

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

Manitoba: April 2023

Manitoba's Labour Force down by 3,100 Persons, Employment down by 4,000

From March 2023 to April 2023, the Manitoba labour force decreased by 3,100 persons (-0.4%). Canada's labour force increased by 46,600 (+0.2%). Compared to the previous April, the labour force increased by 2.0% in Manitoba.

Manitoba's employment level decreased by 4,000 (-0.6%) in April. This follows an increase of 3,300 positions in the previous month.

Employment growth varied across the country, with Manitoba ranking tenth in employment among the provinces (-0.6%). Prince Edward Island recorded the largest gain (+2.5%).

Canada's employment over the one-month period increased by 41,400 persons or 0.2%.

From April 2022 to April 2023, Manitoba's Employment increased by 13,400 persons, or 2.0%.

Private sector employees in Manitoba decreased by 400 (-0.1%) from March to April. The public sector decreased by 3,000 jobs (-1.6%). Self-employed decreased by 500 jobs (-0.7%).

Full-time employment decreased by 5,500 positions (-1.0%) from March to April, while part-time employment increased by 1,500 positions (+1.2%).

Manitoba Labour Market, Mar 2023 to Apr 2023

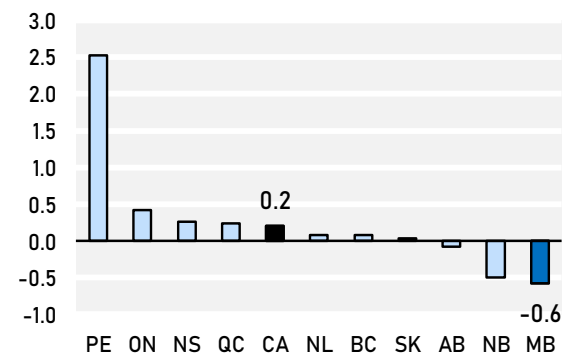
	Mar-23	Apr-23	Change
Working-Age (15+) Population	1,078,900	1,081,800	↑ 0.3%
Labour force	725,500	722,400	↓ -0.4%
Employment	691,400	687,400	↓ -0.6%
Full-time	569,900	564,400	↓ -1.0%
Part-time	121,500	123,000	↑ 1.2%
Private Employment	508,500	507,500	↓ -0.2%
Private Sector Employees	435,900	435,500	↓ -0.1%
Self-employed	72,600	72,100	↓ -0.7%
Public Sector Employees	182,900	179,900	↓ -1.6%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.7	4.8	↑ 0.1pts
Youth Unemployment rate (%)	8.3	9.8	↑ 1.5pts
Participation rate (%)	67.2	66.8	↓ -0.4pts
Employment rate (%)	64.1	63.5	↓ -0.6pts

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, Tables 14-10-0287-01 and 14-10-0288-01



Employment, month-over-month change (%)

March 2023 - April 2023



Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01



Unemployment Rate Increases to 4.8%

Manitoba's unemployment rate was 4.8% for April 2023, increasing by 0.1 percentage point from the previous month and below Canada's rate of 5.0%.

Quebec recorded the lowest unemployment rate among the provinces at 4.1%. Newfoundland and Labrador recorded the highest unemployment rate at 10.1%.

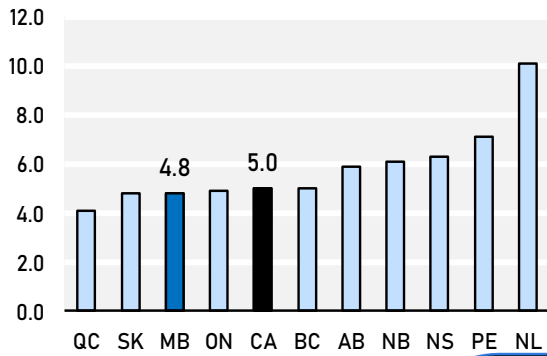
Compared to April 2022, Manitoba's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.8%.

The province's youth (aged 15 to 24 years) unemployment rate was 9.8%, up 1.5 percentage points from the previous month. Canada's youth unemployment rate for April 2023 was 9.6%, an increase of 0.4 percentage points compared to the previous month.

Compared to April 2022, the youth unemployment rate in Manitoba is up 0.3 percentage points.

