

Labour Force Activity

-July 2019-

The July 2019 employment rate was 69.4% in the Northwest Territories' (NWT) up from 66.4% in June. Following seasonal patterns, the number of employed persons also increased to 22,500.

Nationally, Canada's employment rate stood at 62.9% in July. Among provinces and territories, the NWT had the second highest employment rate after Yukon (76.8%), with Alberta (67.3%) and Saskatchewan (66.1%) coming third and fourth, respectively.

Year over year, the number of employed persons in the NWT increased by 600 while the employment rate increased by 2 percentage points. Employment rates increased among all key demographic characteristics except for Indigenous persons and females (Table 1). The largest increase was observed among youth aged 15 to 24 years, where the employment rate rose by 9.6 percentage points to 59.6% in July 2019. This was the highest employment rate for this age group since September 2005.

Table 1: Employment & Employment Rates by Key Characteristics, NWT

	Jul-2019		Jun-2019		Jul-2018		Change from 1 Yr. Ago (p.p)
	(Persons)	Rate (%)	(Persons)	Rate (%)	(Persons)	Rate (%)	
Northwest Territories	22,500	69.4	21,500	66.4	21,900	67.4	2.0
15-24 Yrs.	3,100	59.6	2,600	50.0	2,700	50.0	9.6
25+ Yrs.	19,400	71.3	18,900	69.5	19,200	70.8	0.5
Males	11,700	71.3	11,000	67.1	10,900	66.5	4.8
Females	10,800	67.5	10,500	65.6	11,000	68.3	(0.8)
Indigenous	7,500	50.7	6,900	46.6	8,600	53.1	(2.4)
Non-Indigenous	14,900	85.1	14,600	83.0	13,300	81.6	3.5
Yellowknife	12,700	80.9	12,300	77.8	11,800	78.7	2.2
Rest of the Territory	9,800	59.0	9,200	55.4	10,100	57.7	1.3



Historical labour force activity

The following table presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 2: Labour Force Activity -Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Not in the Labour Force	Partic- ipation Rate	Unemp- loyment Rate	Employ- ment Rate
Jul-19	32,400	24,100	22,500	1,700	8,200	74.4	7.1	69.4
Jun-19	32,400	23,400	21,500	1,900	9,000	72.2	8.1	66.4
May-19	32,400	22,900	21,100	1,800	9,600	70.7	7.9	65.1
Apr-19	32,500	23,000	21,300	1,700	9,500	70.8	7.4	65.5
Mar-19	32,500	22,700	21,100	1,600	9,800	69.8	7.0	64.9
Feb-19	32,400	22,900	21,100	1,900	9,500	70.7	8.3	65.1
Jan-19	32,400	22,800	20,800	1,900	9,600	70.4	8.3	64.2
Dec-18	32,300	23,000	21,300	1,700	9,300	71.2	7.4	65.9
Nov-18	32,300	23,100	21,700	1,500	9,200	71.5	6.5	67.2
Oct-18	32,300	23,100	21,700	1,400	9,200	71.5	6.1	67.2
Sep-18	32,400	23,500	22,400	1,100	8,900	72.5	4.7	69.1
Aug-18	32,500	23,700	22,100	1,600	8,700	72.9	6.8	68.0
Previous Years:								
Jul-18	32,500	23,600	21,900	1,700	8,900	72.6	7.2	67.4
Jul-17	32,400	23,000	21,500	1,500	9,300	71.0	6.5	66.4
Jul-16	32,600	25,100	23,100	2,100	7,500	77.0	8.4	70.9
Jul-15	31,800	24,500	22,500	2,000	7,300	77.0	8.2	70.8
Jul-14	32,300	24,900	22,700	2,200	7,400	77.1	8.8	70.3
Jul-13	32,600	26,200	24,300	1,900	6,400	80.4	7.3	74.5
Jul-12	32,400	25,800	23,500	2,300	6,600	79.6	8.9	72.5
Jul-11	32,300	25,500	23,500	2,000	6,800	78.9	7.8	72.8
Jul-10	32,000	24,000	21,900	2,100	8,100	75.0	8.8	68.4
Jul-09	31,800	22,800	21,200	1,600	9,000	71.7	7.0	66.7

Labour Force Survey (LFS) data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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