

# THE MANITOBA Current

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

Labour Force			Employment		
676,900	0.8%		636,200	0.9%	
Unemployment Rate			Participation Rate		
6.0	0.0pts		67.5	0.5pts	

### Labour Force Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

In March 2016, Manitoba's labour force increased by 5,700 (0.8%) persons compared to the previous month.

Manitoba employed 636,200 people in March 2016. Total employment in Manitoba increased by 5,500 (0.9%) persons from the previous month. Full-time employment increased by 6,500, while part-time employment decreased by 900 persons.

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

provinces at 6.0%, the same as in February 2016. Saskatchewan has the second-lowest unemployment rate at 6.2% and British Columbia had the third lowest unemployment rate at 6.5%, while Canada's unemployment rate decreased to 7.1%. Newfoundland and Labrador saw the largest decrease in unemployment rate, by 1 full percentage point.

Manitoba's youth unemployment rate also remained unchanged from February at 12.2% and was 4th lowest among the province, behind Alberta, Saskatchewan and Quebec. Canada's youth unemployment rate was 13.4% in March, an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the previous month.

### Labour Force Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

	Manitoba				Canada			
	Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2015	Y/Y Change	Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2015	Y/Y Change
Labour Force	676,900	671,200	676,500	0.1%	19,428,400	19,413,300	19,229,300	1.0%
Total Employment	636,200	630,700	639,600	-0.5%	18,043,500	18,002,900	17,913,900	0.7%
Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.0	5.5	0.5pts	7.1	7.3	6.8	0.3pts
Participation Rate	68.0	67.5	68.8	-0.8pts	65.9	65.9	65.9	0.0pts



### Industry Employment Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

Manitoba's goods-producing industries with the highest employment gains year-over-year were Utilities (+1,800 or 22.8%), Construction (+1,300 or 2.8%) and Forestry, Fishing and Mining (+600 or 10%).

Manitoba's goods-producing sector employed 150,400 persons in March 2016. This sector represents 23.6% of Manitoba's total employment. Canada's goods-producing sector employed 3,869,400 persons in March 2016, a year-over-year increase of 0%.

Manitoba's services sector industries with the highest employment gains year-over-year were Professional, scientific and technical services (+3,100 or 12.3%) and Information, culture and recreation (+1,400 or 6.1%).

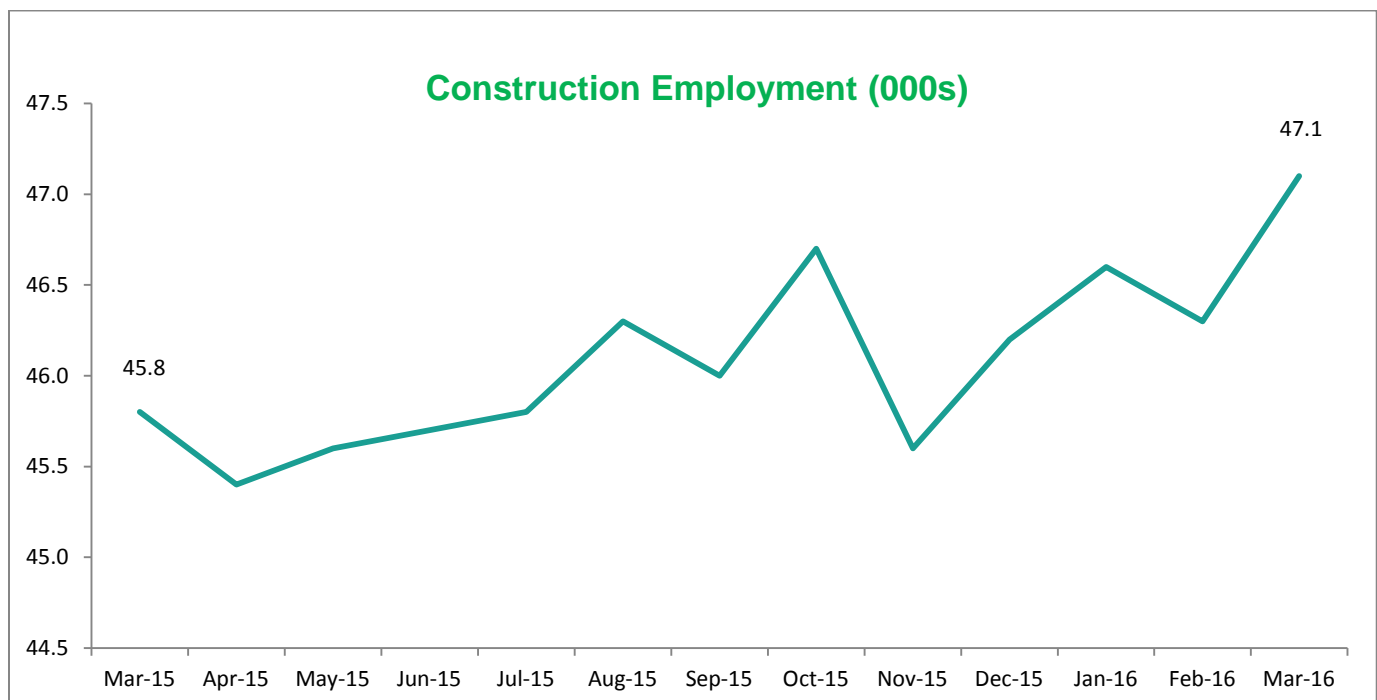
Manitoba's services sector employed 485,800 persons in March 2016. The services sector represents 76.4% of Manitoba's total employment. Canada's services sector industries employed 14,174,100 persons in March 2016, a year-over-year increase of 0.9%.

