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#### SASKATCHEWAN EXPERIENCING SOME OF THE HIGHEST JOB GROWTH IN CANADA



*On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, I was pleased to attend a great news*

***conference at KPCL Dirt Movers August 8th to share some exciting news about Saskatchewan's Labour Force.***

***KCPL has been a leader in the construction industry in Saskatchewan. It is businesses like KPCL Dirt movers that support the impressive growth seen in our construction and mining sectors in Saskatchewan.***

***Saskatchewan is experiencing some of the highest job growth in Canada, and we continue to have one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country. Our two biggest cities are experiencing significant growth with Saskatoon and Regina adding 4,300 and 5,600 jobs last month.***

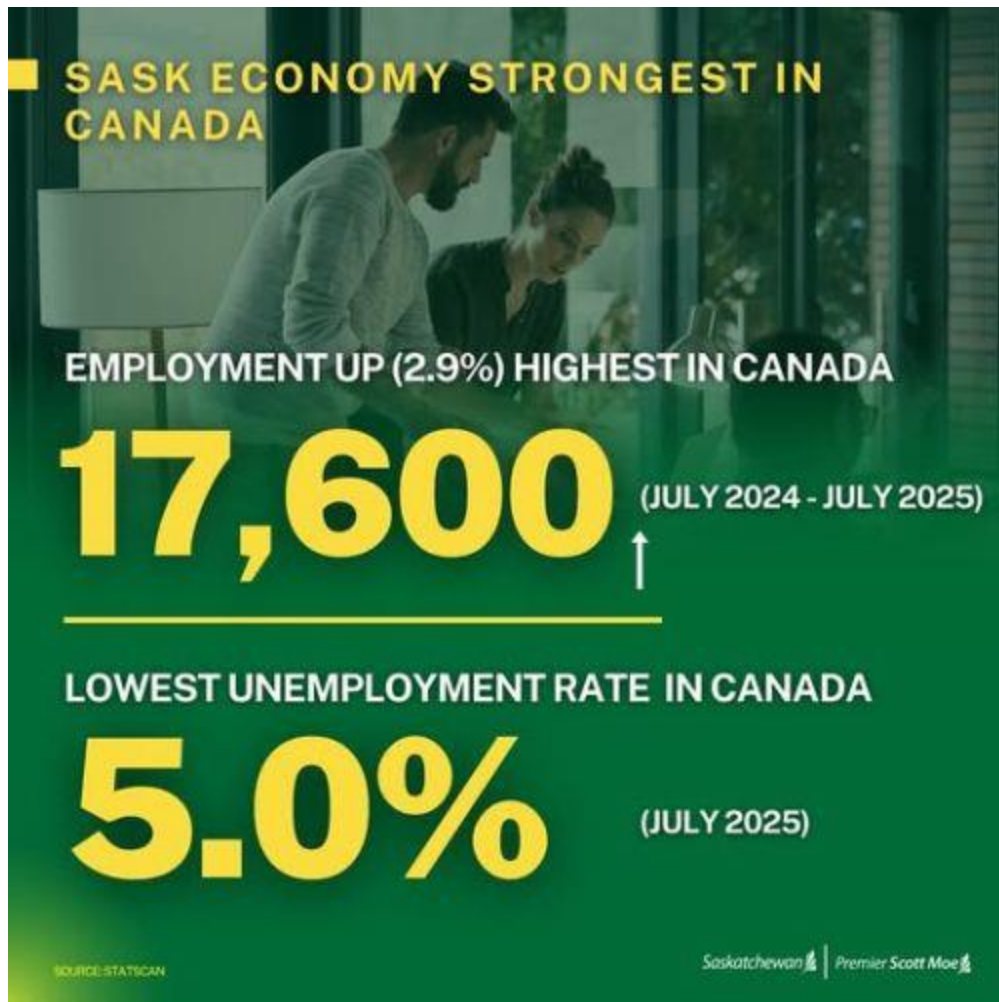
***Here in the Saskatoon region, the unemployment rate is the second lowest among major cities in Canada.***

