

## NWT Labour Force Activity

August 2016

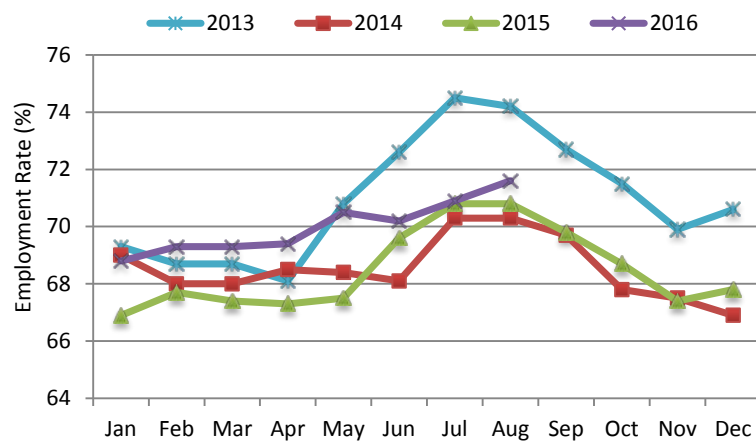
### OVERVIEW

In August 2016, Statistics Canada estimated that 23,400 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories (NWT). This represents an employment rate of 71.6%. The August employment rate was the second highest in Canada, followed by Alberta at 66.8%. Yukon’s employment rate was the highest (73.9%), while nationally Canada’s employment rate was 61.9%. Since August 2015, the number of people employed in the NWT increased by 4.0% or 900 persons.

Table 1: Labour Force Statistics - Northwest Territories

	August-2016	July-2016	August-2015	Changes from Aug 2015 - Aug 2016	
				Number	%
<b>Population 15+</b>	<b>32,700</b>	<b>32,600</b>	<b>31,800</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Labour force	25,300	25,100	24,500	800	3.3
Employment	23,400	23,100	22,500	900	4.0
Full-time	20,800	20,100	19,800	1,000	5.1
Part-time	2,600	2,900	2,700	(100)	-3.7
Unemployment	1,900	2,100	2,000	(100)	-5.0
Participation rate (%)	77.4	77.0	77.0		
Unemployment rate (%)	7.5	8.4	8.2		
Employment rate (%)	71.6	70.9	70.8		

Figure 1: Monthly Employment Rates Northwest Territories, 2013 – 2016



Between July and August 2016, the NWT employment rate rose 0.7 percentage points and was the highest rate for August since 2013 (Figure 1). The month over month employment rate increase likely reflects the peak of the seasonal summer employment.

## EMPLOYMENT RATES BY SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS

Between August 2015 and August 2016, the employment rate decreased by 2.5 percentage points in Yellowknife and increased 3.5 points in the rest of the territory. Over the same period, the employment rate rose by 0.2 percentage points for males and increased by 1.2 points for females (Figure 2 and Figure 3).

Figure 2: Employment Rates by Geography, August 2015 - August 2016

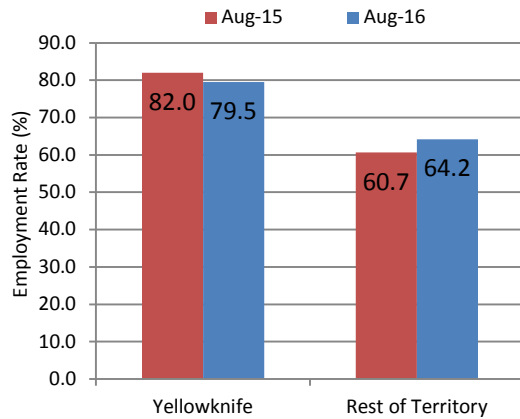
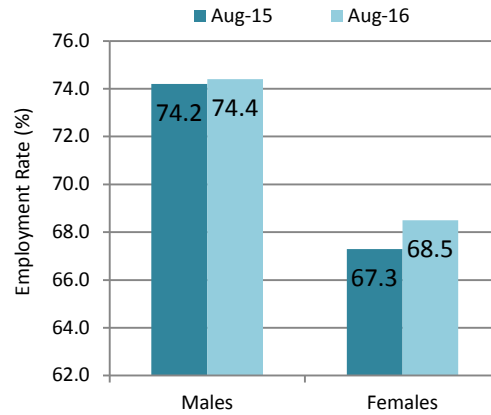


