

Labour Force Activity¹ February 2022

The employment rate in the Northwest Territories (NWT) was 72.1% in February, a slight decline from 72.4% in January. The number of employed persons stood at 24,600, with about 85% working full-time and 15% working part-time.

Year-over-year, there were 2,000 more persons employed in the NWT compared to February 2021 contributing to an increase in full-time employment of 1,400 and an increase in part-time employment of 600 persons.

Compared to February 2021, different patterns in employment rate for key demographic characteristics can be observed. The highest increases in employment rates were observed for males (10.5 percentage points), Indigenous persons (10.5 percentage points) and youth aged 15 to 24 (10.2 percentage points).

	Employed Persons				Employment Rate (%)			
	Past 3 Months			Last Year	Past 3 Months			Last Year
	Feb-22	Jan-22	Dec-21	Feb-21	Feb-22	Jan-22	Dec-21	Feb-21
Northwest Territories	24,600	24,700	23,600	22,600	72.1	72.4	69.4	66.7
15-24 Years	3,300	3,000	2,300	2,800	61.1	55.6	42.6	50.9
25 Years & Over	21,300	21,700	21,300	19,800	74.2	75.6	74.5	69.5
Males	13,000	12,800	11,900	11,100	74.3	73.1	68.0	63.8
Females	11,600	11,900	11,700	11,500	69.9	71.7	70.5	69.7
Indigenous	8,600	8,500	7,500	7,500	65.2	65.9	59.1	54.7
Non-Indigenous	16,000	16,200	16,100	15,100	76.6	76.8	75.2	74.8
Yellowknife	14,000	14,000	13,700	12,800	77.3	77.3	76.1	71.9
Rest of Territory	10,600	10,700	9,900	9,800	66.3	66.9	61.9	60.9

NWT Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

At the industrial level, the services-producing industry accounted for all year-over-year employment gains, with information, culture and recreation (500), business, building and other support services (400), trade (400) and educational services (400) experiencing the largest increases. Meanwhile, overall employment in the goods-producing sector stayed unchanged.

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



National highlights

Nationally, Canada's seasonally unadjusted employment rate was 60.6%, a slight decline from 60.8% in January 2022. Among the provinces and territories, the Northwest Territories (72.1%) maintained the highest employment rate in February 2022, followed by Yukon (69.0%), Nunavut (65.3%), Alberta (63.7%) and Saskatchewan (63.5%). Newfoundland & Labrador (48.3%) had the lowest employment rate.

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

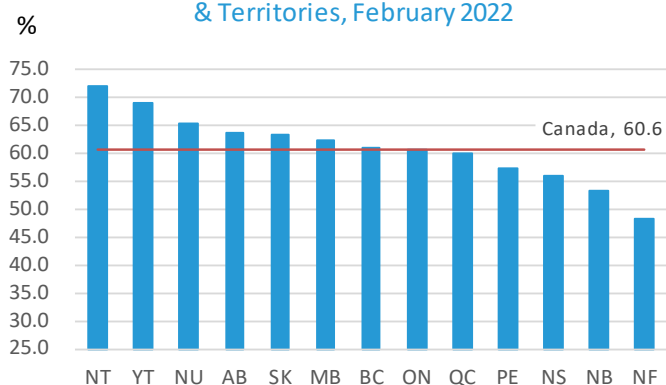


Table 2: Historical Labour Force Activity, Northwest Territories

	Employed	Unemploy- ed	Unemploy- ment rate	Employ- ment rate
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
Apr-21	23,200	1,600	6.5	68.2
Mar-21	22,900	1,600	6.5	67.4

Historical Labour Market Indicators for February				
2022	24,600	1,500	5.7	72.1
2021	22,600	1,700	7.0	66.7
2020	21,900	2,100	8.8	64.8
2019	22,400	1,900	7.8	66.3
2018	22,200	1,900	7.9	65.9
2017	22,300	1,700	7.1	66.6
2016	23,700	2,100	8.1	71.0
2015	22,500	1,900	7.8	68.2
2014	22,600	1,800	7.4	68.9
2013	22,600	1,600	6.6	69.1
2012	22,400	2,100	8.6	68.9

For additional information on the labour force survey results for the Northwest Territories, 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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