

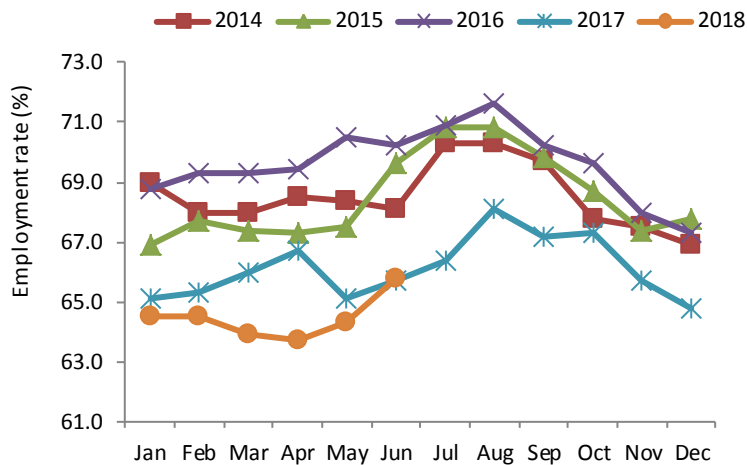
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Monthly Labour Force Activity - June 2018 -

Overview

In June 2018, the Northwest Territories' (NWT) labour force increased by 700 persons compared to the previous month. Overall employment increased by 2.4% or 500 persons, spurred by increases in full-time and youth employment. The employment rate rose to 65.8%, reaching levels slightly above June last year. June is the first month this year where employment rates were higher than 2017.

Figure 1: Employment Rates, NWT 2014 - 2018



On an annual basis, employment was little changed and stood at 21,400, with gains in part-time work offset by a decline in full-time employment.

Over the same period, the number of people looking for work in the NWT increased by 600 persons. In response, the unemployment rate increased 2.3 percentage points compared to one year ago.

Table 1: Labour Force Statistics - Northwest Territories, June 2018

	Jun-18	May-18	Jun-17	Change from 12 months ago		
				Number	%	
Population 15 & Older	32,500	32,500	32,400	100	↑	0.3
Labour force	23,400	22,700	22,700	700	↑	3.1
Employment	21,400	20,900	21,300	100	↑	0.5
Full-time	18,700	18,200	18,900	(200)	↓	(1.1)
Part-time	2,700	2,700	2,400	300	↑	12.5
Unemployment	2,000	1,900	1,400	600	↑	42.9
Not in labour force	9,100	9,800	9,700	(600)	↓	(6.2)
Participation rate (%)	72.0	69.8	70.1			
Unemployment rate (%)	8.5	8.4	6.2			
Employment rate (%)	65.8	64.3	65.7			

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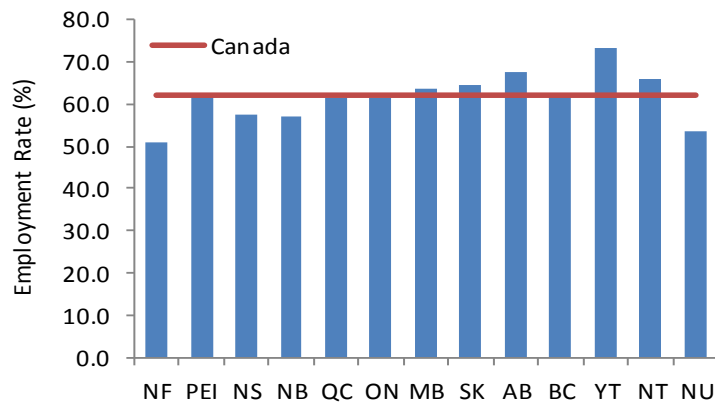


National highlights

Nationally, Canada's employment rate increased by 0.6 percentage points to 61.9% in June 2018.

Among the provinces and territories, the Northwest Territories (65.8%) had the third highest employment rate after Yukon (73.1%) and Alberta (67.5%). Newfoundland & Labrador (51.1%), Nunavut (53.7%) and New Brunswick (57.2%) had the lowest employment rates.