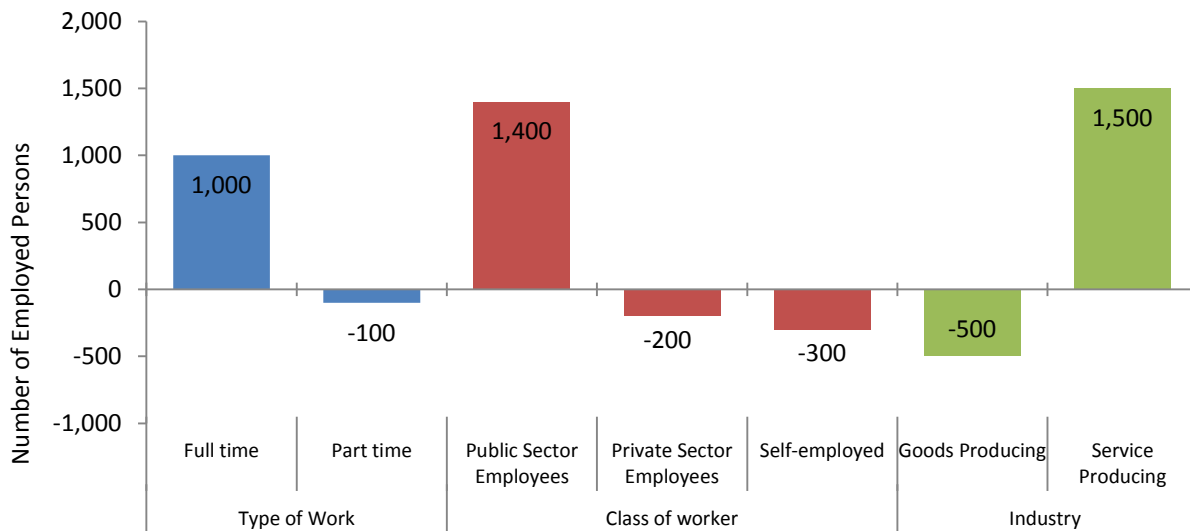
Figure 3: Employment Rates by Sex, August 2015 - August 2016



## EMPLOYMENT BY TYPE OF WORKER, CLASS OF WORKER & INDUSTRY

Compared to August 2015, the majority of the job growth was in full time public sector jobs (Figure 4).

Figure 4: Changes in the Number of Employed Persons from Previous Year



## HISTORICAL LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY

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
Aug-16	32,700	25,300	23,400	1,900	7,400	77.4	7.5	71.6
Jul-16	32,600	25,100	23,100	2,100	7,500	77.0	8.4	70.9
Jun-16	32,600	24,900	22,900	2,000	7,600	76.4	8.0	70.2
May-16	32,500	24,600	22,900	1,700	7,900	75.7	6.9	70.5
Apr-16	32,400	24,100	22,500	1,600	8,200	74.4	6.6	69.4
Mar-16	32,300	24,200	22,400	1,800	8,000	74.9	7.4	69.3
Feb-16	32,200	24,400	22,300	2,100	7,800	75.8	8.6	69.3
Jan-16	32,100	24,400	22,100	2,300	7,600	76.0	9.4	68.8
Dec-15	32,000	24,100	21,700	2,400	7,900	75.3	10.0	67.8
Nov-15	31,900	24,000	21,500	2,500	8,000	75.2	10.4	67.4
Oct-15	31,900	24,100	21,900	2,200	7,700	75.5	9.1	68.7
Sep-15	31,800	24,300	22,200	2,100	7,500	76.4	8.6	69.8
Previous Years:								
Aug-15	31,800	24,500	22,500	2,000	7,300	77.0	8.2	70.8
Aug-14	32,300	24,600	22,700	1,900	7,700	76.2	7.7	70.3
Aug-13	32,600	26,100	24,200	2,000	6,400	80.1	7.7	74.2
Aug-12	32,500	26,100	23,800	2,300	6,300	80.3	8.8	73.2
Aug-11	32,400	26,100	23,900	2,200	6,300	80.6	8.4	73.8
Aug-10	32,100	24,200	22,300	1,900	7,900	75.4	7.9	69.5
Aug-09	31,800	23,100	21,500	1,600	8,600	72.6	6.9	67.6
Aug-08	31,800	24,600	23,100	1,400	7,200	77.4	5.7	72.6
Aug-07	31,600	25,200	23,600	1,600	6,400	79.7	6.3	74.7
Aug-06	31,200	24,900	23,500	1,400	6,400	79.8	5.6	75.3

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 1-888-782-8768 (1-888-STATSNT).

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