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Key Labour Force Indicators, month-to-month change

| Labour Force | | | Employment | | |
|-------------------|---------|---|--------------------|---------|---|
| 678,000 | 0.1% |  | 636,300 | 0.0% |  |
| Unemployment Rate | | | Participation Rate | | |
| 6.2% | 0.1 pts |  | 67.8% | 0.1 pts |  |

Labour Force Trends

In July 2016, Manitoba's labour force increased by 500 (0.1%) persons compared to the previous month.

Manitoba employed 678,000 people in July 2016. Total employment in Manitoba increased by 200 people in July from 636,100 in June. Full-time employment in July increased by 3,900 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 6.2%, up 0.1 percentage points from June 2016. British Columbia has the lowest unemployment rate at 5.6% and Saskatchewan has the third-lowest unemployment rate at 6.3%, while Canada's unemployment rate increased from last month by 0.1 points to be 6.9%. Newfoundland and Labrador saw the largest increase in unemployment rate, by 0.8 percentage points.

Manitoba's youth unemployment rate decreased from 13.6 to 13.5 percentage points from June and is the fourth-lowest among the provinces. Canada's youth unemployment rate was 13.3% in July, an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the previous month.

Labour Force Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

| | Manitoba | | | | Canada | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | July 2016 | June 2016 | July 2015 | Y/Y Change | July 2016 | June 2016 | July 2015 | Y/Y Change |
| Labour Force | 678,000 | 677,500 | 669,900 | 1.2% | 19,368,000 | 19,380,800 | 19,269,200 | 0.5% |
| Total Employment | 636,300 | 636,100 | 632,100 | 0.7% | 18,023,300 | 18,054,500 | 17,951,900 | 0.4% |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.2% | 6.1% | 5.6% | 0.6 pts | 6.9% | 6.8% | 6.8% | 0.1 pts |
| Participation Rate | 67.8% | 67.9% | 67.8% | 0.0 pts | 65.4% | 65.5% | 65.8% | -0.4 pts |

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Industry Employment Trends

Manitoba's goods-producing industries with the highest employment gains year-over-year were Utilities (+2000 or 25.3%), Construction (+1,600 or 3.5%), and Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Quarrying, Oil and Gas (+1,100 or 21.6%).

Manitoba's goods-producing sector employed 150,700 persons in July 2016. This sector represents 23.7% of Manitoba's total employment. Canada's goods-producing sector employed 3,800,800 persons in July 2016, a year-over-year decrease of 1.4%.

Manitoba's services sector industries with the highest employment gains year-over-year were Finance (+2200 or 6.9%) and Educational Services (+2,000 or 3.9%).

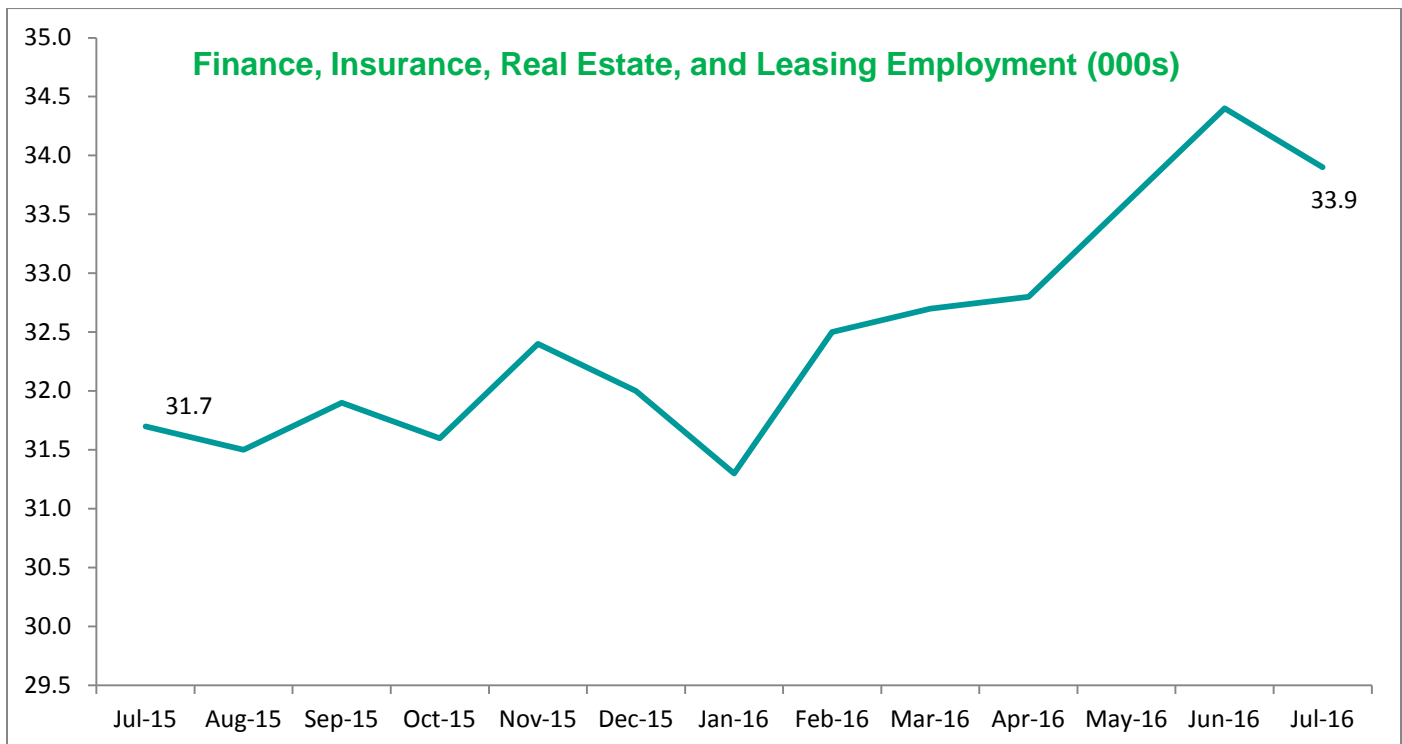
Manitoba's services sector employed 485,600 persons in July 2016. The services sector represents 76.3% of Manitoba's total employment. Canada's services sector industries employed 14,222,500 persons in July 2016, a year-over-year increase of 0.9%.