***Building the Workforce for a Growing Economy – the Saskatchewan Labour Market Strategy – is a three-point plan to ensure our province has the workforce we need, now and into the future.***

***Through access to post-secondary training, skill development and apprenticeship programs we are helping Saskatchewan people get to work and gain the skills employers need.***

***Saskatchewan certainly is and always will be the best place to live and work in Canada.***

**SASKATCHEWAN TOPS PROVINCIAL RATINGS, REFLECTING ECONOMIC STRENGTH**



Saskatchewan continues to demonstrate financial stability by maintaining the highest credit rating among the provinces when the ratings from all three major agencies are considered.

*"Today's announcement highlights the strength and stability of Saskatchewan's economy," Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance Jim Reiter said. "Our government remains committed to keeping Saskatchewan the most affordable place to live in Canada, while ensuring strong investments in critical areas like health care, education and capital infrastructure continue."*

[Saskatchewan Tops Provincial Credit Ratings, Reflecting Economic Strength | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## ATTENTION SENIORS: A GREAT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY!



**Saskatoon Seniors  
Continued Learning**

*Curiosity never retires*

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love to  
learn?**

Non-Credit,  
University Level  
Courses for  
Ages 55+



No Exams  
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of Learning

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Classes  
Offered on  
U of S Campus  
or Online



Membership: \$5  
Courses: \$60

**Join  
SSCL!**

**Fall 2025 Courses | September 8 - November 4**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:30 - 11:59 AM	<b>Turkish History</b> <i>Dr. Aydin Aras</i> "Ottomans, Armenians, Revolutionaries, Workers, Business Elites: Storytelling Turkey's Burdened Cultural History"	<b>Popular Music</b> <i>Steve Delaney</i> "While Both a Soulless Black Popular Music Dronger from 1993 to 1996 to London's Soul and Funk"	<b>Computer Security</b> <i>Dr. David Strickland</i> "Introduction to Cybersecurity and Digital Threats"	<b>History</b> <i>Dr. Jason Pickett</i> "The Wheel Keeps Turning: A History of Canadian-American Relations from the Colonial Days to Trump"	<b>Literature</b> <i>Dr. Annette Brown</i> "Canadian and American Nationalism in Literature and Culture"
1:00 - 3:00 PM	<b>Art History</b> <i>Dr. Elizabeth Smith</i> "The Renaissance in the North Atlantic: The Art of the North Atlantic"	<b>Psychology</b> <i>Dr. Christine Schaub</i> "The Inhumanity of Humanity"	<b>U of S President's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Lecture Series</b> <i>Multiple Speakers</i> "On Democracy"	<b>Social Policy</b> <i>Wynne Gibson</i> "Canada, Cannabis, and Consumption: The Story of Drug Policy and Drug Policy in Canada"	<b>History &amp; The Future</b> <i>Dr. Clay Barksdale</i> "China and the New World Order Part I"

**Register Online!**  
August 18 - 22, 2025

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Seniors, you may be interested in the 8 week classes being offered this fall by Saskatoon Seniors Continued Learning in-person or online (Zoom).

The Wednesday afternoons President's Lecture Series on Democracy will be particularly interesting.



Registration to attend classes on campus is only open from noon August 18 to August 22. Registration for online (Zoom) classes is open from August 18 to August 25.

Several in-person classes with popular instructors are expected to fill up early so early registration is recommended.

Information: <https://artsandscience.usask.ca/noncredit/sscl/>

#### SASKATCHEWAN LEADS IN MINING INVESTMENT ATTRACTIVENESS



These results show Saskatchewan's strong, steady approach to attracting mining investment. With some of the best mineral development incentives in Canada, we'll

continue to uphold our reputation as a responsive, stable and predictable jurisdiction where investors can move projects forward.

