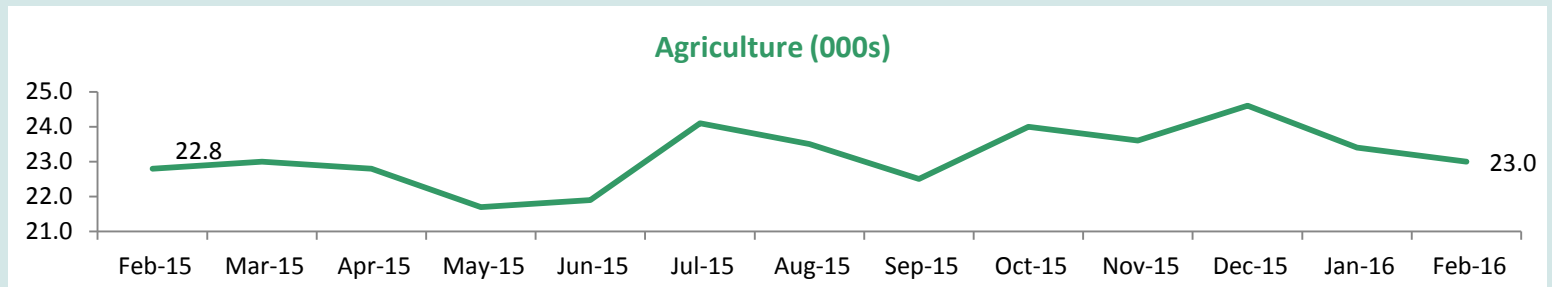
Manitoba's services sector employed 481,100 persons in February 2016. The services sector represents 76.3% of Manitoba's total employment. Canada's services sector industries employed 14,099,400 persons in February 2016 (78.3%), a year-over-year increase of 0.7%.

Industry Employment Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

	Manitoba				Canada			
	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Feb 2015	Y/Y Change	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Feb 2015	Y/Y Change
Goods-Producing	149,600	150,400	148,700	1.7%	3,903,500	3,861,300	3,885,800	0.5%
Services Sector	481,100	478,200	486,700	-1.4%	14,099,400	14,143,900	13,999,100	0.7%

Manitoba Industry Spotlight: Agriculture

Manitoba's Agriculture industry employed 23,000 persons in February 2016. Year-over-year, employment increased by 200 persons or 0.9%. This industry represents 3.6% of Manitoba's total employment.



Did You Know?

- Elections Manitoba offers grade 11 and 12 students the opportunity to work on election day as [Student Information Officers](#) which are paid \$11.00 an hour.
- ChatterHigh is hosting "[Canada's Most Informed Student](#)," a competition to celebrate the effort students make to explore post-secondary programs, career pathways, health and financial literacy. Top finalists earn scholarships! Competition dates: Apr 11-May 20, 2016.
- According to Manpower's employment outlook survey, Winnipeg's hiring climate is moderate with 8% of employers planning to hire in the second quarter of 2016.
- A new OECD report, [Learn to Earn: Skills, Inequality and Well-Being](#), identifies the links between learning, skills, productivity and economic growth.

Regional Highlights

Between February 2015 and February 2016, the participation rate decreased in all of Manitoba's economic regions. Total employment increased in the Winnipeg, Interlake and Southeast regions this month compared to February 2015.

The working age population increased in most regions of Manitoba, except Parklands & North, while this region is the only one with a decreased unemployment rate year-over-year.

Manitoba Labour Force Characteristics by Region, Unadjusted, three month moving average

Region	Working Age Pop. (15+)		Total Employment		Participation Rate (%)		Unemployment Rate (%)	
	Feb 2016	Feb 2015	Feb 2016	Feb 2015	Feb 2016	Feb 2015	Feb 2016	Feb 2015
Winnipeg	598,700	591,200	380,800	378,200	67.9	68.1	6.3	6.1
Rest of Manitoba	394,200	391,200	243,700	251,000	65.3	67.2	5.4	4.6
Southeast	90,200	88,200	56,900	56,500	67.2	67.9	5.9	5.5
Central	85,000	83,900	52,600	56,500	64.1	69.8	3.7	3.1
Southwest	88,100	87,800	54,200	57,200	65.5	67.7	6.1	3.7
Interlake	75,300	74,500	45,100	44,900	63.9	63.5	6.2	4.9
Parklands & North	55,500	56,700	34,900	35,500	65.9	66.8	4.6	6.3

Manitoba Current Focus: Manitoba Average Weekly Earnings (2015)

- In 2015, the average weekly earnings in Manitoba were \$879.47, ranking Manitoba seventh among provinces and below the Canadian average of \$952.03.
- Between 2014 and 2015, Manitoba's average weekly earnings increased by \$16.69 or 1.9%. Manitoba's year-over-year increase in earnings was sixth among provinces, above the national increase of 1.8%.
- Over the last five years, average weekly earnings in Manitoba increased by \$78.16 or 9.8%.
- In 2015, the highest average weekly earnings in Manitoba were reported in the Finance and Insurance industry (\$1,131.26), followed by Construction (\$1,084.48).