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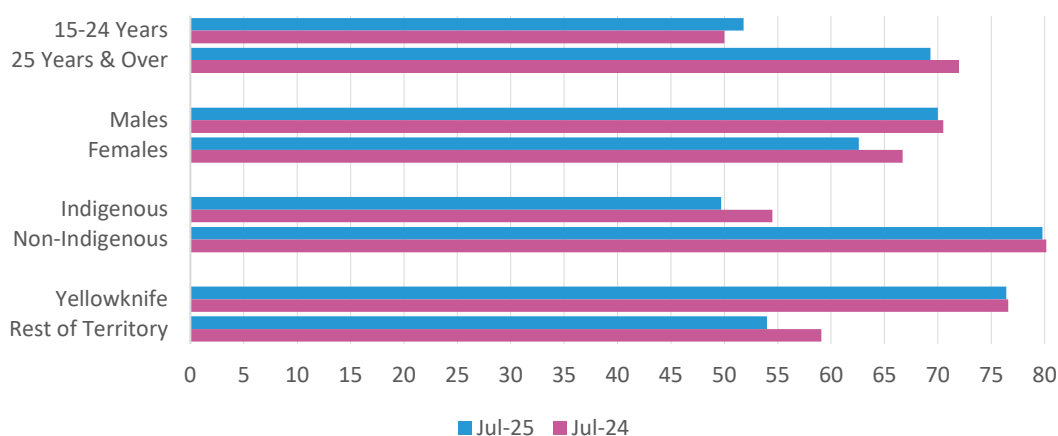
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Labour Force Activity¹ July 2025

The seasonally unadjusted employment rate in the Northwest Territories (NWT) was 66.2% in July 2025, an increase from 65.4% the previous month. Employment increased to 23,300, with 89.7% of persons working full-time while 10.7% worked part-time.

On an annual basis, the Northwest Territories' employment rate fell by 2.6 percentage points from July 2024. This decline was primarily due to decreased employment rates among females, Indigenous, and those living outside of Yellowknife. In contrast, the employment rate rose for people 15 to 24 years of age, increasing by 1.8 percentage points between July 2024 and July 2025.

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



Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

Year-over-year employment in the services-producing industry declined by 800 to 19,500, while the goods-producing industry rose by 500, reaching 3,800. Among specific industries, the largest employment gains were in forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas; business, building & other support services; and accommodation & food services. In contrast, the largest employment declines occurred in transportation & warehousing; finance insurance, real estate & leasing; and health & social assistance.

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

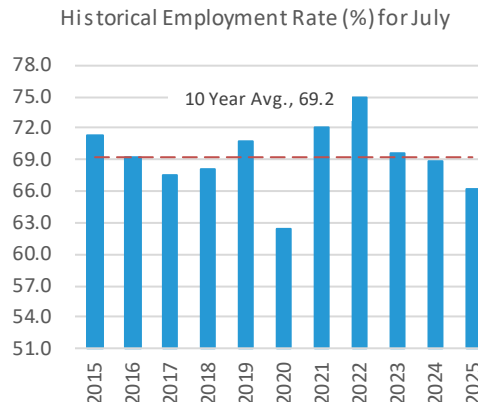
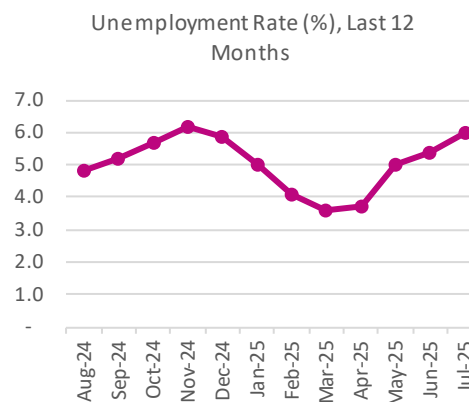
National highlights

The employment rate in Canada increased month-over-month from 61.3% in June to 61.6% in July 2025. Among the provinces and territories, Yukon (75.0%), followed by the Northwest Territories (66.2%), and Saskatchewan (65.4%) had the highest employment rates. Nunavut had the lowest employment rate at 53.0%.

Table 1: Labour Force Activity -Northwest Territories

	Employed	Unemployed	Unemploy- ment rate	Employ- ment rate
Jul-25	23,300	1,500	6.0	66.2
Jun-25	22,900	1,300	5.4	65.4
May-25	22,700	1,200	5.0	65.0
Apr-25	23,400	900	3.7	67.2
Mar-25	23,700	900	3.6	68.1
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

Historical Labour Market Indicators for July				
2025	23,300	1,500	6.0	66.2
2024	23,600	1,600	6.3	68.8
2023	23,700	2,300	8.9	69.7
2022	25,300	1,200	4.5	74.9
2021	24,200	1,400	5.5	72.0
2020	20,900	2,800	11.9	62.4
2019	23,600	1,600	6.3	70.7
2018	22,800	1,900	7.7	68.1
2017	22,700	1,900	7.8	67.6
2016	23,300	2,400	9.3	69.3
2015	23,700	2,400	9.2	71.4



Additional labour market information can be found on the NWT Bureau of Statistics website <https://www.statsnwt.ca/labour-income/labour-force-activity/> or call (867) 767-9169.

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