

Protecting Saskatchewan



A NEW YEAR OF POSSIBILITIES



As Saskatchewan's post-secondary students prepare to begin another year of learning, I want to wish each of you every success as you take this next step in your education and your future.

Our universities, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, and colleges have so much to offer. From hands-on training and innovative programs to research, skills development, and opportunities to build lifelong connections.

Whether you are starting your first semester, returning to continue your studies, or taking a new direction, I encourage you to make the most of every opportunity ahead.

As Minister of Advanced Education, welcome to a new academic year. We are proud of you, we believe in your potential, and we look forward to seeing all that you will accomplish.

Best wishes for a successful and rewarding year!



Heading back to campus this fall? 🍂

A little preparation now can help make your semester go smoothly.

- ✓ Apply for student aid
- ✓ Confirm your class schedule
- ✓ Get textbooks and supplies
- ✓ Explore campus resources



**Living on campus is a great way to experience post-secondary!
If you're living on campus for the first time this fall, remember to:**



Make your space feel like home



Meet people in your residence



Take advantage of on-campus food options



Enjoy all the beauty that Saskatchewan campuses have to offer!

ANOTHER GREAT WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN

SEIU-WEST SASKATOON COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE FORUM

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As Minister of Labour, I would like to sincerely thank Lisa Zunti, Jason Monteith, and the SEIU-West team for inviting MLAs to meet and engage in meaningful discussions with SEIU-West members.

Three government MLAs and three opposition MLAs took the opportunity to sit down with front-line health care workers, listen to their experiences, and learn more about the important work they do every day.

A special thank you to Minister Michael Weger and Minister Chris Beaudry, as well as MLAs, Vicki Mowat, Erika Ritchie, and Keith Jorgenson, for taking the time to participate.

Our health care workers are the backbone of our health care system. They provide compassionate, essential care to patients and families every day, often under challenging circumstances. Their knowledge, dedication, and first-hand experience are invaluable as we work to strengthen our health care system and support the people who depend on it.

Listening directly to front-line workers is an important part of understanding the challenges they face and identifying opportunities to make meaningful improvements. This was a great learning opportunity for everyone involved and a valuable reminder of the vital role SEIU-West members play in delivering quality health care in our communities.

Thank you to all the health care workers who shared their time, experiences, and ideas with us. Your voices matter, and your work is deeply appreciated.

2026 LEGION NATIONAL YOUTH TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS



It was a pleasure to join Her Honour Lieutenant Governor Bernadette McIntyre, Legion Dominion Sports Chair Trevor Jenvenne, Saskatchewan Command President Roberta Taylor, Games Ambassador Mike Trauner, and emcee Nujma Bond at the opening of the 2026 Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships in Regina.

On behalf of Premier Scott Moe, Minister Alana Ross, and the Government of Saskatchewan, I was honoured to welcome more than 1,000 athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and families from across Canada to our province.

The Royal Canadian Legion Championships provide young athletes with an incredible opportunity to compete, grow, and build lifelong friendships while pursuing excellence in sport. Congratulations to every athlete who earned the opportunity to compete at this national level.

Thank you to the Royal Canadian Legion - Saskatchewan Command, the organizing committee, volunteers, and sponsors for making this outstanding event possible. Congratulations as well to the Royal Canadian Legion on celebrating 100 years of service.

Best of luck to all the athletes, coaches, officials, and families throughout an exciting championship week.

MIRACLE TREAT DAY!



Erindale-University Heights Dairy Queen was bustling Thursday afternoon for Miracle Treat Day! 🍦❤️

***It was wonderful to see the community come together, enjoying a sweet treat while supporting such an important cause.
Thank you to everyone who stopped by and helped make this day a success in Saskatoon and across Saskatchewan!***

SASKATOON IGBO CULTURAL ASSOCIATION IGBO DAY



It was an honour to attend the Saskatoon Igbo Cultural Association for Igbo Day 2026 on behalf of Premier Scott Moe, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport Alana Ross, and the Government of Saskatchewan.

I was pleased to be joined by Mayor Cynthia Block, Councillor Semos Timon, MLAs Brittney Senger and April ChiefCalf.

Thank you to the Saskatoon Igbo Cultural Association for hosting this wonderful celebration of cultural heritage and community spirit. Igbo Day is a great opportunity to celebrate the rich traditions and vibrant culture of the Igbo people.

Saskatchewan is stronger because of the many cultures that call our province home. Through the From Many Peoples, Strength Act, we formally recognize the important contributions of Saskatchewan's cultural communities.