Unemployment rate (%)

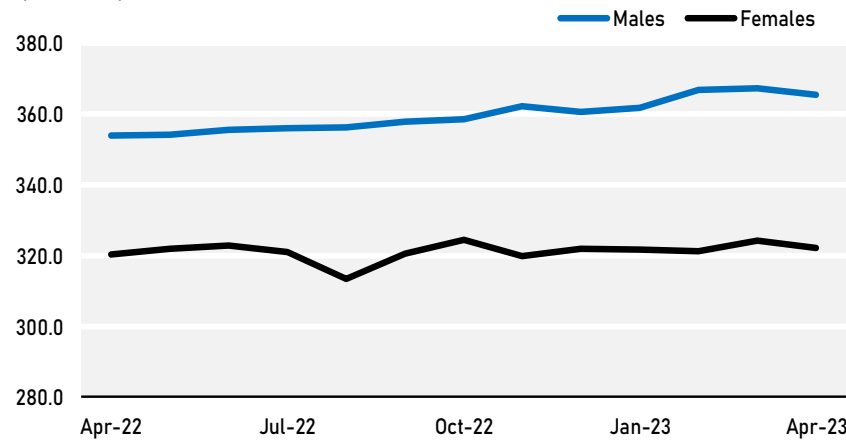
April 2023



Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01

Employment by sex, persons (000's)

April 2022 - April 2023



Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01

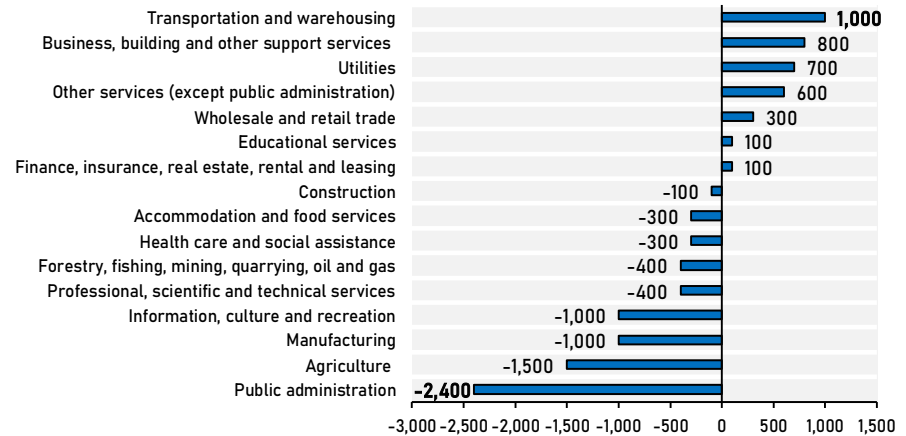
Both Male and Female Employment Decreased in April

In Manitoba, female employment decreased in April, down by 1,900 jobs (-0.6%), with decreases in full-time jobs (-3,100; -1.3%) and increases in part-time jobs (+1,100; +1.4%). Nationally, female employment remained unchanged. Manitoba's employment among males decreased by 2,000 (-0.5%) in April, with decreases in full-time jobs (-2,400; -0.7%), and increase in part-time jobs (+400; +0.9%). At the national level, employment among males increased by 0.4%. Compared to the previous year, employment increased for females, up by 1,900 jobs (+0.6%), and increased for males, up by 11,500 jobs (+3.5%).

Public Administration Recorded the Largest Job Loss

Manitoba's service-producing sectors decreased in April, down 1,800 positions (-0.3%) since March 2023. The goods-producing sectors decreased by 2,200 jobs (-1.4%). Employment in the service-producing sectors increased by 2.0% over the previous year, while employment in the goods-producing sectors increased by 1.8%. Among all industries in Manitoba, Transportation and warehousing recorded the largest monthly job gain of 1,000 (+2.6%) in April 2023, while Public administration recorded the largest job loss (-2,400; -5.2%). Compared to the previous April, Transportation and warehousing increased by 0.5%, while Public administration increased by 7.0% over the same period.

