



LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

Manitoba: April 2026

Manitoba's Monthly Employment Down by 1,600, Labour Force Down by 6,700

From March 2026 to April 2026, the Manitoba labour force decreased by 6,700 persons (-0.8%). Canada's labour force increased by 33,500 (+0.1%). Compared to the previous April, the labour force increased by 1.3% in Manitoba.

Manitoba's employment level decreased by 1,600 (-0.2%) in April compared to March. This follows an increase of 10,800 positions in the previous month.

Manitoba ranked fifth highest among provinces in monthly employment growth for April. Ontario recorded the largest gains in employment (+0.5%), while Newfoundland and Labrador experienced the largest decrease (-2.1%). Canada's employment over the one month period decreased by 17,700 persons, or 0.1%.

From April 2025 to April 2026, Manitoba's employment increased by 12,200 persons, or 1.7%.

Private sector jobs in Manitoba decreased by 4,500 (-0.9%) from March to April, while public sector jobs increased by 2,000 (+1.1%). The number of self-employed jobs increased by 800 (+1.0%) over the one-month period.

Full-time employment decreased by 7,400 positions (-1.2%) from March to April, while part-time employment increased by 5,800 positions (+4.3%).

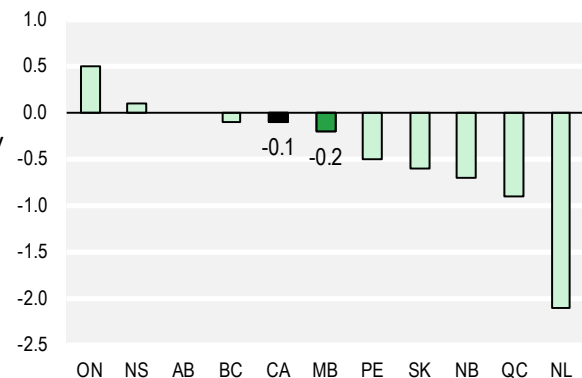
Manitoba Labour Market, Mar 2026 to Apr 2026

	Mar-26	Apr-26	Change
Working-Age (15+) Population	1,185,000	1,186,600	↑ 0.1%
Labour force	795,600	788,900	↓ -0.8%
Employment	750,900	749,300	↓ -0.2%
Full-time	617,200	609,800	↓ -1.2%
Part-time	133,700	139,500	↑ 4.3%
Private Employment	561,500	557,900	↓ -0.6%
Private Sector Employees	478,100	473,600	↓ -0.9%
Self-employed	83,400	84,200	↑ 1.0%
Public Sector Employees	189,400	191,400	↑ 1.1%
Unemployment rate (%)	5.6	5.0	↓ -0.6pts
Youth Unemployment rate (%)	11.6	10.3	↓ -1.3pts
Participation rate (%)	67.1	66.5	↓ -0.6pts
Employment rate (%)	63.4	63.1	↓ -0.3pts

Source: Statistics Canada, tables 14-10-0287-01 and 14-10-0288-01

Employment, month-over-month change (%)

March 2026 - April 2026

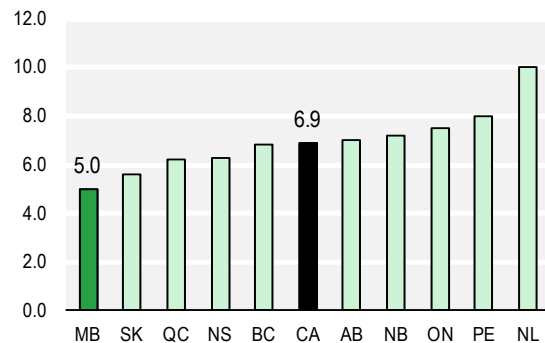


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Manitoba Unemployment Rate Falls to 5.0%, Lowest Among all Provinces

Unemployment rate (%)

April 2026



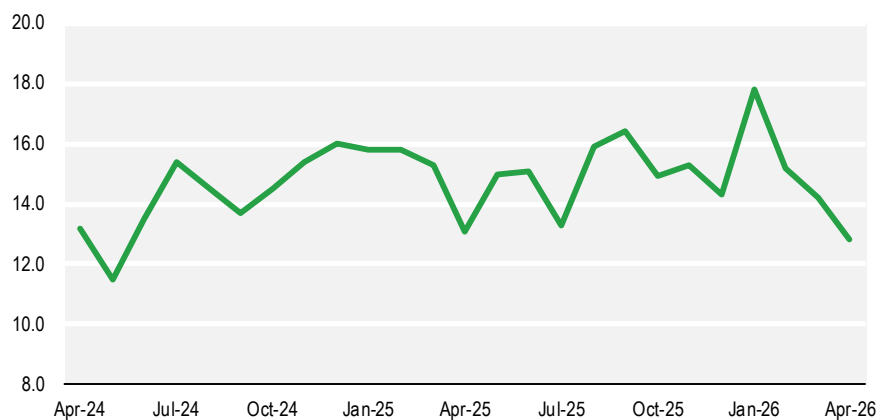
Source: Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0287-01

Manitoba's unemployment rate was 5.0% for April 2026, down 0.6 percentage points from the previous month and below Canada's rate of 6.9%.

