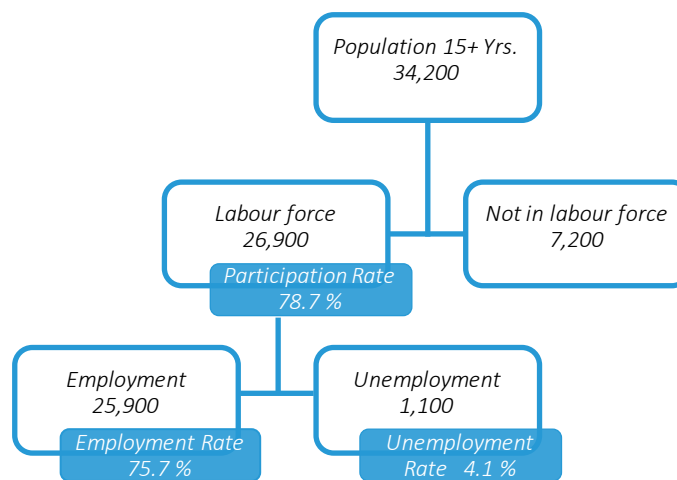


Labour Force Activity¹ August 2022

Statistics Canada estimates that in August 2022, out of 34,200 Northwest Territories (NWT) residents aged 15 years and older, 25,900 were employed. While the number of employed persons was unchanged from July, there was a shift toward full-time employment, which increased by 600 persons.

The employment rate stood at 75.7% and unemployment rate at 4.1%, both unchanged from the previous month.

Figure 1: Labour Force Statistics - Northwest Territories, August, 2022



Compared to one year ago the overall employment rate increased by 3.4 percentage points. Among the major worker groups, the rate increase from August 2021 was highest among non-Indigenous persons, persons living outside of Yellowknife, and persons 25 years and older.

Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

In August 2022, full-time employment increased by 1,700 persons compared to 12 months prior, while part-time employment declined by 400. Year-over-year employment increases were also recorded in the public sector (1,100), and in self-employment (800), while dropping in the private sector (600).

At the industrial level, the largest employment gains were recorded in educational services (1,100), health care and social assistance (700) information, culture & recreation (500), transportation and warehousing (400) and manufacturing.

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



National highlights

For Canada, the employment rate decreased slightly from the previous month to 61.2% in August 2022. At 75.7%, the Northwest Territories had the highest employment rate, followed by Yukon (71.9%), Alberta (63.8%), and Saskatchewan (63.6%).

Figure 2: Employment Rates, Canada, Provinces & Territories, August 2022

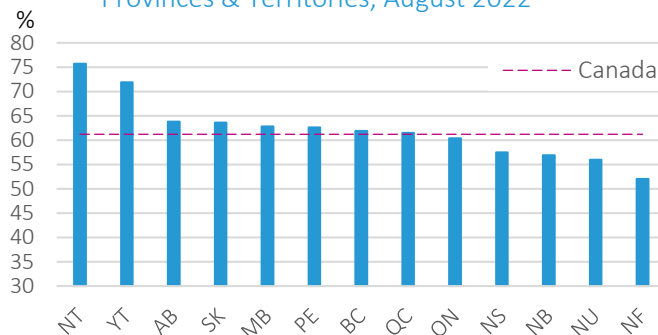


Table 1: Historical Labour Force Activity, Northwest Territories

	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
Aug-22	25,900	1,100	4.1	75.7
Jul-22	25,900	1,100	4.1	75.7
Jun-22	25,400	1,200	4.5	74.3
May-22	25,500	1,500	5.6	74.6
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

Historical Labour Market Indicators for August				
Year	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
2022	25,900	1,100	4.1	75.7
2021	24,500	1,200	4.7	72.3
2020	21,400	2,600	10.8	63.1
2019	23,700	1,800	7.1	70.3
2018	23,400	1,600	6.4	69.6
2017	23,400	1,400	5.6	69.4
2016	24,400	2,000	7.6	72.8
2015	23,900	2,100	8.1	72.0
2014	23,400	1,900	7.5	71.1
2013	24,300	1,900	7.2	74.1
2012	24,100	2,300	8.7	73.9

Employment Rate (%), Last 12 Months	
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
May-22	74.6
Jun-22	74.3
Jul-22	75.7
Aug-22	75.7

Historical Employment Rate (%) for August	
2012	73.9
2013	74.1
2014	71.1
2015	72.0
2016	72.8
2017	69.4
2018	69.6
2019	70.3
2020	63.1
2021	72.3
2022	75.7
10 Year Avg.,	71.3

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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