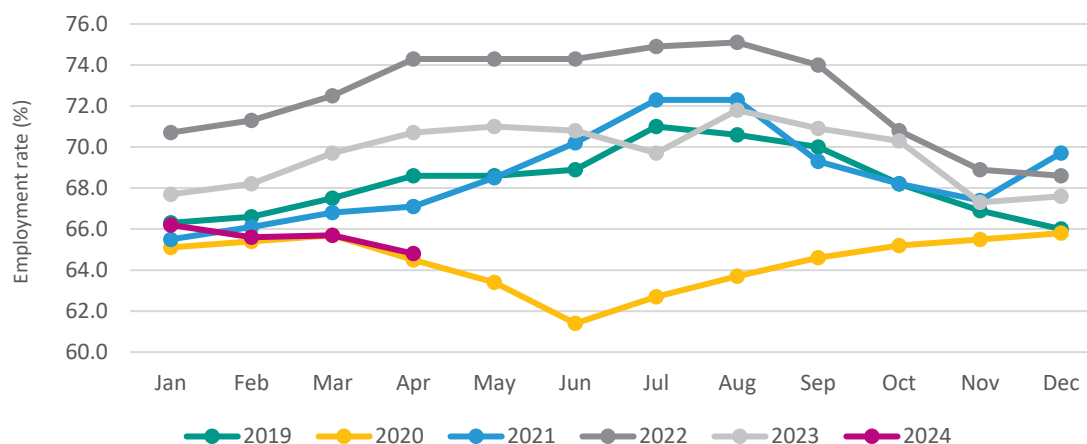




Labour Force Activity¹ April 2024

Labour Force Survey information released by Statistics Canada today estimates the Northwest Territories' (NWT) seasonally unadjusted employment rate at 64.8%. Since January, the NWT employment rate has trended downwards similar to 2020 but in contrast with patterns of the previous years (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Historical Employment Rates, Northwest Territories



April 2024 saw the number of employed persons in the NWT decrease by 1,800 to 22,300 compared to the previous year. The overall employment rate dropped 5.9 percentage points from 70.7% in April 2023. Employment rates declined among all key demographic characteristics with the largest decreases observed among females (7.4 percentage points), youth aged 15 to 24 years (6.4 percentage points), and Non-Indigenous persons (6.2 percentage points).

Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

Compared to 2023, employment declined in both the goods-producing and the services-producing industries. Among specific industries, April 2024 employment increased in utilities; finance, insurance, real estate & leasing; and in accommodation & food services. These increases were offset by declines in industries such as construction, public administration, transport & warehousing, and trade.

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

National highlights

Nationally, Canada’s seasonally unadjusted employment rate increased slightly to 60.9%. Yukon (71.0%), followed by the Northwest Territories (64.8%), and Alberta (64.7%) had the highest employment rates among the provinces and territories. Newfoundland & Labrador had the lowest employment rate at 51.1%.

Table 1: Labour Force Activity -Northwest Territories

	Employed	Unemployed	Unemploy - ment rate	Empley - ment rate
Apr-24	22,300	1,300	5.5	64.8
Mar-24	22,600	1,200	5.0	65.7
Feb-24	22,500	1,500	6.2	65.6
Jan-24	22,700	1,700	6.9	66.2
Dec-23	23,200	1,500	6.1	67.6
Nov-23	23,100	1,100	4.5	67.3
Oct-23	24,200	600	2.4	70.3
Sep-23	24,400	1,400	5.4	70.9
Aug-23	24,700	1,600	6.1	71.8
Jul-23	23,900	2,300	8.8	69.7
Jun-23	24,200	1,800	6.9	70.8
May-23	24,200	1,800	6.9	71.0

Historial Labour Market Indicators for April				
2024	22,300	1,300	5.5	64.8
2023	24,100	1,400	5.5	70.7
2022	25,400	1,500	5.6	74.3
2021	22,800	1,700	6.9	67.1
2020	21,800	2,000	8.4	64.5
2019	23,200	1,400	5.7	68.6
2018	22,000	2,000	8.3	65.1
2017	22,700	1,400	5.8	67.6
2016	23,400	2,000	7.9	69.6
2015	22,700	2,100	8.5	68.6
2014	22,600	2,200	8.9	68.9

Month	Rate (%)
May-23	6.9
Jun-23	6.9
Jul-23	8.8
Aug-23	6.1
Sep-23	5.4
Oct-23	2.4
Nov-23	4.5
Dec-23	6.1
Jan-24	6.9
Feb-24	6.2
Mar-24	5.0
Apr-24	5.5

Year	Rate (%)
2014	68.9
2015	68.6
2016	69.6
2017	67.6
2018	65.1
2019	68.6
2020	64.5
2021	67.1
2022	74.3
2023	70.7
2024	64.8

Additional labour market information can be found on the NWT Bureau of Statistics website.

- Tables & Reports: <https://www.statsnwt.ca/labour-income/labour-force-activity/>
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