Manitoba recorded the the lowest unemployment rate among the provinces. Newfoundland and Labrador recorded the highest rate at 10.0%. Compared to April last year, Manitoba's unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage points.

Youth unemployment (15-24 years), persons (000's)

April 2024 - April 2026



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

Youth Unemployment Down 1,400 From March

In Manitoba, the number of unemployed youth (aged 15 to 24 years) was 12,800 in April. This is down by 1,400 (-9.9%) from March, and down by 300 (-2.3%) from last April. Manitoba's youth unemployment rate was 10.3% in April, down 1.3 percentage points from the previous month. Canada's youth unemployment rate for April 2026 was 14.3%, an increase of 0.5 percentage points compared to the previous month. Compared to April 2025, the youth unemployment rate in Manitoba is down 0.2 percentage points.

Accommodation & Food Services Record Largest Job Gains

Manitoba's service-producing sectors increased by 100 positions (+0.0%) in April compared to March, while the goods-producing sectors decreased by 1,800 positions (-1.1%). Employment in the service-producing sectors increased by 1.0% over the past year, while employment in the goods-producing sectors increased by 4.0%.

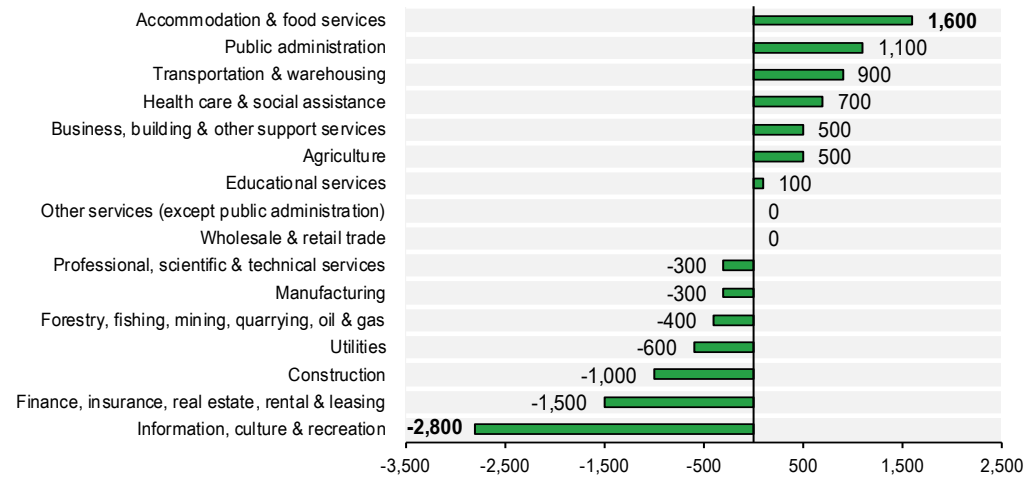
Among all industries in Manitoba,

Accommodation & food services recorded the

largest monthly job gains of 1,600 (+4.0%) in April, while Information, culture & recreation saw the largest job losses (-2,800; -10.6%). Compared to the previous April, employment in the Accommodation & food services industry increased by 9.8%, while Information, culture & recreation decreased by 5.2% over the same period.

Employment change by industry, number of workers

March 2026 - April 2026



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

Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Quarrying, Oil & Gas Led Average Hourly Wage Growth

Average hourly wages for Manitoba employees rose 2.4% (+\$0.76 to \$32.24) on a year-over-year basis in April 2026. Canada's hourly rate was up 4.5% (+\$1.64 to \$37.77) over the same period.