Figure 2: Employment Rates, Provinces & Territories, June 2018



Employment by key demographic characteristics

Between June 2017 and June 2018, the number of employed persons increased among females, Non-Indigenous persons, and people living in Yellowknife. The employment rate increased the most among youths aged 15-24 years, rising by 3.4 percentage points in June 2018.

Table 2: Employment & Employment Rates by Key Characteristics, NWT

	Jun-18		May-18		Jun-17		Change in persons from	
	Employment (Persons)	Rate (%)	Employment (Persons)	Rate (%)	Employment (Persons)	Rate (%)	1 Month ago	1 Year ago
Northwest Territories	21,400	65.8	20,900	64.3	21,300	65.7	500	100
15-24 Yrs.	2,500	46.3	2,100	38.9	2,400	42.9	400	100
25+ Yrs.	19,000	70.1	18,800	69.4	18,800	70.4	200	200
Males	10,600	64.6	10,300	63.2	10,700	66.0	300	(100)
Females	10,800	66.7	10,600	65.4	10,600	65.4	200	200
Indigenous	8,100	50.3	7,800	48.1	8,200	51.6	300	(100)
Non-Indigenous	13,300	81.1	13,100	80.4	13,100	79.4	200	200
Yellowknife	11,900	78.8	11,900	78.3	11,400	77.0	0	500
Rest of the Territory	9,500	54.6	9,000	52.0	9,900	56.3	500	(400)

Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

Year-over-year, the employment increase of 1,100 in the public sector were offset by losses in the private sector (-200) and in self-employment (-700).

Employment in the services-producing industries increased by 1,000, while declining by 800 in the goods-producing industries.

Historical labour force activity

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

Table 3: 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
Jun-18	32,500	23,400	21,400	2,000	9,100	72.0	8.5	65.8
May-18	32,500	22,700	20,900	1,900	9,800	69.8	8.4	64.3
Apr-18	32,500	22,500	20,700	1,800	10,000	69.2	8.0	63.7
Mar-18	32,400	22,700	20,700	2,000	9,700	70.1	8.8	63.9
Feb-18	32,400	22,800	20,900	1,900	9,600	70.4	8.3	64.5
Jan-18	32,400	22,900	20,900	2,000	9,500	70.7	8.7	64.5
Dec-17	32,400	22,600	21,000	1,600	9,900	69.8	7.1	64.8
Nov-17	32,400	22,800	21,300	1,500	9,600	70.4	6.6	65.7
Oct-17	32,400	23,400	21,800	1,500	9,000	72.2	6.4	67.3
Sep-17	32,300	23,300	21,700	1,600	9,000	72.1	6.9	67.2
Aug-17	32,300	23,400	22,000	1,400	9,000	72.4	6.0	68.1
Jul-17	32,400	23,000	21,500	1,500	9,300	71.0	6.5	66.4
Previous Years:								
Jun-17	32,400	22,700	21,300	1,400	9,700	70.1	6.2	65.7
Jun-16	32,600	24,900	22,900	2,000	7,600	76.4	8.0	70.2
Jun-15	31,900	23,800	22,200	1,700	8,000	74.6	7.1	69.6
Jun-14	32,300	24,400	22,000	2,400	7,900	75.5	9.8	68.1
Jun-13	32,500	25,400	23,600	1,800	7,100	78.2	7.1	72.6
Jun-12	32,400	25,000	23,000	2,100	7,300	77.2	8.4	71.0
Jun-11	32,300	24,900	22,900	2,000	7,400	77.1	8.0	70.9
Jun-10	32,000	23,200	21,500	1,700	8,800	72.5	7.3	67.2
Jun-09	31,800	23,100	21,700	1,500	8,700	72.6	6.5	68.2
Jun-08	31,800	24,000	22,400	1,600	7,800	75.5	6.7	70.4

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national Labour Force Survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

For additional information on the monthly release of labour force survey results for the Northwest Territories, visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at <http://www.statsnwt.ca/> or call (867) 767-9169.

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