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Key Labour Force Indicators, month-to-month change

Labour Force			Employment		
685,800	0.5 %		643,100	0.1 %	
Unemployment Rate			Participation Rate		
6.2%	0.3 pts		67.1%	0.2 pts	

Labour Force Trends

In March 2018, Manitoba's labour force increased by 3,600 persons compared to the previous month.

685,800 Manitobans were employed in March 2018. Total employment in Manitoba increased by 900 people since February. Full-time employment remained the same as the previous month at 512,500, while part-time employment increased by 900 persons to 130,600.

With these labour force and employment changes, Manitoba's unemployment rate ranked fifth among the provinces at 6.2%. Canada's unemployment rate remained the same since last month at 5.8%.

Nova Scotia (7.4%) had the largest decrease in unemployment rate since February, followed by

Alberta (6.3%). The largest increase in the unemployment rate was in Manitoba (6.2%) by 0.3 percentage points.

Manitoba's youth unemployment rate in March increased by 0.1 percentage points to 11.9%, ranking fifth among the provinces, and above the Canadian youth unemployment rate, which decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 10.9%.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, there were 200 fewer private sector employees and 2,400 more public sector employees than at the same time last year in Manitoba.

Labour Force Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

	Manitoba				Canada			
	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Y/Y Change	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Y/Y Change
Labour Force	685,800	682,800	678,100	1.1%	19,746,900	19,716,800	19,608,400	0.7%
Total Employment	643,100	642,200	640,900	0.3%	18,604,800	18,572,500	18,308,600	1.6%
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	5.9%	5.5%	0.7pts	5.8%	5.8%	6.6%	-0.8pts
Participation Rate	67.1%	66.9%	67.2%	-0.1pts	65.5%	65.5%	65.8%	-0.3pts

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Industry Employment Trends

Manitoba's goods-producing industry with the highest employment gains year-over-year was Agriculture (+3,900 or 17.3%). Remaining goods-producing industries recorded employment losses; Construction decreased the most (-4,600 or -9.1%).

Manitoba's goods-producing sector employed 145,800 persons in March 2018. This sector represents 22.7% of Manitoba's total employment. Canada's goods-producing

sector employed 3,954,400 persons in March 2018, a year-over-year increase of 3.0%.

Manitoba's services sector industries with the highest employment gains year-over-year were Other Business Services (+4,600 or 17.6%) and Health Care and Social Assistance (+4,100 or 4.1%).

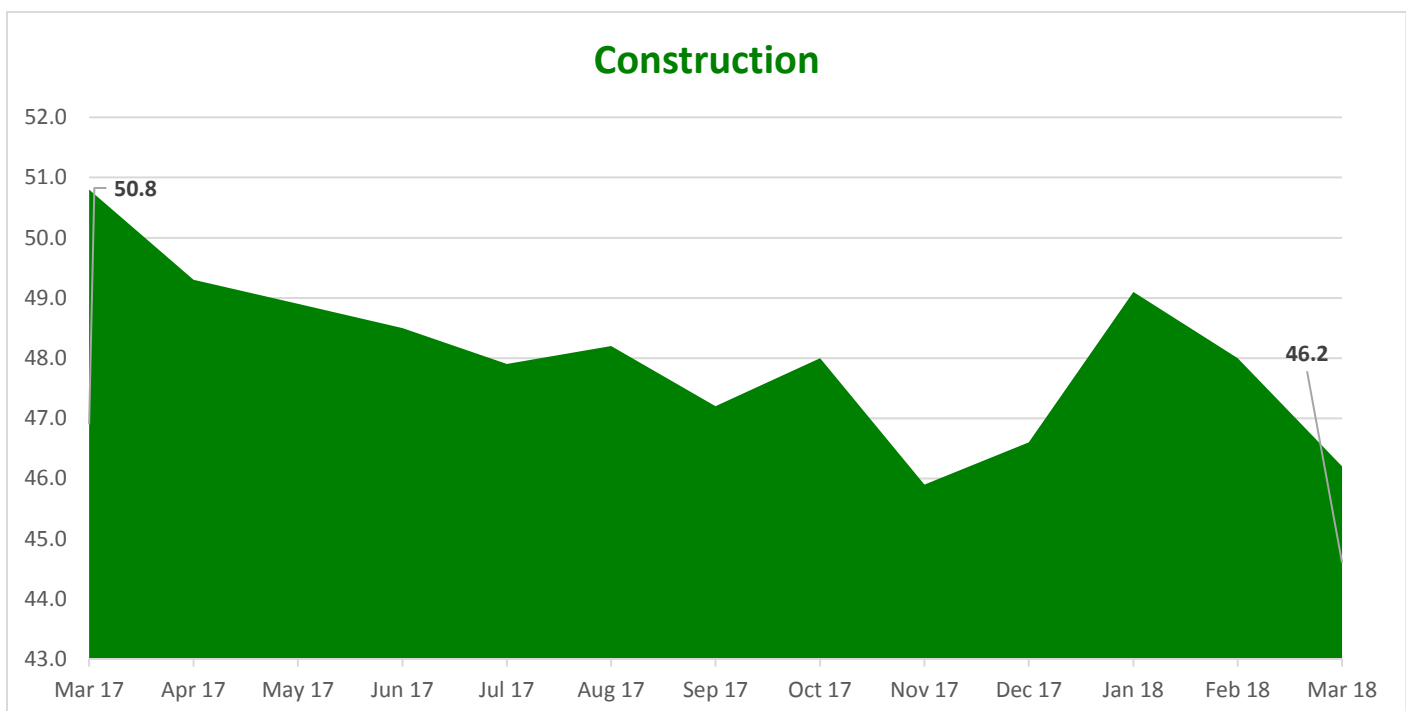
Manitoba's services sector employed 497,300 persons in March 2018. The services sector represents 77.3% of Manitoba's total employment. Canada's services sector industries employed 14,650,400 persons in March 2018, a year-over-year increase of 1.3%.