Employment change by industry, number of workers
March 2023 - April 2023



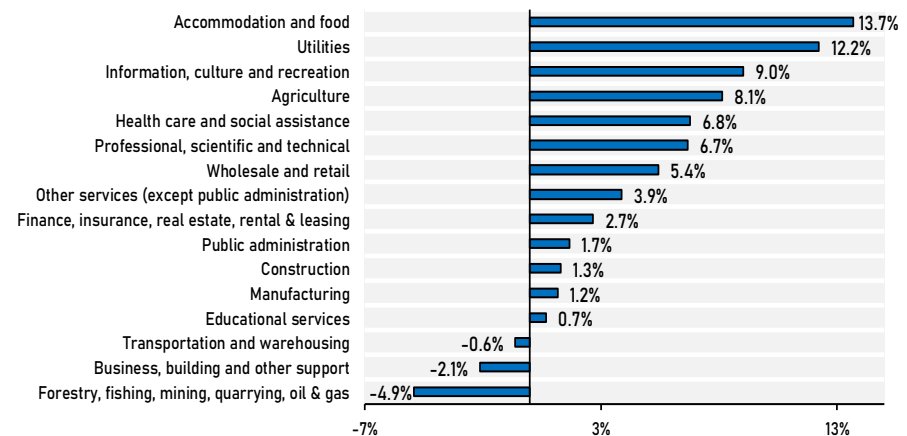
Source: Statistics Canada Table 14-10-0355-01



Accommodation and Food Led Hourly Wage Growth in April

Average hourly wages for Manitoba employees rose 4.5% (+\$1.26 to \$29.02) on a year-over-year basis in April 2023. Canada's hourly rate was up 5.2% (+\$1.66 to \$33.38) over the same period. Manitoba's goods-producing sectors saw a below-average growth of 4.3% (+\$1.22 to \$29.64), while Services-producing sectors saw an above-average increase of 4.6% (+\$1.27 to \$28.86). Accommodation and food led average hourly wage growth, up 13.7% (+\$2.09 to \$17.37), while Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil & gas recorded the largest decline at -4.9% (-\$2.02 to \$39.10) in April 2023.

Average hourly wage growth by industry, year-over-year change (%)
April 2022 - April 2023



Source: Statistics Canada Table 14-10-0063-01



Participation Rate Among Persons Aged 55+ Below Pre-COVID Levels

Participation rate declines

The percentage of Manitobans aged 15 and over participating in the labour force currently stands at 66.8% (April 2023). The April 2023 rate is slightly lower than the pre-COVID rate, as measured by Manitoba's 2019 average (67.2%). Manitoba typically outpaces the national average and currently ranks fourth highest in the country (Alberta leading at 69.8%).

Less persons aged 55+ participating in the labour force

When examining the participation rate of persons aged 55 and older, Manitoba's outlook is notable. While the participation rate among youths (15-24) has increased by 1.3 percentage points since 2019 and core-aged (25-54) has increased by 0.5 percentage points, persons aged 55 and older decreased the most, down 2.0 percentage points to 37.7%. Nationally, the participation rate of persons aged 55+ is down 1.3 percentage points compared to 2019 average. Although the difference between current participation rate and 2019 average is decreasing, Manitoba still has the sixth largest decline among provinces.

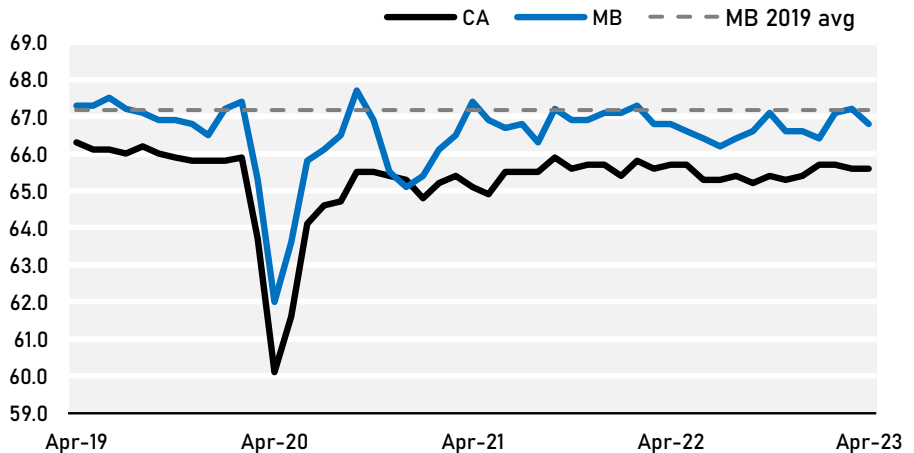
While changes in participation rate of an age group can reflect a range of factors, such as retirement, persons no longer looking for work, an influx of persons moving into the province, the downward trend in the 55+ age group suggests the former.

What is the Participation Rate?

The number of people ages 15 and older who are employed or actively seeking employment (unemployed), in relation to the size of the total non-institutionalized, civilian working-age population.