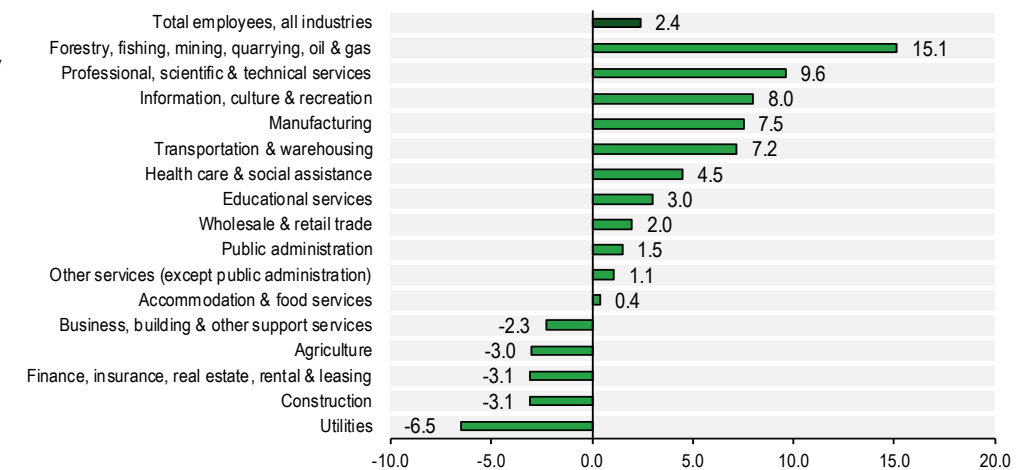
Manitoba's goods-producing sectors saw an above-average growth of 3.1% (+\$0.99 to \$33.32), while services-producing sectors saw a below-average growth of 2.2% (+\$0.69 to \$31.95).

Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil & gas led average hourly wage growth, up by 15.1% (+\$6.51 to \$49.61), while

Utilities recorded the largest decline, down by 6.5% (-\$3.00 to \$43.51) in April 2026.

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

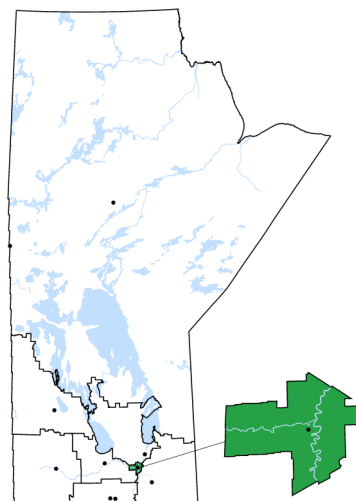
April 2025 - April 2026



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

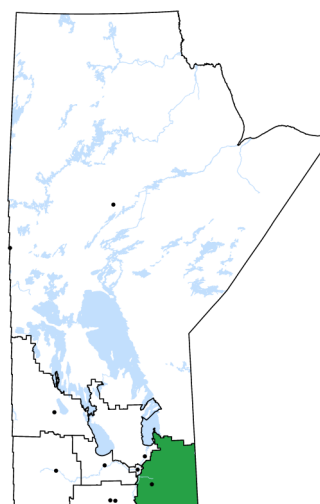
Winnipeg, Manitoba

<i>Month-over-month</i>	Mar-26	Apr-26	Change	
Labour Force	488,500	487,200	↓	-0.3%
Employment	458,300	458,100	↓	0.0%
Unemployment	30,200	29,000	↓	-4.0%
Unemployment rate (%)	6.2	6.0	↓	-0.2pts
Participation rate (%)	67.2	66.9	↓	-0.3pts
<i>Year-over-year</i>	Apr-25	Apr-26	Change	
Labour Force	488,100	487,200	↓	-0.2%
Employment	459,200	458,100	↓	-0.2%
Unemployment	28,900	29,000	↑	0.3%
Unemployment rate (%)	5.9	6.0	↑	0.1pts
Participation rate (%)	68.0	66.9	↓	-1.1pts



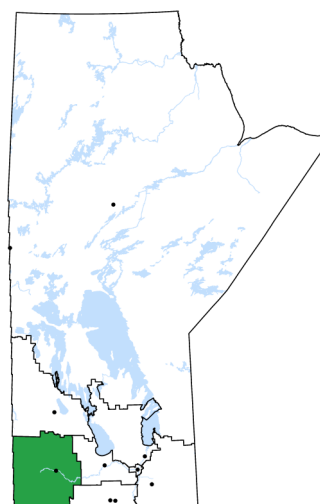
Southeast, Manitoba

<i>Month-over-month</i>	Mar-26	Apr-26	Change	
Labour Force	80,400	80,900	↑	0.6%
Employment	75,600	76,300	↑	0.9%
Unemployment	4,800	4,600	↓	-4.2%
Unemployment rate (%)	6.0	5.7	↓	-0.3pts
Participation rate (%)	69.3	69.6	↑	0.3pts
<i>Year-over-year</i>	Apr-25	Apr-26	Change	
Labour Force	78,000	80,900	↑	3.7%
Employment	73,700	76,300	↑	3.5%
Unemployment	4,300	4,600	↑	7.0%
Unemployment rate (%)	5.5	5.7	↑	0.2pts
Participation rate (%)	68.8	69.6	↑	0.8pts