Industry Employment Trends, Seasonally Adjusted

	Manitoba				Canada			
	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2017	Y/Y Change	Mar 2018	Feb 2017	Mar 2017	Y/Y Change
Goods-Producing	145,800	149,000	154,800	-5.8%	3,954,400	3,932,700	3,839,500	3.0%
Services Sector	497,300	493,100	486,100	2.3%	14,650,400	14,639,800	14,469,100	1.3%

Manitoba Industry Spotlight: Construction

Manitoba's Construction sector employed 46,200 persons in March 2018. Year-over-year, employment decreased by 4,600 persons or -9.1%. This sector represents 31.7% of Manitoba's total employment.



Did you know?

[Ubisoft Entertainment](#) will locate a new video game development studio in Winnipeg, hiring 100 employees in the next five years.

Manitoba and the federal government have agreed to implement the [Canadian Agricultural Partnership](#) including a five year strategy to invest \$176 million.

Manitoba issued a [Request For Proposals](#) from service providers to support the success of newcomers. Projects will be partially funded from \$3.5 million received in application fees.

[The Manitoba Colleges Education Review report](#) highlights opportunities to enhance the college system. The report advises on governance, efficiency, student outcomes, programming and the labour market and more.

[Richardson International](#) is investing more than \$30 million to develop an innovation centre in downtown Winnipeg.

[Within Reach – An Action Plan to \(Finally\) Turn Your Ideas into Reality](#), is a new project management guide developed for small business by an RRC graduate.

Plan to attend these events:

[Red River College Information Sessions:](#)

- Business Admin April 10 , noon to 1pm,
- Commerce, Industry, Sales and Marketing April 11, 1-2pm,
- Health Information Management April 11, 1-3pm.

[Rotary Career Symposium](#) April 16-18, 2018 at the RBC Convention Centre

[Vision Quest Conference and Trade Show](#) on May 15-17 at RBC Convention Centre. Includes pre-conference courses, workshops, cultural and networking events.

Regional Highlights

Between March 2017 and March 2018, the unemployment rate in Winnipeg increased by 1.7 percentage points to 7.0%.

Outside of Winnipeg, Interlake and Parklands regions both increased by 0.8 percentage points. The unemployment rate decreased only in the Southwest region by 0.5 percentage points.

Labour Force Trends, Unadjusted for Seasonality

Region	Working Age Population		Total Employment		Participation Rate (%)		Unemployment Rate (%)	
	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Mar 2018	Mar 2017
Winnipeg	619,500	609,100	383,900	380,900	66.7%	67.1%	7.0%	6.7%
Rest of Manitoba	401,000	398,300	249,900	249,400	65.5%	65.7%	4.8%	4.7%
Southeast	93,900	92,100	60,000	59,600	67.4%	68.3%	5.4%	5.4%
Central	86,900	86,000	54,700	53,600	65.0%	64.5%	3.2%	3.2%
Southwest	89,700	88,900	89,700	88,900	63.3%	62.9%	4.9%	5.4%
Interlake	76,100	75,800	45,300	47,100	63.1%	65.3%	5.6%	4.8%
Parklands and North	54,300	55,500	35,900	36,200	69.8%	68.3%	5.3%	4.5%

Manitoba Current Focus: Quarterly Population Estimates, January 2018 (Manitoba Bureau of Statistics)

As of January 1, 2018 Manitoba's population was estimated at 1,346,993, up 3,622 individuals from October 2017. From Jan. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018 there was an increase of 19,110 people or 1.44%.

High immigration levels are at the core of Manitoba's annual growth reaching 14,699 newcomers over the last twelve months.

Through interprovincial migration, Manitoba recorded an estimated net loss of 7,297 migrants for 2017. Most population losses were to Ontario (-3,192), British Columbia (-2,345) and Alberta (-1,854).

Combining all forms of population movement, Manitoba had a net population gain of 12,199 people in 2017. There were 17,806 births in Manitoba in 2017.