Special thanks to the organizers, volunteers, and everyone who helped make today's celebration a success. Wishing everyone a wonderful Igbo Day 2026!

WELCOME TO SASKATOON AVANA!



On behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan, I was pleased to welcome Avana to Saskatoon.

Saskatchewan continues to grow, and with that growth comes the need for more housing options for individuals, families, and newcomers choosing to build their futures here. Our government is making record investments in housing supports while creating the conditions for the private sector to invest and expand Saskatchewan's housing supply.

Avana's investment in Saskatoon is another vote of confidence in our province's strong economy and bright future. Their commitment to providing quality, affordable rental housing, along with their support for organizations serving women and families affected by interpersonal violence, demonstrates a commitment to strengthening both our communities and the people who call them home.

By working together with partners like Avana, we look forward to seeing the impact they have on the City of Saskatoon and how their wide array of rental options will provide not only homes, but also opportunity for all who live here.

SASKATCHEWAN'S CONSTRUCTION SECTOR LEADS THE WAY

Building Permit Growth **1ST IN CANADA**

From May to June 2026, Saskatchewan's construction permits **grew by 101.6%.**

(Statistics Canada)



Province Ranks First in Canada in Month-Over-Month Building Permit Growth

Statistics Canada's building permit numbers released today indicate month-over-month growth of 101.6 per cent in Saskatchewan from May 2026 to June 2026 (seasonally adjusted). This ranks first among the provinces.



"Today's Statistics Canada numbers show Saskatchewan is leading the country in building permit growth, a clear sign that people and businesses have confidence in our province and its economy," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "Strong permit growth means more homes under construction, more jobs for Saskatchewan workers and more private-sector investment in our communities. That momentum further strengthens our economy, supports the services families rely on and helps protect the high quality of life Saskatchewan people deserve."

[Saskatchewan's Construction Sector Leads the Way | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN STUDENT AID



Need help paying for your education, but don't want to take out a student loan? Apply for grants-only funding!

[#skstudents](#) may be eligible for several grants through Saskatchewan Student Aid. Grants do not need to be paid back!



- ✓ Simply fill out a student aid application and select “I only want to receive grants” on the Study Grants page.



Learn more at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../stu.../apply-for-student-aid>

CANADA'S RENTAL TRENDS



Saskatchewan continues to be the most affordable place to live in Canada, with the lowest average rent for housing, 29 per cent below the national average.

SECOND IN EXPORT GROWTH

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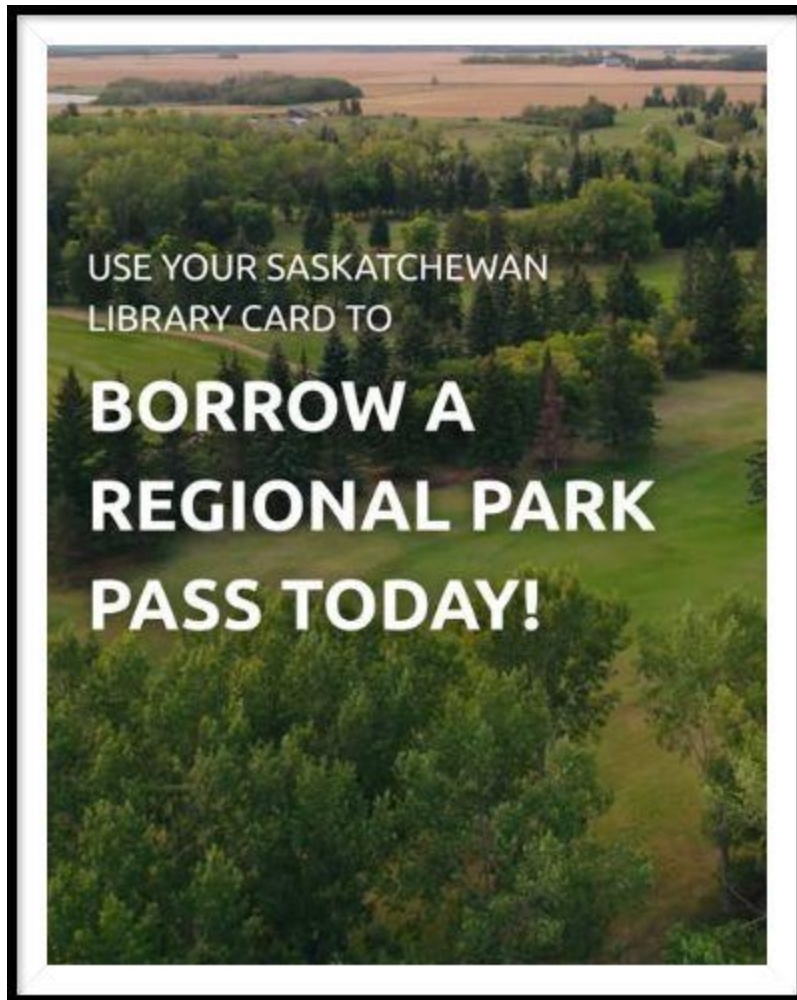
From January to June 2026,
Saskatchewan's international merchandise
exports totaled **\$24.4 billion**.

