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

Labour Force Survey information released by Statistics Canada today estimates the Northwest Territories' seasonally unadjusted employment rate for January at 66.3%, up from 64.8% in December 2024.

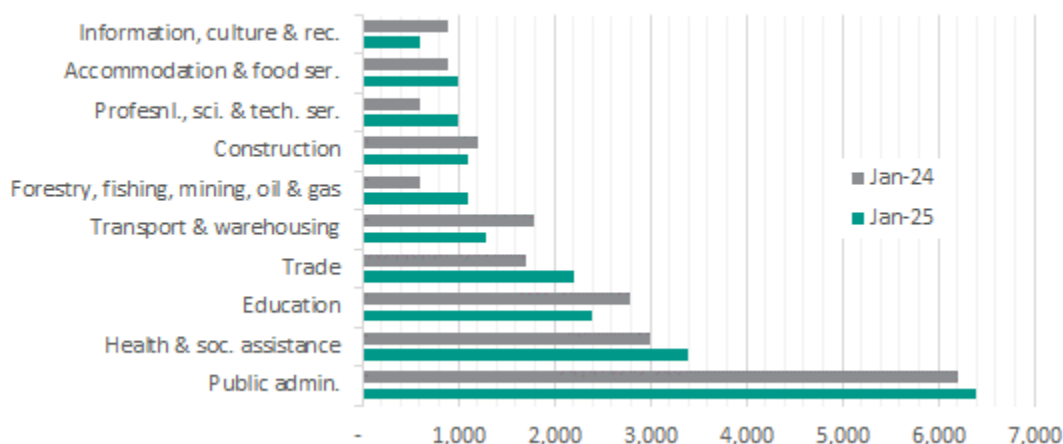
The number of employed persons in the territory rose by 500, reaching 23,000, with job gains primarily observed in full-time employment and the goods-producing sector. Meanwhile, the number of unemployed individuals declined to 1,200, bringing the unemployment rate slightly down to 5.0%.

Year-over-year, the territory's overall employment rate was little changed from 66.5% in January 2024. Among major worker groups, the employment rate increased among youths aged 15–24 (35.2% to 43.6%), persons living outside of Yellowknife (54.7% to 56.9%), and males (66.7% to 68.0%), while declining slightly among persons who live in Yellowknife, females, and those aged 25 or older.

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

Compared to January 2024, overall employment increased by 400 persons. The largest job gains were in forestry, fishing, mining, oil & gas (500), trade (500), professional, scientific, and technical services (400), and health care & social assistance (400). However, these gains were largely offset by declines in industries such as information, culture & recreation; education; and transport & warehousing (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Changes in Employment, by Selected Industries, Jan-2024 & Jan-2025



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

## National highlights

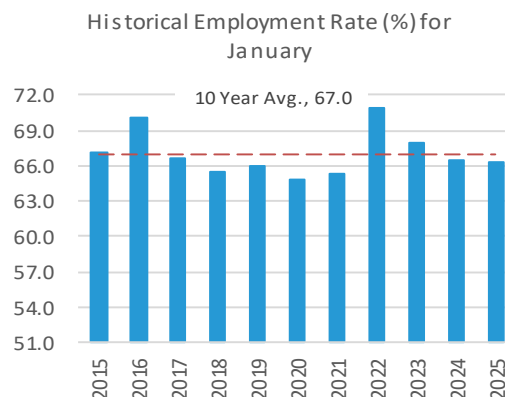
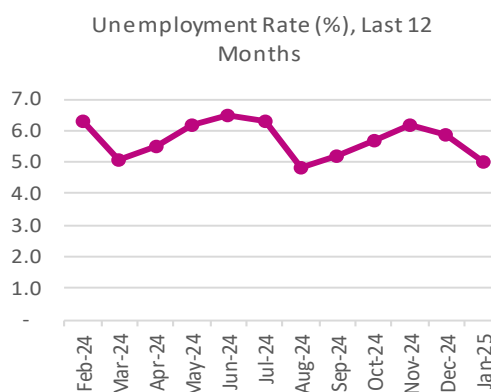
Canada's employment rate slightly decreased from 60.9% to 60.6%, month over month. Among provinces and territories, Yukon had the highest employment rate at 73.1%, followed by the Northwest Territories (66.3%) and Alberta (63.8%). The national unemployment rate was 6.6%, a slight increase from 6.2% the previous month. Newfoundland and Labrador (11.2%), followed by Prince Edward Island (9.5%) and Nunavut (8.1%) had the highest unemployment rates among the jurisdictions.

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

	Employed	Unemployed	Unemploy - ment rate	Employ- ment rate
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
Feb-24	22,400	1,500	6.3	65.7

Historial Labour Market Indicators for January				
2025	23,000	1,200	5.0	66.3
2024	22,600	1,700	7.0	66.5
2023	22,900	1,200	5.0	68.0
2022	24,000	1,600	6.3	71.0
2021	21,800	2,000	8.4	65.3
2020	21,700	2,000	8.4	64.8
2019	22,100	1,800	7.5	66.0
2018	22,000	2,000	8.3	65.5
2017	22,300	1,900	7.9	66.6
2016	23,400	2,400	9.3	70.1
2015	22,200	2,100	8.6	67.1



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

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