

## Labour Force Activity<sup>1</sup> January 2022

Between December 2021 and January 2022, employment in the Northwest Territories (NWT) increased by 1,100 persons to 24,700. Employment increases in the one month period were recorded in both full-time (4.4%) and part-time (6.5%) work. At 72.4%, the employment rate was 3.0 percentage points higher than in December 2021, and the highest for the month of January since 2008.

The unemployment rate increased slightly to 5.4%, a result of more people looking for work. There were 1,400 unemployed persons in January 2022.

Year-over-year, total employment in the NWT rose by 2,400 persons. Consequently, the overall employment rate rose 6.6 percentage points. Compared to January 2021, employment rates increased for all key demographic characteristics. Indigenous persons had the largest increase at 11.5 percentage points, followed by youth aged 15 to 24 years, and males.

Figure 1: Employment Rates by Key Demographics Characteristics, Jan 2021 & Jan 2021



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

Among industries, year-over-year employment increased the most in forestry, fishing, mining, oil & gas, in educational services, and in accommodation & food services. The largest employment declines were recorded in construction and in healthcare & social assistance.

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



## National highlights

For Canada overall, the employment rate decreased slightly from the previous month to 60.8% in January 2022. The three territories recorded the highest employment rates among the jurisdictions, with the Northwest Territories (72.4%) having the highest, followed by Yukon (69.0%) and Nunavut (64.5%).

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

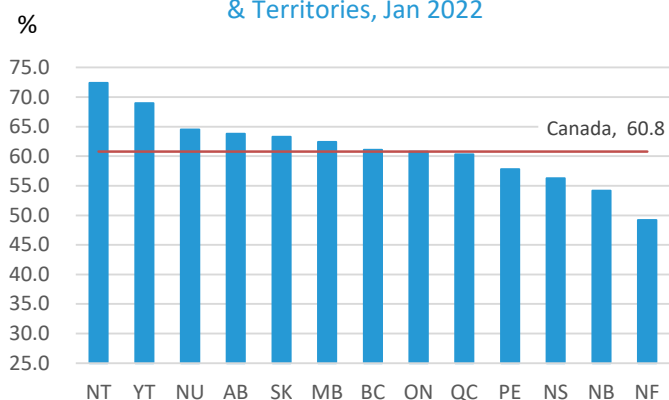


Table 1: Historical Labour Force Activity, Northwest Territories

	Employed	Unemploy- ed	Unemploy - ment rate	Employ- ment rate
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
Feb-21	22,600	1,700	7.0	66.7

Year	Employed	Unemploy- ed	Unemploy - ment rate	Employ- ment rate
2022	24,700	1,400	5.4	72.4
2021	22,300	1,400	5.9	65.8
2020	21,700	1,900	8.0	64.2
2019	22,200	1,900	7.9	65.7
2018	22,200	1,900	7.9	65.9
2017	22,300	1,700	7.1	66.6
2016	23,500	2,400	9.3	70.4
2015	22,300	1,900	7.9	67.6
2014	22,800	1,900	7.7	69.5
2013	22,900	1,800	7.3	70.0
2012	22,200	1,900	7.9	68.3

Month	Employment Rate (%)
Feb-21	66.7
Mar-21	67.4
Apr-21	68.2
May-21	69.4
Jun-21	69.9
Jul-21	72.0
Aug-21	72.3
Sep-21	71.1
Oct-21	69.1
Nov-21	67.6
Dec-21	69.4
Jan-22	72.4

Year	Employment Rate (%)
2012	68.3
2013	70.0
2014	69.5
2015	67.6
2016	70.4
2017	66.6
2018	65.9
2019	65.7
2020	64.2
2021	65.8
2022	72.4

For additional information and detailed tables 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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