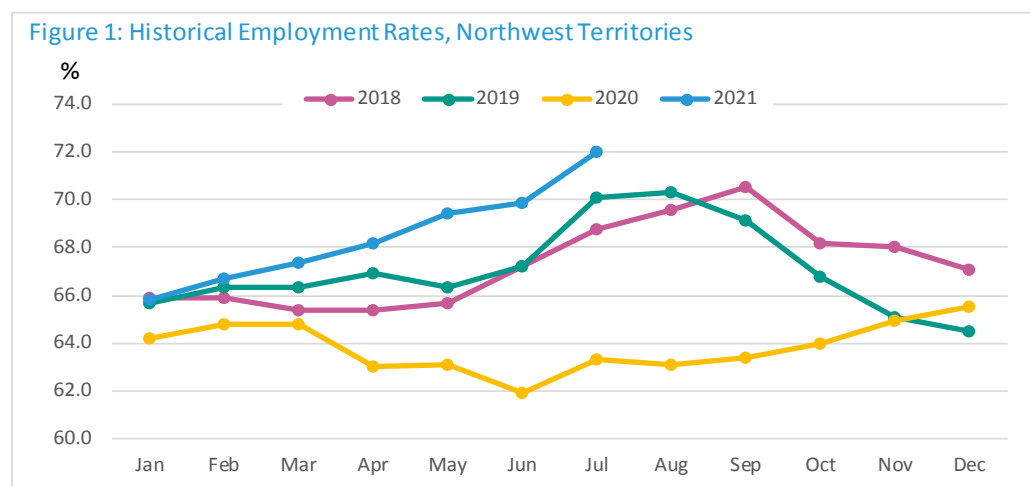


Labour Force Activity July 2021

The July 2021 employment rate in the Northwest Territories (NWT) was 72.0%, an increase from 69.9% recorded in the previous month. The labour force increased by 700 from June 2021 as more people entered the work force. The number of employed persons increased to 24,400, reaching employment levels last seen in August 2016. Among the employed, 86% worked full-time while 14% worked in part-time positions.



Compared to labour market conditions prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the July 2021 employment rate was 1.9 percentage points higher than July 2019. Similarly, employment was up by 700 persons, driven solely by part-time employment.

On an annual basis, the labour force increased by 1,800, while employment increased by 3,000 persons compared to July 2020. The employment rate increased by 8.7 percentage points from 63.3% 12 months earlier.

Year-over-year, the number of unemployed persons declined from 2,300 to 1,100. As a result, the unemployment rate dropped from 9.7% in July 2020 to 4.3% in July 2021.

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



Employment by selected characteristics

Year-over-year, the number of employed persons increased by 3,000 resulting in higher July 2021 employment rates across all demographic characteristics. Employment increased by 2,100 in communities outside of Yellowknife, accounting for 70% of total increases. Youth aged 15 to 24 recorded the largest increase in the employment rate, rising by 23.1 percentage points from 43.6% in July 2020. The July 2021 youth employment rate of 66.7% is the record highest for this age group.

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

	EMPLOYED PERSONS				EMPLOYMENT RATE (%)			
	PAST 3 MONTHS			LAST YEAR	PAST 3 MONTHS			LAST YEAR
	Jul-21	Jun-21	May-21	Jul-20	Jul-21	Jun-21	May-21	Jul-20
Northwest Territories	24,400	23,700	23,600	21,400	72.0	69.9	69.4	63.3
15-24 Years	3,600	2,900	2,800	2,400	66.7	53.7	51.9	43.6
25 Years & Over	20,900	20,800	20,800	19,000	73.3	73.0	73.0	66.9
Males	12,200	11,500	11,400	10,900	70.1	66.1	65.5	62.6
Females	12,300	12,200	12,100	10,500	74.5	73.9	73.3	63.6
Indigenous	8,700	8,200	7,900	7,300	64.9	62.1	59.4	48.7
Non-Indigenous	15,800	15,500	15,700	14,200	77.1	74.9	75.8	75.1
Yellowknife	13,800	13,300	13,300	12,900	77.1	74.3	74.3	73.3
Rest of the Territory	10,600	10,400	10,300	8,500	66.3	64.6	64.0	52.5

