

March 4, 2008

## Labour Market Activity

— 2006 Census —

Statistics Canada today released information on Labour Market Activity, Education, and Language of Work from the 2006 census. The national census is conducted every five years, primarily to count all persons and dwellings in Canada. In the Northwest Territories, the census was undertaken in March and May of 2006. This report presents the sixth in a series of releases based on the 2006 census results.

A few of the highlights for the Northwest Territories from the release include:

- The NWT participation rate was 76.5% in 2006, the second highest in Canada.
- NWT had the second youngest labour force in Canada, with a median age of 39.0 years
- The overall level of employment in the NWT reached 21,350 in 2006, with an employment rate of 68.6%.
- The largest industry employers in 2006 were Public Administration at 4,650 (21.8%), Retail Trade at 2,045 (9.6%), and Health Care and Social Assistance at 2,000 (9.4%).

Table 1 presents a breakdown of key labour market statistics by province and territory. The NWT, after Alberta and Yukon, had the third highest employment rate at 68.6%. In terms of unemployment rate, the NWT had the fourth highest rate at 10.4%, after Newfoundland, Nunavut and PEI.

**Table 1 Labour Force Activity**  
Canada, Provinces, Territories  
2006

	Participation Rate (%)	Employment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)
Canada	66.8	62.4	6.6
Northwest Territories	76.5	68.6	10.4
Nunavut	65.3	55.2	15.6
Yukon Territory	78.1	70.7	9.4
British Columbia	65.6	61.6	6.0
Alberta	74.0	70.9	4.3
Saskatchewan	68.4	64.6	5.6
Manitoba	67.3	63.6	5.5
Ontario	67.1	62.8	6.4
Quebec	64.9	60.4	7.0
New Brunswick	63.7	57.3	10.0
Nova Scotia	62.9	57.2	9.1
Prince Edward Island	68.2	60.7	11.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	58.9	47.9	18.6

Table 2 presents NWT community labour market statistics for 2006. There continues to be significant variation in employment rates across communities. While the NWT employment rate was 68.6%, the rate for Yellowknife was 79.3%, in the regional centres the rate was 71.2%, and in the rest of the communities the employment rate was 50.2%. The same pattern is seen with the unemployment rate, with a rate of 10.4% for the NWT, 5.7% for Yellowknife, 8.6% for the regional centres, and an unemployment rate of 21.3% for rest of the communities.

**Table 2 Labour Market Activity**  
Northwest Territories, Communities  
2006

	Pop. 15 Years and Older	Labour Force	Employ.	Unemp.	Not in the LF	Particip. Rate (%)	Employ. Rate (%)	Unemp. Rate (%)
Northwest Territories	31,140	23,825	21,350	2,475	7,310	76.5	68.6	10.4
<u>Beaufort Delta</u>								
Aklavik	440	240	185	55	195	54.5	42.0	22.9
Fort McPherson	570	335	240	95	235	58.8	42.1	28.4
Inuvik	2,570	2,050	1,825	230	515	79.8	71.0	11.2
Paulatuk	215	125	85	35	90	58.1	39.5	28.0
Sachs Harbour	85	60	50	15	25	70.6	58.8	25.0
Tsiigehtchic	115	70	50	15	50	60.9	43.5	21.4
Tuktoyaktuk	625	360	245	120	265	57.6	39.2	33.3
Ulukhaktok (Holman)	275	180	140	40	95	65.5	50.9	22.2
<u>Dehcho</u>								
Fort Liard	415	255	185	70	165	61.4	44.6	27.5
Fort Providence	550	355	270	80	200	64.5	49.1	22.5
Fort Simpson	905	700	610	85	205	77.3	67.4	12.1
Hay River Reserve	215	145	110	35	65	67.4	51.2	24.1
Jean Marie River	60	40	30	10	20	66.7	50.0	25.0
Nahanni Butte	85	50	40	10	35	58.8	47.1	20.0
Trout Lake	65	50	35	10	15	76.9	53.8	20.0
Wrigley	90	50	35	15	40	55.6	38.9	30.0
<u>Sahtu</u>								
Colville Lake	75	50	40	10	25	66.7	53.3	20.0
Deline	380	225	175	50	150	59.2	46.1	22.2
Fort Good Hope	415	275	215	60	140	66.3	51.8	21.8
Norman Wells	575	500	470	35	75	87.0	81.7	7.0
Tulita	345	205	170	35	140	59.4	49.3	17.1
<u>South Slave</u>								
Enterprise	70	60	50	10	15	85.7	71.4	16.7
Fort Resolution	365	210	160	50	150	57.5	43.8	23.8
Fort Smith	1,790	1,330	1,220	110	455	74.3	68.2	8.3
Hay River	2,770	2,175	2,035	140	595	78.5	73.5	6.4
Kakisa	40	20	20	-	15	50.0	50.0	-
Lutselk'e	230	150	110	45	75	65.2	47.8	30.0
<u>Tlicho</u>								
Behchokö (Rae-Edzo)	1,265	685	510	180	575	54.2	40.3	26.3
Gamètì (Rae Lakes)	185	120	75	35	65	64.9	40.5	29.2
Wekweèti	90	60	45	15	35	66.7	50.0	25.0
Whati	325	190	145	45	135	58.5	44.6	23.7
<u>Yellowknife Area</u>								
Yellowknife	14,485	12,195	11,490	700	2,290	84.2	79.3	5.7
Detah	165	90	75	15	75	54.5	45.5	16.7