### Industry Employment Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

	Manitoba				Canada			
	Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2015	Y/Y Change	Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2015	Y/Y Change
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	150,400	149,600	146,900	2.4%	3,869,400	3,903,500	3,867,700	0.0%
<b>Services Sector</b>	485,800	481,100	492,800	-1.4%	14,174,100	14,099,400	14,046,200	0.9%

### Manitoba Industry Spotlight: Construction

Manitoba's Construction industry employed 47,100 persons in March 2016. Year-over-year, employment increased by persons 1,300 or 2.8%. This industry represents 7.4% of Manitoba's total employment.



## Did you know?

The **Kinsmen Business & Career Expo** is coming to Dauphin on April 23-24. For more details see the website: <http://www.dauphinkin.ca/index.php/events/kinsmen-business-expo>

The University College of the North presents the 2016 **Career Explorations and Try-A-Trade** at the Roy H. Johnston Arena in the Pas on April 27.

The **Winnipeg Rotary Career Symposium** is May 2 (6-9pm), May 3 (9am-3pm) and May 4 (9am-3pm) at the RBC Convention Centre. For more details see the website: <http://careersymposium.ca>

**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 in March 2016 by 10,800 persons compared to March 2015. However, the Labour Force decreased by 2,200 persons in the same time.

Between March 2015 and March 2016, the unemployment rate increased in all regions except Parklands and North. The Interlake experienced the highest increase by 2.8 points, followed by Southwest with 2.7 points.

Region	Working Age Population		Total Employment		Participation Rate (%)		Unemployment Rate (%)	
	Mar 2016	March 2015	March 2016	March 2015	March 2016	March 2015	March 2016	March 2015
Winnipeg	599,400	591,800	380,400	380,100	67.9	68.6	6.5	6.4
Rest of Manitoba	394,600	391,400	243,500	249,100	65.4	66.7	5.7	4.5
Southeast	90,300	88,400	58,100	56,000	68.2	67.0	5.7	5.6
Central	85,100	84,000	53,000	55,700	64.6	68.5	3.6	3.1
Southwest	88,200	87,800	53,300	57,000	64.5	67.2	6.3	3.6
Interlake	75,400	74,600	44,500	44,500	63.9	62.7	7.7	4.9
Parklands and North	55,500	56,600	34,700	35,900	65.6	67.7	4.7	6.3

## Manitoba Current Focus: Manitoba Quarterly Population Estimates

As of January 1, 2016 Manitoba's total population was 1,303,896 residents, up 5,301 individuals from the October 1, 2015 estimate. From January 1, 2015 to January 1, 2016, the population increased 16,206 people or 1.26%. A large portion of this gain is due to immigration.

Manitoba's net international migration for 2015 was 13,311 individuals, a decrease from 14,643 in 2014.

Through interprovincial migration, Manitoba recorded a net loss to other provinces of 6,971 residents during 2015, down from 7,336 people in 2014. Most of Manitoba's population decreases were to Alberta (-3275), British Columbia (-2,150) and Ontario (-1,149).

After accounting for international and interprovincial migration as well as other population movements, such as increases in the number of non-permanent residents, Manitoba recorded an overall net migration gain of 10,404 individuals in 2015. In 2015, the number of births in Manitoba was 16,665, the highest level since 1994.