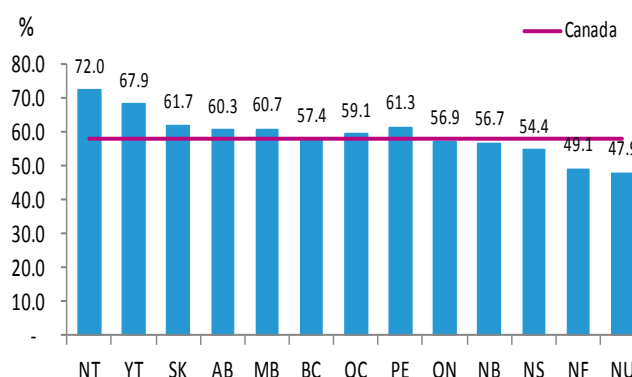
Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

At the industrial level, year-over-year employment increased by 10% in the goods-producing industry and by 15% in the services-producing industry. Employment increased in all sectors, by 1,400 in the public sector, 1,100 in the private sector and by 400 in self-employment.

National highlights

Among the provinces and territories, the Northwest Territories (72.0%) had the highest employment rate in July 2021, followed by Yukon (67.9%), Saskatchewan (61.7%) and Alberta (60.3%). Nova Scotia (54.4%), Newfoundland & Labrador (49.1%), and Nunavut (47.9%) had the lowest employment rates.

Figure 2: Employment Rates, Canada, Provinces & Territories, Jul 2021



Nationally, Canada's employment rate was 57.9%, down from 60.0% in June 2021

Historical Labour Force Activity

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

Table 3: Labour Force Activity -Northwest Territories

	Pop. 15 & Over	Labour force	Employed Persons	Unemploy- ed	Not in labour force	Participat- ion rate	Unemploy- ment rate	Employ- ment rate
	Number of persons					Percent		
Jul-21	33,900	25,500	24,400	1,100	8,400	75.2	4.3	72.0
Jun-21	33,900	24,800	23,700	1,100	9,100	73.2	4.4	69.9
May-21	34,000	24,600	23,600	1,100	9,300	72.4	4.5	69.4
Apr-21	34,000	24,800	23,200	1,600	9,200	72.9	6.5	68.2
Mar-21	34,000	24,500	22,900	1,600	9,500	72.1	6.5	67.4
Feb-21	33,900	24,300	22,600	1,700	9,600	71.7	7.0	66.7
Jan-21	33,900	23,700	22,300	1,400	10,200	69.9	5.9	65.8
Dec-20	33,900	23,600	22,200	1,400	10,300	69.6	5.9	65.5
Nov-20	33,900	23,500	22,000	1,500	10,400	69.3	6.4	64.9
Oct-20	33,900	23,500	21,700	1,900	10,300	69.3	8.1	64.0
Sep-20	33,900	23,700	21,500	2,200	10,200	69.9	9.3	63.4
Aug-20	33,900	24,000	21,400	2,600	9,800	70.8	10.8	63.1
Historical for this month:								
Jul-21	33,900	25,500	24,400	1,100	8,400	75.2	4.3	72.0
Jul-20	33,800	23,700	21,400	2,300	10,100	70.1	9.7	63.3
Jul-19	33,800	25,400	23,700	1,700	8,300	75.1	6.7	70.1
Jul-18	33,700	24,900	23,200	1,700	8,800	73.9	6.8	68.8
Jul-17	33,600	24,400	22,900	1,500	9,300	72.6	6.1	68.2
Jul-16	33,600	26,200	24,100	2,200	7,400	78.0	8.4	71.7
Jul-15	33,200	25,900	23,700	2,200	7,200	78.0	8.5	71.4
Jul-14	32,900	25,500	23,300	2,200	7,400	77.5	8.6	70.8
Jul-13	32,800	26,300	24,500	1,900	6,400	80.2	7.2	74.7
Jul-12	32,600	26,000	23,800	2,300	6,500	79.8	8.8	73.0
Jul-11	32,400	25,500	23,400	2,100	6,900	78.7	8.2	72.2

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