(Statistics Canada)



The latest figures from Statistics Canada show that Saskatchewan's merchandise exports increased 11.6 per cent in the first six months of 2026 compared to the same period in 2025. This strong growth is a testament to the hard work of Saskatchewan producers, manufacturers and exporters.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN BORROW A REGIONAL PARK PASS?



Feel like getting out of the city for a few days? Of course you do! So why not take advantage of the annual Regional Park Pass Lending Program? Provincial libraries, including the Archer Library & Archives, can issue eligible patrons a park pass which grants you free access to nearly 100 unique Regional Parks throughout Saskatchewan. The passes sign out for 7 days, and are available until September the 8th, 2026.

You can take out a Saskatchewan Regional Park Pass from participating libraries throughout the province. 🌳📖

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**SASKATOON'S PAMELA MEEK CROWNED MS. WORLD UNIVERSAL CANADA
2026**



Thank you to one of our readers who shared this article for our newsletter. Congratulations Pamela!

Saskatoon resident Pamela Meek has earned a national title after being crowned Ms. World Universal Canada 2026 at the Miss, Ms., Mrs. Canada Inc. Pageant, held on July 25, 2026, at the Bell Performing Arts Centre in Surrey, British Columbia.

Competing against 12 contestants from across Canada, Meek captured the national title through her performance in interviews, stage presentations,

and overall competition. The win earns her the opportunity to represent Canada at the World Universal Pageant in Kenya in May 2027.

Beyond the pageant stage, Meek is deeply involved in her community through her work with CLASI (Community Living Association Saskatoon Inc.), a Saskatoon non-profit organization that supports individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families. She is also a passionate advocate for addiction recovery and reducing the stigma surrounding substance use disorders, drawing on her own lived experience to inspire hope and encourage understanding.

“‘Once an addict, always an addict’ is one of the most damaging lies society continues to tell. I refuse to believe it because I am living proof that recovery is possible.

We are not defined by our addiction. We are defined by our courage to fight, our strength to rise, and our determination to build a better life.

People can heal. People can change. People can break the cycle.

Every person deserves hope, compassion, and the chance to rewrite their story without being forever judged by their past.

As Ms. World Universal Canada 2026, I will use my voice to break the stigma surrounding addiction and recovery. I want the world to know that recovery is real, and that every person deserves to be seen for who they are [today](#)—not who they used to be.

Your past is one chapter of your story. It does not get to write the ending.”

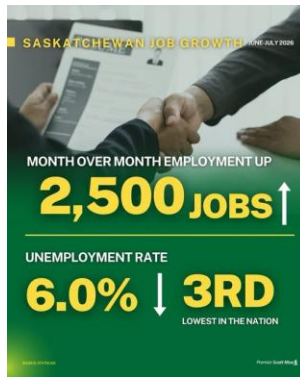
Meek hopes her national title will not only bring recognition to Saskatoon but also provide a platform to promote compassion, recovery, and inclusion. She believes pageantry can be a powerful avenue for community leadership, advocacy, and positive social change.

As she prepares to represent Canada on the international stage in Kenya next spring, Meek says she is proud to represent both her country and her hometown while continuing to advocate for those overcoming adversity and for people living with disabilities.

UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 6.0 PER CENT IN JULY



Saskatchewan's unemployment rate is the third lowest amongst provinces at 6.0 per cent, below the national average of 6.4 per cent. Year-to-date Saskatchewan added 2,600 jobs an increase of 0.4 per cent compared to the same period last year.



"Recently released numbers from Statistics Canada show that Saskatchewan's economy is strong," Immigration and Career Training Minister Eric Schmalz said. "Our government is committed to supporting employment training, workforce development and programs that help people find work. This ensures we have the labour force to support the economy of today and the future."

[Unemployment Drops to 6.0 Per Cent in July | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



FAMILY FUN SASKATOON WEEKEND



What are your plans this weekend? We are very excited for another fun few days in Saskatoon!

