



Labour Force Activity¹ August 2023

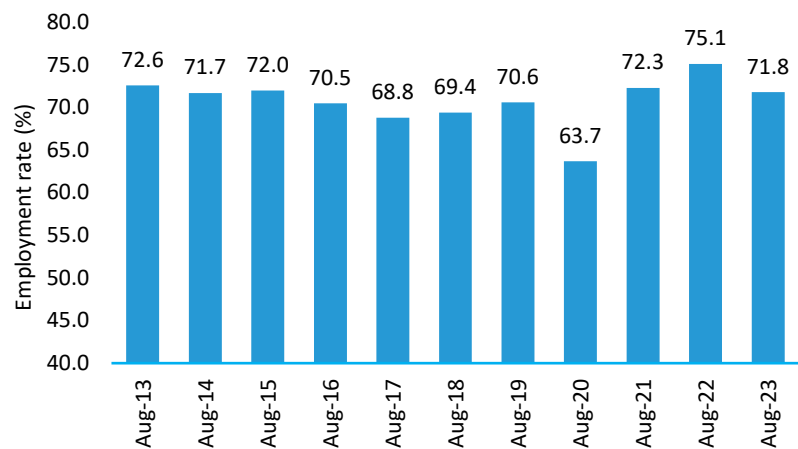
According to Statistics Canada, total employment in the NWT fell by 1,000 persons in August compared to 12 months ago, while the employment rate dropped from 75.1% to 71.8%. The unemployment rate rose to 6.1% compared to last year.

Forest fires in the NWT forced collection of the monthly labour force to be suspended during the month of August. With more than half the population evacuated, coupled with the fact that estimates for the territories are based on three month moving averages, the territory's current labour market activity may not be fully reflected.

National highlights

Nationally, the employment rate was 62.8% in August, having slightly declined from 62.9 the previous month. Employment rates fell for most provinces, with only Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick increasing between July and August.

Figure 1: Historical Employment Rates for August, NWT



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

Table 1: Labour Force Activity -Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour force	Employed Persons	Unemploy-ed	Not in the labour force	Participati-on rate	Unemploy- ment rate	Employment rate
Aug-23	34,400	26,300	24,700	1,600	8,000	76.5	6.1	71.8
Jul-23	34,300	26,100	23,900	2,300	8,200	76.1	8.8	69.7
Jun-23	34,200	26,000	24,200	1,800	8,200	76.0	6.9	70.8
May-23	34,100	26,000	24,200	1,800	8,100	76.2	6.9	71.0
Apr-23	34,100	25,500	24,100	1,400	8,600	74.8	5.5	70.7
Mar-23	34,000	25,000	23,700	1,300	9,000	73.5	5.2	69.7
Feb-23	34,000	24,400	23,200	1,200	9,600	71.8	4.9	68.2
Jan-23	34,100	24,400	23,100	1,200	9,700	71.6	4.9	67.7
Dec-22	34,100	25,100	23,400	1,700	9,000	73.6	6.8	68.6
Nov-22	34,100	25,200	23,500	1,800	8,900	73.9	7.1	68.9
Oct-22	34,200	25,900	24,200	1,700	8,300	75.7	6.6	70.8
Sep-22	34,200	26,200	25,300	1,000	7,900	76.6	3.8	74.0

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

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