#### **SASKATCHEWAN RANKED FIRST AMONG PROVINCES!**



Saskatchewan leads the nation in financial stability and economic strength. We continue to hold the highest overall credit rating among provinces—thanks to our strong fiscal management.

All three major credit agencies—Moody's, S&P, and DBRS Morningstar—have reaffirmed our province's credit rating with a stable outlook.

**Our government remains focused on keeping Saskatchewan the most affordable place to live in Canada—with the largest income tax cut since 2008, over \$2 billion in affordability measures, and record investments in health, education, and infrastructure.**

**With the second-lowest net-debt-to-GDP ratio in Canada and GDP growth more than double the national average, Saskatchewan is moving forward with strength and confidence.**

**SASKATCHEWAN EXCEEDS THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IN LICENSED NURSES PER CAPITA**



Over the last decade, Saskatchewan's supply of nurses has grown by more than 2,700 (an increase of 18.3 per cent since 2015), enhancing care to communities throughout the province.

A recent report released by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI), *Nursing in Canada 2024*, shows that the province continues to rank higher than both national and Western Canadian averages in several key supply and workforce measures.

*"Not only does this latest data from the Canadian Institute for Health Information show that the province's nursing workforce is growing, it also confirms it is one of the country's largest on a per capita basis for both urban and rural areas," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "We recognize that these are not just numbers, but a team of dedicated healthcare professionals helping patients, and their families. This is why our government has focused our efforts to boost and strengthen our nursing workforce so we can deliver strong results and benefit residents and communities across the province."*

[Saskatchewan Exceeds the National Average in Licensed Nurses Per Capita | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**DID YOU KNOW?**



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YOU  
KNOW?**

The virtual physician program does **not** mean a consultation with robot doctors.

The **Virtual Physician Program** connects **local health-care teams** with an emergency department physician through a phone or video call **in real-time.**



The virtual physician program ensures you have the care you need by connecting local health-care teams with an emergency department physician through a phone or video call in real-time.

Working with the on-site health-care team, the physician remotely assesses patients to provide direction on the care required to provide safe and effective treatment.



**Minister of Health, Jeremy Cockrill, "Finished the week in Saskatoon celebrating a new partnership between [Virtual Health Hub](#) and CAN Health Network. The [Government of Saskatchewan](#) is proud to be partnering with the Virtual Health Hub to build their new facility at Whitecap Dakota First Nation so that more rural, remote, and Northern residents can access care more easily.**

**HUNTERS, IT'S TIME TO HEED THE CALL!**



**Hunters, gear up and get ready for the 2025-26 hunting season!**

***"Hunting in Saskatchewan offers exceptional recreational opportunities, not only for our residents, but also for visitors across the world," Environment Minister Travis Keisig said. "Our government values the vital role hunters play as stewards of our natural landscapes and as contributors to local economies through tourism and community engagement."***

**Read the entire news release for information and a copy of the Saskatchewan Hunting Guide:** [Hunters, It's Time to Heed the Call! | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## **SKILLS FOR SUCCESS**



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The new Adult Basic Education resources can help you further your education, training and employment opportunities.

Funded in part by the  
Government of Canada's  
Skills for Success Program

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**Looking to improve your skill set, go back to school, or get a job?**

**The Skills for Success training resources may be for you! The Government of Saskatchewan, funded in part by the Government of Canada, has released three new training resources covering nine Skills for Success: reading, writing, numeracy, digital, problem solving, communication, collaboration, adaptability, and creativity and innovation. These resources could be a starting point on your path to gaining skills or finding employment!**

**Learn more about Skills for Success here:**

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/skills-for-success>

## **AUGUST OIL AND GAS PUBLIC OFFERING GENERATES OVER \$24 MILLION IN REVENUE**



**The Government of Saskatchewan's latest Crown oil and natural gas public offering, held on August 5, 2025, has generated more than \$24 million in revenue, the largest amount earned from such offerings in more than a decade.**