Southwest, Manitoba

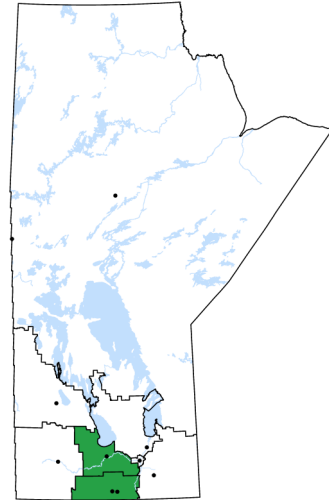
<i>Month-over-month</i>	Mar-26	Apr-26	Change	
Labour Force	66,200	67,000	↑	1.2%
Employment	63,500	64,600	↑	1.7%
Unemployment	2,700	2,300	↓	-14.8%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.1	3.4	↓	-0.7pts
Participation rate (%)	65.5	66.3	↑	0.8pts
<i>Year-over-year</i>	Apr-25	Apr-26	Change	
Labour Force	65,400	67,000	↑	2.4%
Employment	61,700	64,600	↑	4.7%
Unemployment	3,700	2,300	↓	-37.8%
Unemployment rate (%)	5.7	3.4	↓	-2.3pts
Participation rate (%)	65.7	66.3	↑	0.6pts



Note: Table figures are represented as a three month moving average using unadjusted data.
Source: Statistics Canada, table 14-10-0462-01

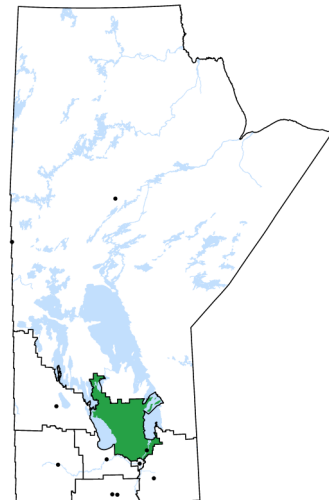
South Central and North Central, Manitoba

<i>Month-over-month</i>	Mar-26	Apr-26	Change	
Labour Force	66,000	66,700	↑	1.1%
Employment	61,800	63,000	↑	1.9%
Unemployment	4,200	3,600	↓	-14.3%
Unemployment rate (%)	6.4	5.4	↓	-1.0pts
Participation rate (%)	66.7	67.3	↑	0.6pts
<i>Year-over-year</i>	Apr-25	Apr-26	Change	
Labour Force	63,000	66,700	↑	5.9%
Employment	59,200	63,000	↑	6.4%
Unemployment	3,800	3,600	↓	-5.3%
Unemployment rate (%)	6.0	5.4	↓	-0.6pts
Participation rate (%)	64.5	67.3	↑	2.8pts



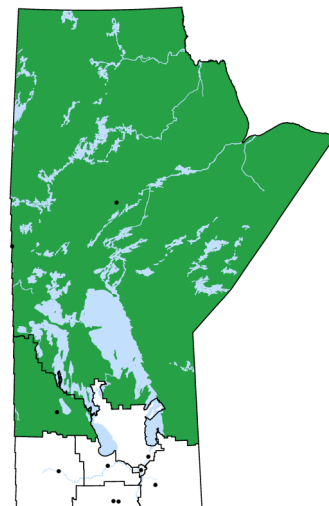
Interlake, Manitoba

<i>Month-over-month</i>	Mar-26	Apr-26	Change	
Labour Force	50,700	50,800	↑	0.2%
Employment	47,800	48,300	↑	1.0%
Unemployment	2,900	2,500	↓	-13.8%
Unemployment rate (%)	5.7	4.9	↓	-0.8pts
Participation rate (%)	59.6	59.6	↔	0.0pts
<i>Year-over-year</i>	Apr-25	Apr-26	Change	
Labour Force	46,400	50,800	↑	9.5%
Employment	43,700	48,300	↑	10.5%
Unemployment	2,700	2,500	↓	-7.4%
Unemployment rate (%)	5.8	4.9	↓	-0.9pts
Participation rate (%)	55.2	59.6	↑	4.4pts



Parklands and North, Manitoba

<i>Month-over-month</i>	Mar-26	Apr-26	Change	
Labour Force	32,300	32,000	↓	-0.9%
Employment	30,600	30,300	↓	-1.0%
Unemployment	1,600	1,600	↔	0.0%
Unemployment rate (%)	5.0	5.0	↔	0.0pts
Participation rate (%)	58.3	57.8	↓	-0.5pts
<i>Year-over-year</i>	Apr-25	Apr-26	Change	
Labour Force	33,400	32,000	↓	-4.2%
Employment	30,600	30,300	↓	-1.0%
Unemployment	2,800	1,600	↓	-42.9%
Unemployment rate (%)	8.4	5.0	↓	-3.4pts
Participation rate (%)	60.0	57.8	↓	-2.2pts



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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 of persons in the labour force as a percentage of the population.
- Full-time employment is the number of persons who work 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 12 to 18, 2026.

Coming Up:

June 5	Labour Force Survey for May 2026
July 10	Labour Force Survey for June 2026
August 7	Labour Force Survey for July 2026

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