Table 3 presents employment by industry detail for 2006. In 2006, the goods producing sector of the economy accounted for just over 16% in the NWT, while for the rest of Canada this sector accounted for 23.2%. The largest industry employers in 2006 in the NWT were Public Administration at 4,650 (21.8%), Retail Trade at 2,045 (9.6%), and Health Care and Social Assistance at 2,000 (9.4%).

Examining the median age (the age at which the employed population is divided in half) of the employed by industry shows that the median age is highest for agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting employees (44.0 years), and lowest for accommodation and food services employees (32.9 years).

**Table 3 Employment by Industry**  
NWT, Select Industries  
2006 and 2001

	----- 2006 -----		Median Age
	no.	%	
All industries	21,350	100.0	39.9
<u>Goods Producing Industries</u>	3,435	16.1	39.7
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	150	0.7	44.0
Mining and oil and gas extraction	1,365	6.4	38.8
Utilities	290	1.4	42.1
Construction	1,295	6.1	39.5
Manufacturing	336	1.6	40.6
<u>Services Industries</u>	17,915	83.9	39.9
Wholesale trade	355	1.7	35.3
Retail trade	2,045	9.6	33.1
Transportation and warehousing	1,805	8.5	40.2
Information and cultural industries	600	2.8	39.5
Finance and insurance	375	1.8	40.2
Real estate and rental and leasing	410	1.9	42.7
Professional, scientific & technical services	900	4.2	39.8
Management of companies and enterprises	35	0.2	40.7
Admin. and support, waste management and remediation services	635	3.0	39.0
Educational services	1,605	7.5	42.7
Health care and social assistance	2,000	9.4	40.9
Arts, entertainment and recreation	360	1.7	37.8
Accommodation and food services	1,340	6.3	32.9
Other services (except public administration)	805	3.8	38.1
Public administration	4,650	21.8	42.0

Detailed tables presenting all aspects of the census release on Labour Market Activity, along with this newstat, will be available on the NWT Bureau of Statistics' website at:

<http://www.stats.gov.nt.ca/Statinfo/Census/census%2006/ 2006census.html>

Also available at this link are all previous 2006 census releases, along with a schedule of upcoming releases.

## Planned Release Dates for 2006 Census Information

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March 13, 2007	Population and Dwelling Counts
July 17, 2007	Age and Sex
September 12, 2007	Marital and Common-Law Status, Families, Households, Housing and Dwelling Characteristics
December 4, 2007	Language, Immigration, Citizenship, and Mobility and Migration
January 15, 2008	Aboriginal Peoples
March 4, 2008	Labour Market Activity, Industry, Occupation, Education, Language of Work, Place of Work, and Mode of Transportation
April 2, 2008	Ethnic Origin, and Visible Minorities
May 1, 2008	Income, Earnings, and Shelter Costs

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