**In total, bids for oil and natural gas leases and exploration licences generated \$24,312,738.26. The last time a public offering for oil and natural gas rights reached or exceeded that amount was in August 2014, when bids generated \$48.4 million.**

***"I am pleased to see this strong uptake in the Ministry of Energy and Resource's bi-monthly public offering process for Crown oil and gas land," Energy and Resources Minister Colleen Young said. "The oil and gas sector is a pillar of our province's economy and it continues to generate exploration interest. As Saskatchewan's resources generate more investment, it helps to grow the economy and ultimately benefits everyone in the province."***

[August Oil and Gas Public Offering Generates Over \\$24 Million in Revenue | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMY STRONGEST IN NATION WITH 22,000 FULL-TIME JOBS ADDED IN JULY**





The latest labour force numbers from Statistics Canada show that Saskatchewan continues to see record growth with 22,200 full-time jobs added year over year in July. Saskatchewan has the lowest unemployment rate amongst provinces at 5.0 per cent, well below the national average of 6.9 per cent. Whereas other provinces saw only modest growth or declines in employment, Saskatchewan led the nation in employment gains.

*“Saskatchewan continues to see unprecedented job creation with a record low unemployment rate and over 22,200 full-time jobs added since last July,” said Deputy Premier and Immigration and Career Training Minister Jim Reiter. “Today’s labour market numbers continue to demonstrate that Saskatchewan is leading the nation with our strong economy, and our government is committed to ensuring this growth continues.”*

[Saskatchewan Economy Strongest in Nation with 22,200 Full-Time Jobs Added in July | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## WEEKLY ORANGE ZONE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE LAUNCH



**August 8, Highways Minister David Marit was pleased to announce the launch of the new Weekly Orange Zone Construction Update. The Weekly Orange Zone Construction Update will be released every Friday at 10 a.m. This will give motorists access to the most recent changes, as well as information on how to find all Saskatchewan's ongoing highway construction. Equipped with the most recent information, it will allow motorists to plan the quickest and safest routes to their destinations.**

***"As I am reaching the halfway point of my province-wide summer road tour, I have been consistently hearing from communities I have visited that they want greater access to construction updates," Marit said. "With the launch of the Weekly Orange Zone Construction Update we will be able to highlight all new projects that are starting and show motorists where they can view all the ongoing highway construction in Saskatchewan."***

[Weekly Orange Zone Construction Update Launch | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## **SASKATCHEWAN STUDENT AID**



Did you know that there are non-repayable funding options to help [#skstudents](#) pay for post-secondary?

Through Saskatchewan Student Aid, students can choose to apply for grants-only funding which does not need to be paid back!

Take advantage of the financial supports available to help fund your education. Learn more at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../saskatchewan-student-aid>.

## BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES



The new Safe Public Spaces (Street Weapons) Act officially comes into force on August 1.

**This law expands on previous bear spray regulations to prohibit street weapons like long knives, machetes or axes, as well as methamphetamine and fentanyl. Police have enhanced powers to seize these items and charge people with fines up to \$5,000 or one year in custody.**

**Individual municipalities and First Nations maintain authority to choose to opt in or out of this new law depending on their unique safety needs.**

**We continue to support police on the front lines of building safer communities.**



**FAMILY FUN BUCKET LIST SPONSORED BY SASKATOON FORESTRY FARM PARK & CITY OF SASKATOON**





It may be August, but we still have lots of time to fill up your buckets with summer fun, from the outdoor fun at Nutrien Playland at Kinsmen Park or the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo, including [Saskatoon Zoo Society's ZooVentures: Creature Close-ups](#), to indoor adventures at [VRmatrix](#) and many of Saskatoon's Indoor Play Places, to road trips to make some memories at [Calaway Park](#). And don't forget about Saskatoon's great places to swim, stay cool, hike, and our amazing playgrounds. Even better, we still have a month to add even more to our bucket list!

