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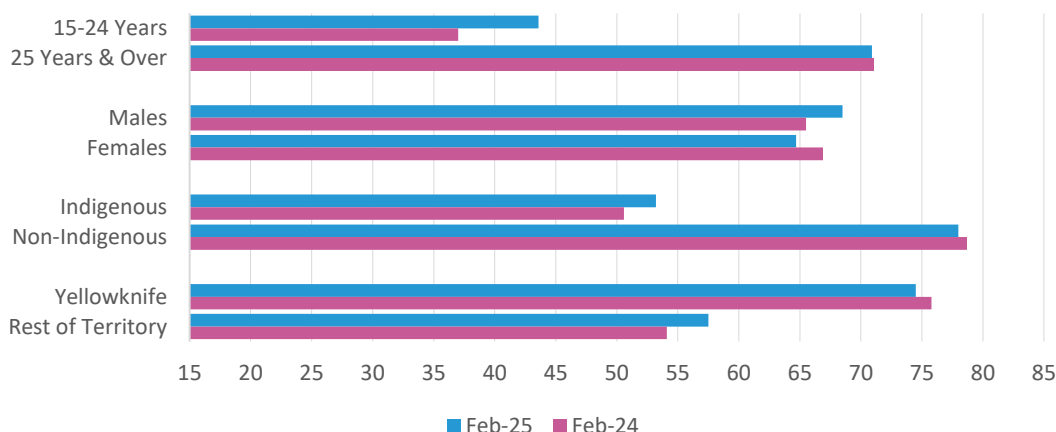
## Labour Force Activity<sup>1</sup> February 2025

In February 2025, the seasonally unadjusted employment rate in the Northwest Territories was 66.6%, a slight increase from 66.3% the previous month. Employment stood at 23,100, with 90.5% in full-time and 9.5% in part-time jobs.

Employment grew by 700 people, year-over-year, driven by full-time jobs in the goods-producing sector. With more people working, the number of unemployed individuals fell by 500, reaching 1,000 in February. As a result, the unemployment rate dipped to 4.1%, its lowest level since November 2023.

Among the major worker groups, the employment rate for youth aged 15-24 years increased 6.6 percentage points to 43.6% between February 2024 and February 2025. The employment rate increased among males, those living outside of Yellowknife, and Indigenous persons while declining among females, persons living in Yellowknife, and Non-Indigenous persons.

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



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

Among specific industries, employment increased the most in forestry, fishing, mining, oil & gas (500), health & social assistance (400), public administration (400), and in trade (300) between February 2024 and February 2025. Industries recording the largest employment declines were information, culture & recreation, transport & warehousing, and education.

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

## National highlights

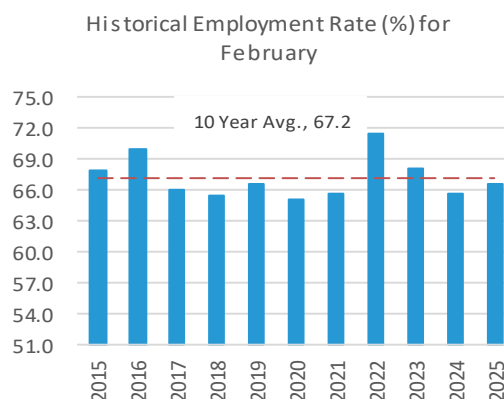
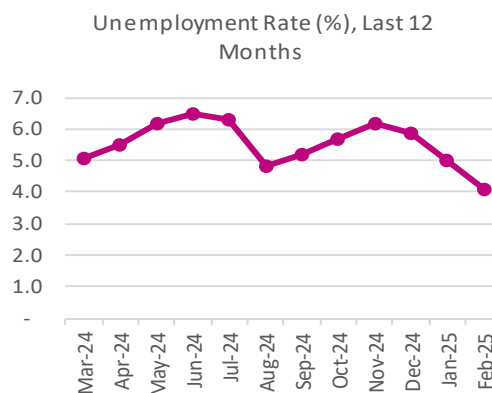
Nationally, Canada's seasonally unadjusted employment rate was 60.5%. Yukon (72.6%), followed by the Northwest Territories (66.6%), and Alberta (63.7%) had the highest employment rates among the provinces and territories. Newfoundland & Labrador had the lowest employment rate at 49.8%.

**Table 1: Labour Force Activity -Northwest Territories**

	Employed	Unemployed	Unemploy - ment rate	Employ- ment rate
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
Apr-24	22,200	1,300	5.5	64.9
Mar-24	22,500	1,200	5.1	66.0

Historical Labour Market Indicators for February				
2025	23,100	1,000	4.1	66.6
2024	22,400	1,500	6.3	65.7
2023	23,000	1,200	5.0	68.2
2022	24,200	1,300	5.1	71.6
2021	22,000	2,100	8.7	65.7
2020	21,800	2,000	8.4	65.1
2019	22,300	1,700	7.1	66.6
2018	22,000	1,900	7.9	65.5
2017	22,100	1,800	7.5	66.0
2016	23,500	2,200	8.6	70.1
2015	22,500	2,100	8.5	68.0



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

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