



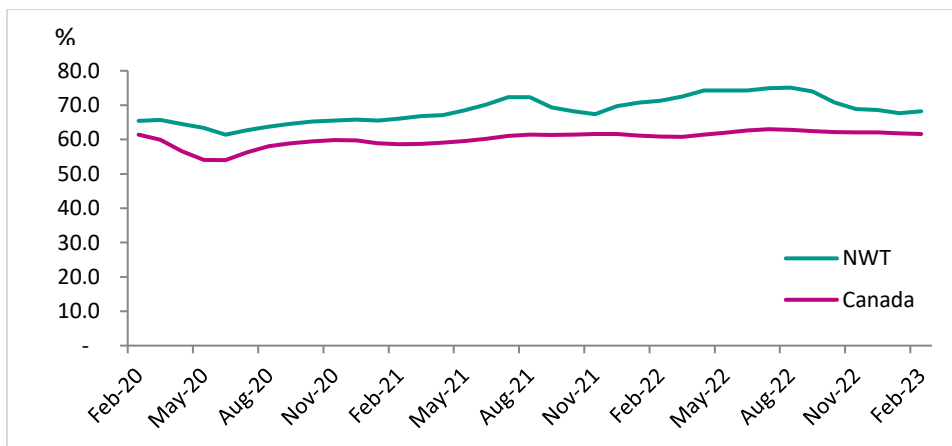
Labour Force Activity¹ February 2023

The employment rate in the Northwest Territories (NWT) was 68.2% in February, a slight increase from 67.7% in January. Employment stood at 23,200, with 88% of persons working full-time while 12% worked part-time.

Year-over-year, employment in the NWT decreased by 4.5% or 1,100 persons, all declines coming from part-time employment. Consequently, the employment rate in February 2023 was 3.1 percentage points lower than the 71.3% recorded in February 2022. During the same period, there were 200 fewer unemployed persons in the NWT resulting in a slight drop in the unemployment rate to 4.9%.

Figure 1 compares employment rates between Canada and the NWT over the past 36 months. While following similar seasonal fluctuations, and staying above the national rate, employment rates in the NWT were more volatile, ranging between 61.4% and 75.1%, compared to 54.0% and 63.0 for Canada.

Figure 1: Employment Rates, NWT & Canada, Feb 2020 - Feb 2023



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

At the industrial level, month-over-month employment levels were little changed for most industries. Employment declines in public administration (-200) and health and social assistance (-200) were offset by increases in industries such as construction (+200) and transport & warehousing (+200).

Meanwhile, private sector employment increased by 300 persons, offsetting declines in public sector employment and in self-employment.

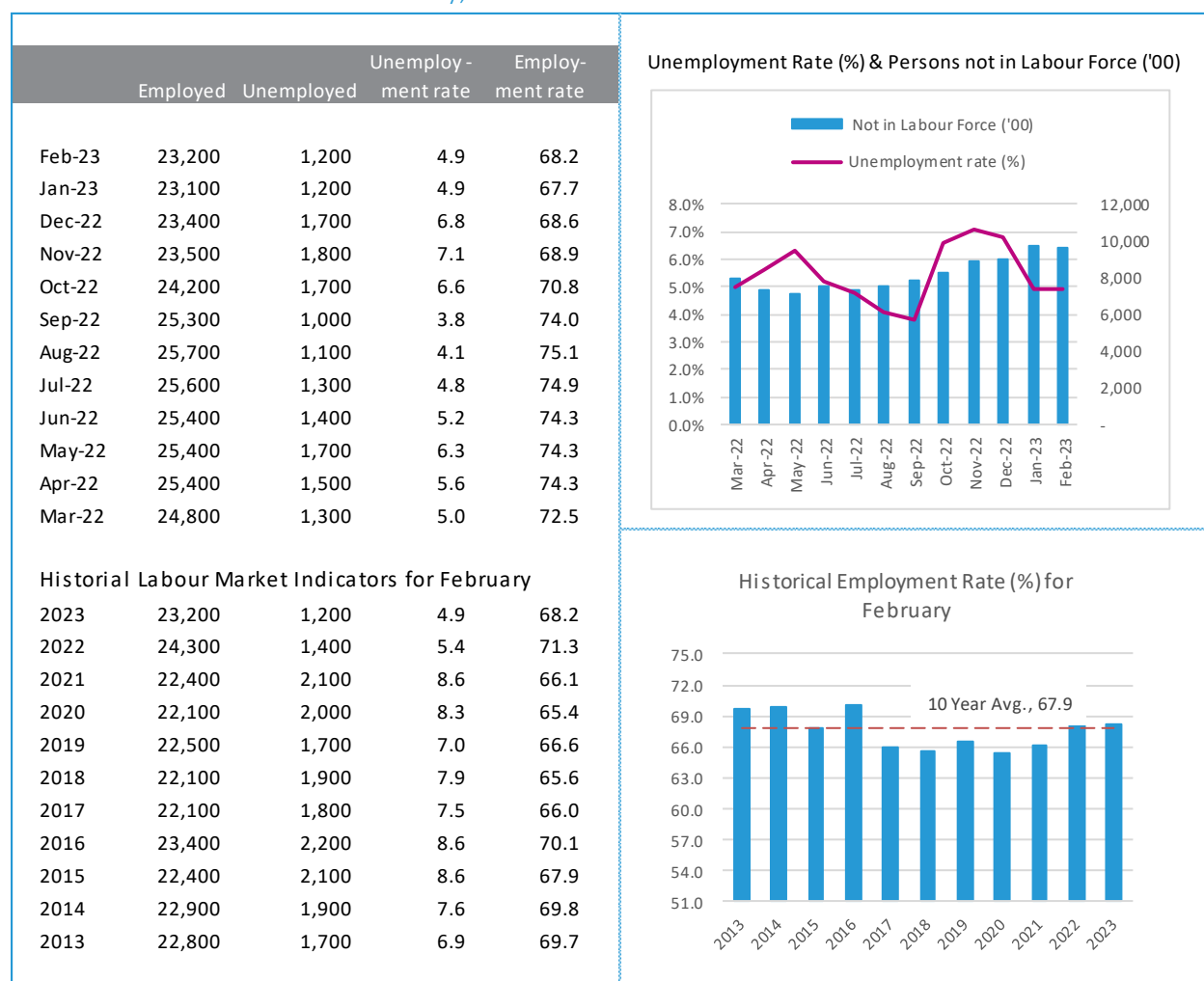
¹ LFS estimates in this report are based on seasonally unadjusted, three-months moving-average time series data.

National highlights

For Canada overall, at 61.6%, the employment rate in February 2023 was virtually unchanged from the previous month. Among the provinces and territories, the Northwest Territories (68.2%) had the highest seasonally unadjusted employment rate, followed by Yukon (68.1%) and Alberta (65.1%).

Unemployment rates were highest in Newfoundland and Labrador (11.5%) followed by Nunavut (10.4%), and Prince Edward Island (7.6%). In the NWT, the unemployment rate was unchanged from the 4.9 recorded in January.

Table 1: Historical Labour Force Activity, Northwest Territories



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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