

Labour Force Activity¹ April 2022

Labour Force Survey information released by Statistics Canada today estimates the Northwest Territories' seasonally unadjusted employment rate at 72.8%. Between March and April 2022, the employment rate decreased by 0.9 percentage points from 73.7%. Meanwhile, the number of employed persons went down by 300, to 24,900.

On an annual basis, the NWT labour force increased by 1,600, to 26,400 while employment increased by 1,700 persons. The April 2021 to April 2022 increase in employment was concentrated in those aged 25 years and over, males and non-Indigenous persons.

Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

In April 2022, full-time employment increased by 1,800 persons compared to 12 months prior, while part-time employment declined by 100. Year-over-year employment increases were also seen in the public and private sector, as well as self-employment. Both the goods and services producing industries increased between April 2021 and April 2022, with most of the gains occurring in the education and information, culture industries.

Table 1: Labour Force Statistics, by Selected Characteristics, Northwest Territories

	PAST 3 MONTHS			LAST YEAR	CHANGE FROM 1 YR. AGO	
	Apr-22	Mar-22	Feb-22	Apr-21	No.	%
Total Employment	24,900	25,200	24,600	23,200	1,700	7.3
Full-time employment	22,100	21,300	20,900	20,300	1,800	8.9
Part-time employment	2,900	3,900	3,700	3,000	(100)	-3.3
Employees	22,800	22,600	22,500	21,300	1,500	7.0
Public sector	11,700	11,200	11,200	11,100	600	5.4
Private sector	11,200	11,400	11,400	10,200	1,000	9.8
Self-employment	2,100	2,600	2,100	1,900	200	10.5
Goods-producing industry	24,900	25,200	24,600	23,200	1,700	7.3
Services-producing industry	3,500	3,200	3,200	3,300	200	6.1

¹ NWT LFS estimates are based on seasonally unadjusted, three-months moving-average time series data.



National highlights

For Canada overall, the employment rate stood at 61.0%, a 0.5 percentage point increase from the previous month. Between March and April 2022, eleven Canadian jurisdictions saw an increase in their employment rate, most by less than a percentage point. Meanwhile, Quebec (4.6%) followed by Manitoba (5.0%) and British Columbia (5.2%) recorded the lowest unemployment rate. In the NWT, the unemployment rate for April was 5.3%.

Figure 1: Employment Rates, Canada, Provinces & Territories, April 2022

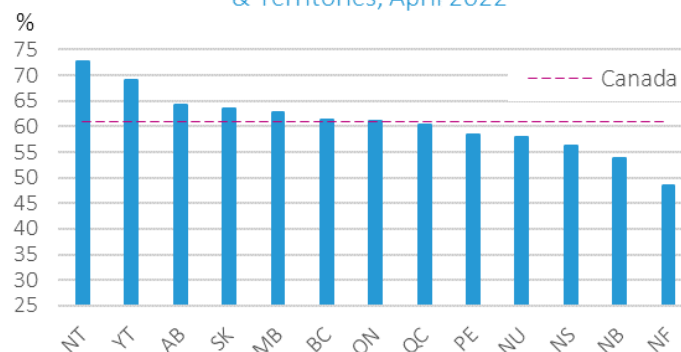


Table 2: Historical Labour Force Activity, Northwest Territories

	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
Apr-22	24,900	1,400	5.3	72.8
Mar-22	25,200	1,400	5.3	73.7
Feb-22	24,600	1,500	5.7	72.1
Jan-22	24,700	1,400	5.4	72.4
Dec-21	23,600	1,300	5.2	69.4
Nov-21	23,000	800	3.4	67.6
Oct-21	23,500	1,100	4.5	69.1
Sep-21	24,100	1,100	4.3	71.1
Aug-21	24,500	1,200	4.7	72.3
Jul-21	24,400	1,100	4.3	72.0
Jun-21	23,700	1,100	4.4	69.9
May-21	23,600	1,100	4.5	69.4

Year	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
2022	24,900	1,400	5.3	72.8
2021	23,200	1,600	6.5	68.2
2020	21,300	2,100	9.0	63.0
2019	22,600	1,700	7.0	66.9
2018	22,100	1,800	7.5	65.4
2017	22,800	1,200	5.0	67.9
2016	23,700	1,700	6.7	70.5
2015	22,500	1,700	7.0	68.0
2014	22,500	2,100	8.5	68.6
2013	22,400	1,900	7.8	68.3
2012	22,600	2,300	9.2	69.3

Month	Employment Rate (%)
May-21	69.4
Jun-21	69.9
Jul-21	72.0
Aug-21	72.3
Sep-21	71.1
Oct-21	69.1
Nov-21	67.6
Dec-21	69.4
Jan-22	72.4
Feb-22	72.1
Mar-22	73.7
Apr-22	72.8

Year	Employment Rate (%)
2012	69.3
2013	68.3
2014	68.6
2015	68.0
2016	70.5
2017	67.9
2018	65.4
2019	66.9
2020	63.0
2021	68.2
2022	72.8

For additional information and detailed tables on the labour force survey results, visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at <https://www.statsnwt.ca/labour-income/labour-force-activity/> or call (867) 767-9169.

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