You can find our guide right

here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/summer-events/>

#### TRUCKTASTIC CHILDREN'S EXPO



Trucktastic! Children's Expo is back on August 23. All proceeds go to Family Service

Saskatoon – supporting programs and services that address the mental health needs of our community’s most vulnerable people. Explore mega-construction equipment, ambulances, fire engines, monster trucks and more! We want to give away TWO Family Passes! We will pick two winners for this fun event! Winners will be emailed on August 16th, and you need to be able to pick up from the [Family Service Saskatoon](#) office. Click on this link to enter! <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/trucktastic/>

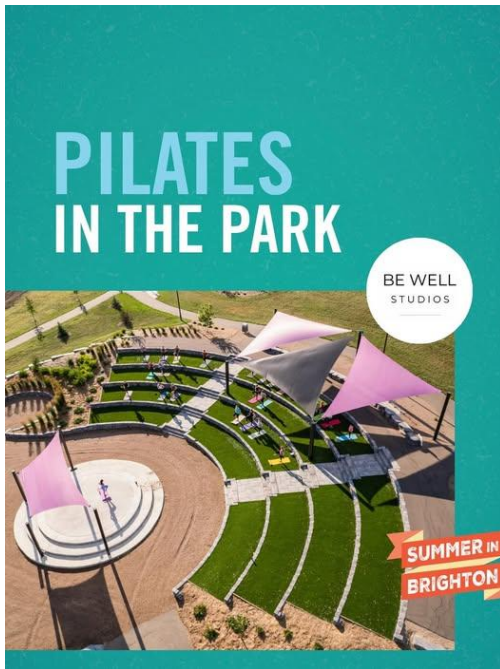
#### NUTRIEN PLAYLAND AT KINSMEN PARK



There are so many more chances to visit Nutrien Playland at Kinsmen Park this summer. The rides are open 10 AM to 8 PM every day until September 1st. Grab a play pack for your family to ride the Carousel, Canpotex Train, and Ferris Wheel! You can also take advantage of the Children's Play Area. It is free to enjoy and includes water spray features, sand play, a double cable ride and a climbing area.

Find out more about Nutrien Playland at Kinsmen Park right here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../nutrien-playland-at.../>  
[City of Saskatoon - Your Local Government](#)

#### BRIGHTON COMMUNITY PILATES IN THE PARK



### **One-Time Pop-Up Alert: Pilates in the Park! 🌳**

We're thrilled to add a special one-time Pilates in the Park class to this summer's lineup! Join Be Well Collective for a fun, energizing Pilates session in the beautiful outdoors.



**Date: Wednesday, August 13**



**Time: 6:00 PM**



**Location: Brighton Amphitheatre in Core Park**

This class is free and open to everyone — but spots are limited! Be sure to reserve yours through the Be Well Studios App!



This is Be Well's only class with us this summer — so don't miss it! (And check out our other weekly fitness events happening all season long.)

**KIDS IN THE PARK**





# NEWS RELEASES

[Advisory Committee Report Presented on Social Services | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Investor Alert: Florence Trade is Not Registered | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[fcaa.gov.sk.ca](http://fcaa.gov.sk.ca)



[Design Procurement Underway for Two New Francophone Schools in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Crop Report for the Period July 29 to August 4, 2025 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[More Than \\$1 Million Invested in 19 Municipal Projects | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Supporting Wildland Firefighters With Presumptive Cancer Coverage | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Narrow Hills Provincial Park Receives 73,080 Trees Following Wildfire | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Ministry of Highways Partners with the Rural Municipality of Prince Albert | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Discover Sask Parks: August 6 - August 20 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



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**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

**Take a moment  
right now to appreciate  
how precious it is to be  
alive - to laugh, to be with  
loved ones, to find joy  
in the simple things  
of life...**

**WORKING FOR YOU**



*I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in my constituency and our province. Your phone calls, letters, and emails make a big difference in keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you.*

*If you would like me to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this*

***newsletter, please don't hesitate to call or email me.***

***"From a Provincial Point of View" is a weekly message from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Willowgrove. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.***

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