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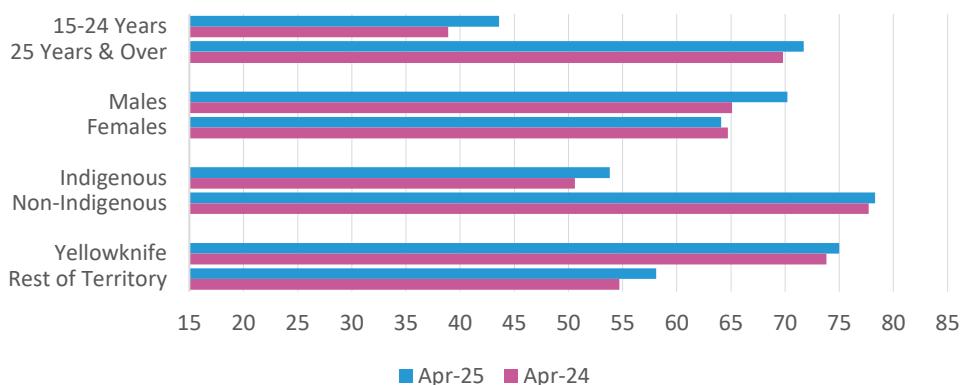
Labour Force Activity¹ April 2025

The seasonally unadjusted employment rate in the Northwest Territories (NWT) was 67.2% in April 2025, a decline from 68.1% the previous month. Employment dropped slightly to 23,400, with 88.5% of persons working full-time while 11.5% worked part-time.

Employment in the NWT rose by 5.4% (1,200 people) over the past year, driven mainly by full-time jobs in the private sector. As a result, the April 2025 employment rate climbed 2.3 points from 64.9% recorded in April 2024. The unemployment rate edged down to 3.7% with 400 fewer unemployed persons than 12 months earlier.

Among the major worker groups, year-over-year employment rates increased the most among males, youths aged 15-24 years, and persons living outside of Yellowknife. Females were the only worker group to see a decline in the employment rate compared to April 2024.

Figure 1: Employment Rates by Key Demographic Characteristics,
April 2024 & April 2025



Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

Year-over-year employment in the services-producing industry rose by 700 to 20,400, while the goods-producing industry increased by 400, reaching 2,000. Among specific industries, the largest employment gains were in public administration; trade; and forestry, fishing, mining, oil & gas. In contrast, the largest employment declines occurred in education; finance, insurance, real estate & leasing; and in information, culture & recreation.

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

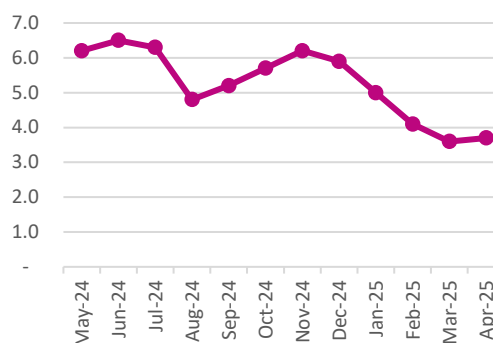
National highlights

The employment rate in Canada decreased month-over-month from 68.1% in March to 67.2% in April 2025. Among the provinces and territories, Yukon (72.2%), followed by the Northwest Territories (67.2%), and Alberta (63.2%) had the highest employment rates. Newfoundland & Labrador had the lowest employment rate at 50.4%.

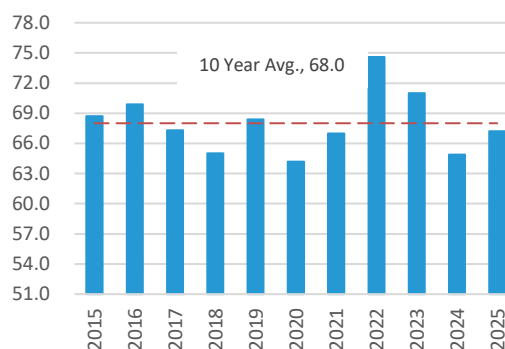
Table 1: Labour Force Activity -Northwest Territories

	Employed	Unemployed	Unemploy - ment rate	Employ- ment rate
Apr-25	23,400	900	3.7	67.2
Mar-25	23,700	900	3.6	68.1
Feb-25	23,100	1,000	4.1	66.6
Jan-25	23,000	1,200	5.0	66.3
Dec-24	22,500	1,400	5.9	64.8
Nov-24	22,700	1,500	6.2	65.6
Oct-24	23,000	1,400	5.7	66.7
Sep-24	23,800	1,300	5.2	69.0
Aug-24	24,000	1,200	4.8	69.8
Jul-24	23,600	1,600	6.3	68.8
Jun-24	22,900	1,600	6.5	66.8
May-24	22,800	1,500	6.2	66.5
Historial Labour Market Indicators for April				
2025	23,400	900	3.7	67.2
2024	22,200	1,300	5.5	64.9
2023	24,000	1,400	5.5	71.0
2022	25,200	1,400	5.3	74.6
2021	22,500	1,700	7.0	67.0
2020	21,500	2,000	8.5	64.2
2019	22,900	1,400	5.8	68.4
2018	21,900	2,000	8.4	65.0
2017	22,600	1,500	6.2	67.3
2016	23,500	2,000	7.9	69.9
2015	22,800	2,100	8.4	68.7

Unemployment Rate (%), Last 12 Months



Historical Employment Rate (%) for April



Additional labour market information can be found on the NWT Bureau of Statistics website <https://www.statsnwt.ca/labour-income/labour-force-activity/> or call (867) 767-9169

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