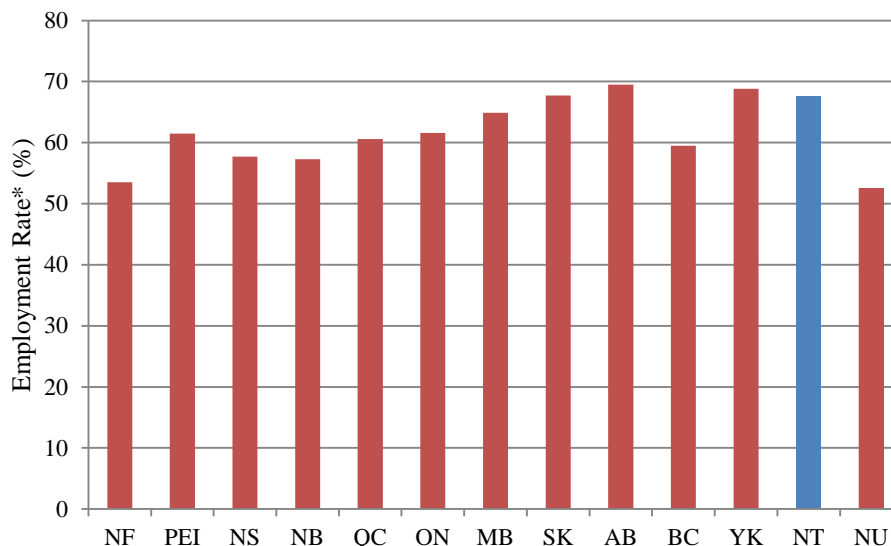


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NWT Labour Force Activity - May 2015 -

Statistics Canada estimates that in May 2015, out of 32,000 residents 15 years of age and older 21,600 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories. This represents an employment rate of 67.5% and was the fourth highest in Canada behind Alberta, the Yukon, and Saskatchewan. Nationally, Canada's employment rate was 62.0%.

Figure 1 *Employment Rates
Provinces & Territories, May 2015*



In May 2015, the employment rate increased slightly from the previous month, but was the lowest for May since 2011. As well, the number of employed persons was the same as in April, but lower compared to the same time last year.

New entrants to the labour market increased the participation rate by a percentage point and increased the number of persons seeking work (unemployed) by 300.

Table 1 *Monthly Highlights
Northwest Territories, May 2015*

	May-15	Apr-15	May-14
Population	32,000	32,100	32,300
Labour Force	23,500	23,200	24,300
Employed	21,600	21,600	22,100
Unemployed	1,900	1,600	2,200
Not in Labour Force	8,500	8,800	8,000
Participation (%)	73.4	72.3	75.2
Employment (%)	67.5	67.3	68.4
Unemployment (%)	8.1	6.9	9.1

*Based on a 3-month moving average employment rate that is not seasonally adjusted.

The following table presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 2 ***Labour Force Activity
Northwest Territories***

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Not in the Labour Force	Partic- ipation Rate	Unemp- loyment Rate	Employ- ment Rate
May-15	32,000	23,500	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.4	8.1	67.5
Apr-15	32,100	23,200	21,600	1,600	8,800	72.3	6.9	67.3
Mar-15	32,200	23,600	21,700	1,900	8,500	73.3	8.1	67.4
Feb-15	32,200	23,600	21,800	1,800	8,600	73.3	7.6	67.7
Jan-15	32,300	23,400	21,600	1,800	8,900	72.4	7.7	66.9
Dec-14	32,300	23,300	21,600	1,700	9,000	72.1	7.3	66.9
Nov-14	32,300	23,400	21,800	1,700	8,900	72.4	7.3	67.5
Oct-14	32,300	23,700	21,900	1,800	8,700	73.4	7.6	67.8
Sep-14	32,300	24,300	22,500	1,800	8,000	75.2	7.4	69.7
Aug-14	32,300	24,600	22,700	1,900	7,700	76.2	7.7	70.3
Jul-14	32,300	24,900	22,700	2,200	7,400	77.1	8.8	70.3
Jun-14	32,300	24,400	22,000	2,400	7,900	75.5	9.8	68.1
Previous Years:								
May-14	32,300	24,300	22,100	2,200	8,000	75.2	9.1	68.4
May-13	32,500	25,200	23,000	2,200	7,300	77.5	8.7	70.8
May-12	32,400	24,700	22,500	2,200	7,700	76.2	8.9	69.4
May-11	32,200	24,700	22,700	2,000	7,500	76.7	8.1	70.5
May-10	31,900	22,400	20,700	1,700	9,600	70.2	7.6	64.9
May-09	31,800	22,700	21,100	1,600	9,100	71.4	7.0	66.4
May-08	31,800	23,600	22,000	1,600	8,200	74.2	6.8	69.2
May-07	31,500	24,700	23,300	1,400	6,800	78.4	5.7	74.0
May-06	31,100	24,200	23,100	1,100	6,900	77.8	4.5	74.3
May-05	31,100	23,100	22,100	1,000	8,100	74.3	4.3	71.1

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

For additional information on the monthly release of labour force survey results for the Northwest Territories, visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at <http://www.statsnwt.ca> or call (867) 873-7147.

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