🎪 [Saskatoon Folkfest](#) 2026 is on August 14-15 at Prairieland Park.

🌸 [Europa Super Circus](#) from August 13-23 at Under the Big Top at Prairieland.

🍷 Visit [Wanuskewin](#) for FREE on August 16, 23, 30, 2026.

Looking for more ideas? Check out our guide

here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/weekend-guide/>

SASKATOON FOLKFEST

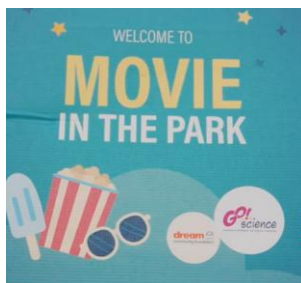


Experience the world in one place at Folkfest 2026 this Friday and Saturday!

Celebrate Saskatoon's diversity with us.

11 pavilions. One amazing celebration!

BRIGHTON COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK



August 14th - Brighton Core Park - annual free Science and Movie Night in the Park 🍿🔬🎬

Get there early for hands-on science experiments with [Saskatchewan Science Centre](#), bouncy castles, and food trucks before we settle in for a film under the stars!

When: Friday, August 14th at 6:30 PM

Where: Brighton Core Park

The Movie: Hoppers

THE FUN FACTORY SUMMER CAMP



Are you looking for a dream camp for your active children? Kids can sign up for a Fun Factory summer camp and stay every day of the week! Each week will have a different theme. You can choose your favourite, or book more than one if you can't pick the best one! Have you been to [The Fun Factory](#)? If you have, you'll know why your kids will love a camp there. If you haven't, the Fun Factory has more than 55 arcade games for all ages, plus 2850-square-foot ocean-themed play unit, including some giant slides. Kids will never run out of activities when they're visiting the Fun Factory. Find out how to register for a camp here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../fun-factory-summer-camp/>

30TH ANNUAL RAJ MANEK MEMORIAL BANQUET



Celebrating 30 years of mentorship and entrepreneurship!

This milestone evening will celebrate the lasting impact of mentorship while bringing together entrepreneurs, business leaders and community builders for meaningful connections and inspiration.

The evening will feature keynote speaker Harish Consul, Founder and CEO of Ocgrow Ventures, who will share insights from his experience building companies, investing in innovative ventures and helping entrepreneurs turn ambitious ideas into meaningful impact.

Seats are limited. Learn more and reserve your

tickets <https://manekmentorship.com/.../30th-annual-raj-manek.../>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CANADIAN COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS IN SASKATOON!



Country music's biggest night in Canada is getting even bigger - [Tenille Arts](#), [Dean Brody](#), [Hunter Brothers](#), [James Barker Band](#), [Kalsey Kulyk](#), [Jess Moskaluke](#), [The Reklaws](#), and [Owen Riegling](#) will take the stage at the 2026 CCMA Awards, live on CTV from Sasktel Centre in Saskatoon on September 19, 2026.

Tickets: <https://www.ticketmaster.ca/event/1100636CCD18BA2A>

READ ADDITIONAL NEWS RELEASES



[Wadin Bay Awarded Grant for Wildfire Resiliency Efforts | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Crop Report for the Period August 4 to August 10, 2026 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[First Conviction Under Saskatchewan Foreign Worker Protection Legislation | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Summer Fun at the T. Rex Discovery Centre - Scotty Unearthed Day Celebration | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[\\$1.7 Million in Charitable Gaming Grants Delivered to Community Groups Across Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



\$1.7M in Charitable
Gaming Grants
— *Delivered* —

Nearly 260 communities across
Saskatchewan benefited in the
1st quarter of 2026-27.

[Wakaw Roads, A Northern Bridge Repair and Rosthern Culverts | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

A campaign graphic for Ken Cheveldayoff. It features a portrait of Ken Cheveldayoff on the left, wearing a dark suit and blue tie. The background is a soft-focus image of yellow tulips. The text "Let's Stay Connected" is written in a green cursive font at the top. Below it, "Here to serve you!" is in a bold, dark font. A paragraph follows: "If you have any concerns, inquiries or need assistance with a provincial program or service, please reach out". At the bottom, there is a dark green banner with white text providing contact information and the MLA's name and title.

Let's Stay Connected

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY



Every morning
is a new beginning.

Yesterday is done.
Today is another chance
to choose gratitude,
embrace hope,
and move forward.

Wake up thankful.
Something good can begin today.

— My Motivation

[forward to a friend](#)

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