Labour force participation rate, 15 years and over

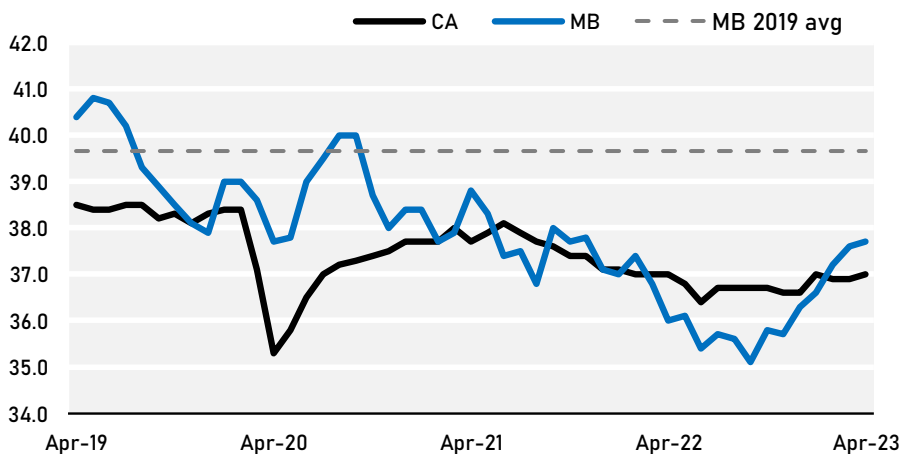
April 2019 - April 2023 (Seasonally adjusted)



Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01

Labour force participation rate, 55 years and over

April 2019 - April 2023 (Seasonally adjusted)



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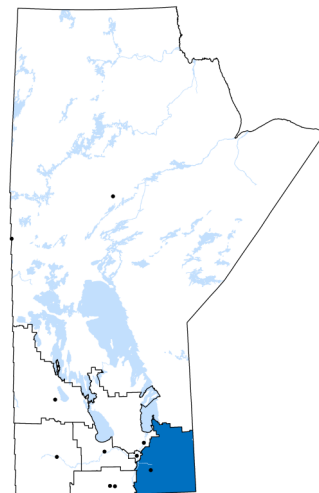
Winnipeg, Manitoba

<i>Month-over-month</i>	Mar-23	Apr-23	Change
Labour Force	443,800	447,100	↑ 0.7%
Employment	421,000	423,200	↑ 0.5%
Unemployment	22,800	23,900	↑ 4.8%
Unemployment rate (%)	5.1	5.3	↑ 0.2pts
Participation rate (%)	67.7	68.0	↑ 0.3pts
<i>Year-over-year</i>	Apr-22	Apr-23	Change
Labour Force	439,800	447,100	↑ 1.7%
Employment	416,900	423,200	↑ 1.5%
Unemployment	22,900	23,900	↑ 4.4%
Unemployment rate (%)	5.2	5.3	↑ 0.1pts
Participation rate (%)	68.2	68.0	↓ -0.2pts



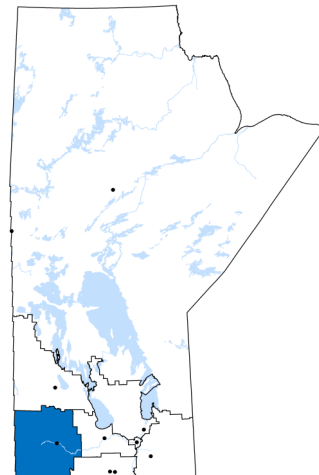
Southeast, Manitoba

<i>Month-over-month</i>	Mar-23	Apr-23	Change
Labour Force	69,200	70,300	↑ 1.6%
Employment	66,500	67,900	↑ 2.1%
Unemployment	2,600	2,400	↓ -7.7%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.8	3.4	↓ -0.4pts
Participation rate (%)	67.6	68.5	↑ 0.9pts
<i>Year-over-year</i>	Apr-22	Apr-23	Change
Labour Force	67,000	70,300	↑ 4.9%
Employment	63,600	67,900	↑ 6.8%
Unemployment	3,400	2,400	↓ -29.4%
Unemployment rate (%)	5.1	3.4	↓ -1.7pts
Participation rate (%)	66.7	68.5	↑ 1.8pts



Southwest, Manitoba

<i>Month-over-month</i>	Mar-23	Apr-23	Change
Labour Force	57,800	58,400	↑ 1.0%
Employment	55,600	55,800	↑ 0.4%
Unemployment	2,200	2,600	↑ 18.2%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.8	4.5	↑ 0.7pts
Participation rate (%)	63.0	63.6	↑ 0.6pts
<i>Year-over-year</i>	Apr-22	Apr-23	Change
Labour Force	59,600	58,400	↓ -2.0%
Employment	57,100	55,800	↓ -2.3%
Unemployment	2,400	2,600	↑ 8.3%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.0	4.5	↑ 0.5pts
Participation rate (%)	65.6	63.6	↓ -2.0pts



