



## **August 2014 - Monthly Labour Market Report for Saskatchewan**

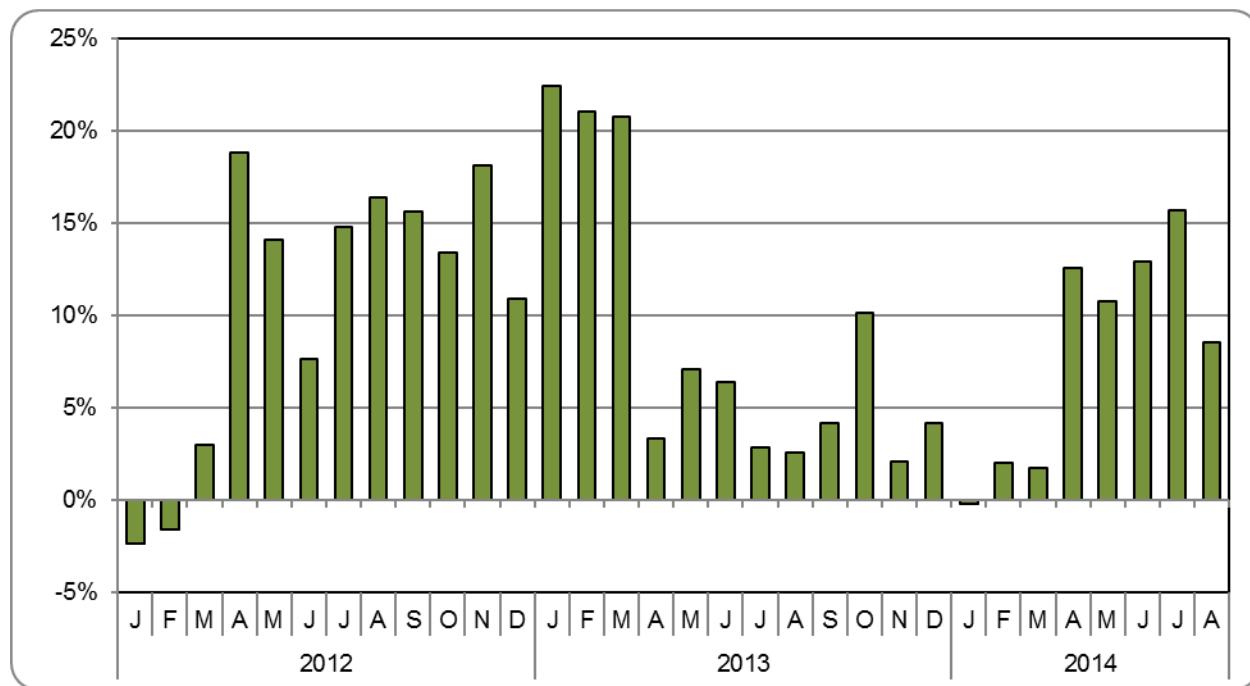
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### Provincial Employment

In August, the Saskatchewan labour market saw slower growth than in previous months. Employment grew by 1.3% over the previous year, which is below the increase in previous months.

The construction labour market however continued its strong growth, with employment in August 2014 being 8.5% higher than in 2013. While this growth is strong, it is slower than the 10-15% experienced in every month from April until July.

#### *Annual Change in Employment (year-over-year) – Construction in Saskatchewan*



In August 2014, 56,000 people in Saskatchewan were employed in construction, this is slightly down from the record high of July 2014 when 58,100 people were working in our industry.



## Regional Employment

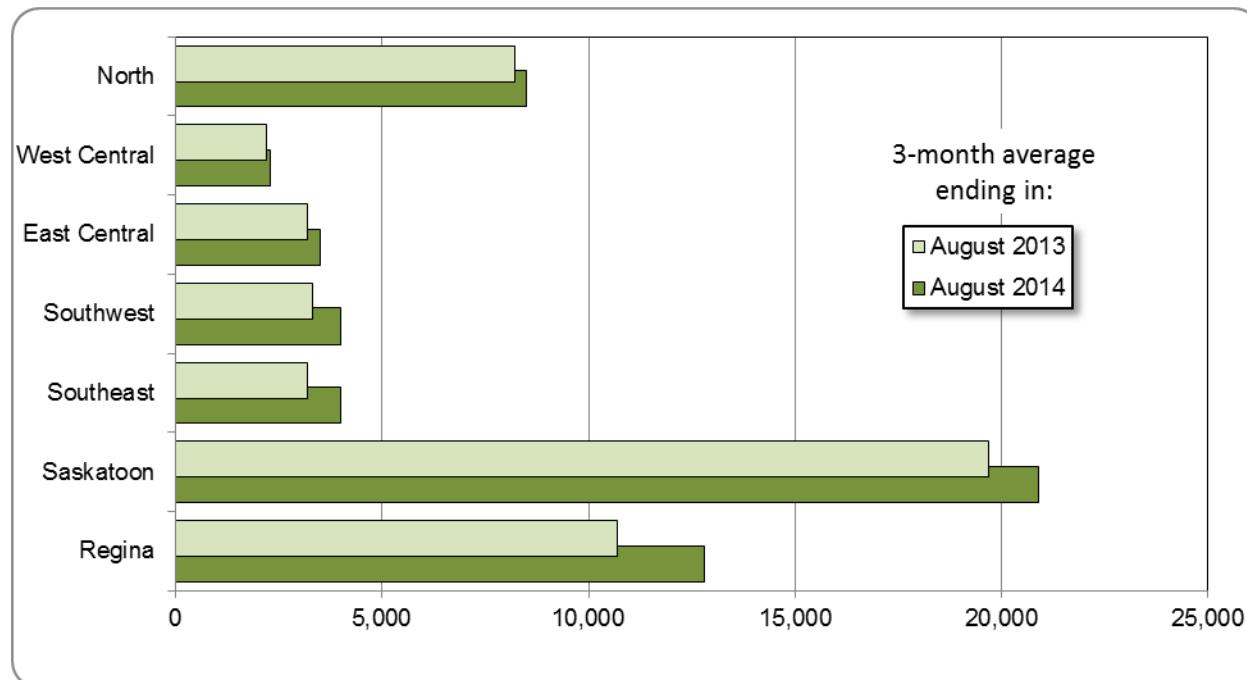
Saskatoon continues to be the largest single region in terms of construction employment, with an average of 20,900 workers in the three months ending in August 2014. This represents growth of 9.4 per cent from August 2013.

While Regina has a smaller total number of construction workers at 12,800, the city is experiencing faster growth. From August 2013 to August 2014, Regina's construction employment grew by 18.5 per cent.

There are 8,500 construction workers living in Northern Saskatchewan, growth of about 4.9 per cent from this time last year.

For the rest of the southern part of the province, construction employment is less common but has grown in each of the four regions.

### *Construction Employment by Region*





## Construction Wage Rate

Based on the first eight months of 2014, it is estimated that construction wage rates will increase by about 6.7 per cent this year, over wages in 2013. This would mean an increase from the 2013 average of \$25.64 per hour to a 2014 average of \$27.36 per hour. The estimated 6.7 per cent increase appears to be a return to similar increases in past years, after 2013 actually saw a very small average decrease.

*Annual Change in Construction Wage Rates, Paid Workers Only*