Industry Employment Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

| | Manitoba | | | | Canada | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | July 2016 | June 2016 | July 2015 | Y/Y Change | July 2016 | June 2016 | July 2015 | Y/Y Change |
| Goods-Producing | 150,700 | 149,700 | 147,300 | 2.3% | 3,800,800 | 3,805,100 | 3,855,500 | -1.4% |
| Services Sector | 485,600 | 486,500 | 484,800 | 0.2% | 14,222,500 | 14,249,400 | 14,096,400 | 0.9% |

Manitoba Industry Spotlight: Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing

Manitoba's Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing industry employed 33,900 persons in July 2016. Year-over-year, employment increased by 2,200 persons or 6.9%. This industry represents 5.3% of Manitoba's total employment.



Did you know?

Education and Training Minister Ian Wishart announced the province will be hosting [roundtables with stakeholders on employment and skills training programs](#), services, and labour market needs to ensure federal workforce development funding transfers of \$3 billion are flexible and responsive. Roundtables will be held in Thompson Aug.8 at Best Western Hotel, Portage la Prairie Aug. 11 at Portage Credit Union Centre, and Brandon Aug. 15 at ACC.

A Job Seeker Café will be held August 16 and 17 at the Millennium Library, second floor, hosted by Third Quarter and Skills Connect. [Register online!](#)

[The Career Development Practitioner Program at University of Winnipeg](#) is now accepting admissions for

Regional Highlights

Manitoba's working age population increased by 12,200 persons between July 2015 and July 2016. The Labour Force increased by 6,200 persons in the same time.

September. The updated program website offers more details and an online application.

Employment researchers Don Drummond and Cliff Halliwell provide recommendations to the Business Council of Canada in the report "[Labour Market Information: An essential part of Canada's skills agenda](#)". Suggestions to improve LMI and match workers' skills with employers' needs include: better coordination of data, work-integrated learning opportunities for youth, and more data on post-graduate skills acquisition.

Between July 2015 and July 2016, the unemployment rate increased in all regions except in the Southeast (-0.4 pts) and Parklands and North (-2.2 pts) regions. The Southwest experienced the highest increase by 2.1 points, followed by the Interlake region with 1.8 points.

Labour Force Trends, Unadjusted for Seasonality

| Region | Working Age Population | | Total Employment | | Participation Rate (%) | | Unemployment Rate (%) | |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| | July 2016 | July 2015 | July 2016 | July 2015 | July 2016 | July 2015 | July 2016 | July 2015 |
| Winnipeg | 602,900 | 594,300 | 387,700 | 390,100 | 68.9 | 70.0 | 6.7 | 6.2 |
| Rest of Manitoba | 395,800 | 392,200 | 255,800 | 250,700 | 68.2 | 67.1 | 5.2 | 4.8 |
| Southeast | 91,000 | 89,000 | 62,200 | 56,100 | 71.6 | 66.5 | 4.8 | 5.2 |
| Central | 85,400 | 84,400 | 55,100 | 54,900 | 67.7 | 68.1 | 4.7 | 4.5 |
| Southwest | 88,500 | 87,900 | 54,800 | 58,200 | 65.4 | 68.5 | 5.4 | 3.3 |
| Interlake | 75,500 | 74,800 | 46,900 | 46,200 | 66.8 | 65.0 | 6.7 | 4.9 |
| Parklands and North | 55,400 | 56,100 | 36,800 | 35,300 | 69.7 | 67.6 | 4.7 | 6.9 |

Manitoba Current Focus: Economic Outlook (Manitoba Finance)

According to an average of major economic forecasts Manitoba's real GDP growth for 2016 was revised down by 0.1% to 2.1%. Manitoba ranks third best among the provinces following B.C. and Ontario. Canada's growth was revised down to 1.3%.

In 2017, Manitoba's real GDP was unchanged at 2.3%

and is higher than Canada at 2.1%. Manitoba is tied at third best among the provinces with Alberta, following B.C. and Ontario.

Manitoba's employment growth is forecast to rise 0.2%, in 2016 ranking fourth among provinces, and below national employment growth of 0.6%.

Manitoba's unemployment rate is forecast at 5.9% in 2016, and 5.7% in 2017, ranking the best among the provinces in each year.