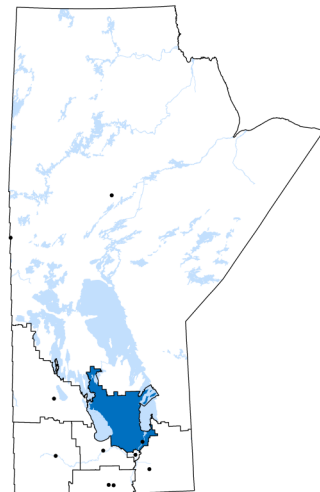
South Central and North Central, Manitoba

<i>Month-over-month</i>	Mar-23	Apr-23	Change
Labour Force	62,900	62,200	↓ -1.1%
Employment	61,100	60,100	↓ -1.6%
Unemployment	1,800	2,100	↑ 16.7%
Unemployment rate (%)	2.9	3.4	↑ 0.5pts
Participation rate (%)	67.3	66.4	↓ -0.9pts
<i>Year-over-year</i>	Apr-22	Apr-23	Change
Labour Force	60,200	62,200	↑ 3.3%
Employment	58,300	60,100	↑ 3.1%
Unemployment	2,000	2,100	↑ 5.0%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.3	3.4	↑ 0.1pts
Participation rate (%)	65.4	66.4	↑ 1.0pts



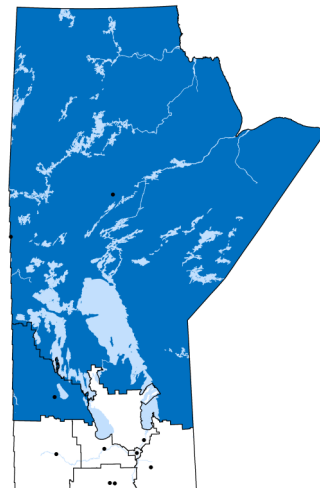
Interlake, Manitoba

<i>Month-over-month</i>	Mar-23	Apr-23	Change
Labour Force	46,700	46,800	↑ 0.2%
Employment	44,700	44,600	↓ -0.2%
Unemployment	2,000	2,200	↑ 10.0%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.3	4.7	↑ 0.4pts
Participation rate (%)	59.9	59.9	↔ 0.0pts
<i>Year-over-year</i>	Apr-22	Apr-23	Change
Labour Force	45,400	46,800	↑ 3.1%
Employment	43,800	44,600	↑ 1.8%
Unemployment	1,600	2,200	↑ 37.5%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.5	4.7	↑ 1.2pts
Participation rate (%)	59.0	59.9	↑ 0.9pts



Parklands and North, Manitoba

<i>Month-over-month</i>	Mar-23	Apr-23	Change
Labour Force	34,100	34,200	↑ 0.3%
Employment	32,800	32,700	↓ -0.3%
Unemployment	1,300	1,500	↑ 15.4%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.8	4.4	↑ 0.6pts
Participation rate (%)	62.0	62.3	↑ 0.3pts
<i>Year-over-year</i>	Apr-22	Apr-23	Change
Labour Force	32,400	34,200	↑ 5.6%
Employment	31,100	32,700	↑ 5.1%
Unemployment	1,200	1,500	↑ 25.0%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.7	4.4	↑ 0.7pts
Participation rate (%)	60.2	62.3	↑ 2.1pts



Note: Table figures are represented as a three month moving average using unadjusted data. Source: Statistics Canada, table 14-10-0387-01

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Labour Force Survey

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada.

- employment rate is the number of employed people as a percentage of the population aged 15+.
- unemployment rate is the number of unemployed people as a percentage of the labour force (employed and unemployed and looking for work).
- participation rate is the number in the labour force as a percentage of the population.
- Full-time employment is the number of persons who working 30 hours+ per week at their main job.

All estimates are seasonally adjusted, unless otherwise specified. This removes seasonal and calendar effects allowing for comparisons between time periods.

The LFS estimates are based on a sample and are therefore subject to sampling variability.

<https://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=3701>

Survey Reference Week

April Labour Force Survey (LFS) data reflect labour market conditions during the week of April 9–15, 2023.

Coming Up:

June 9	Labour Force Survey for May 2023
July 7	Labour Force Survey for June 2023
August 4	Labour Force Survey for July 2023

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