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

The seasonally unadjusted employment rate in the Northwest Territories (NWT) was 65.4% in June 2025, an increase from 65.0% the previous month. Employment increased to 22,900, with 89.5% of persons working full-time while 10.5% worked part-time.

On an annual basis, the Northwest Territories' employment rate fell by 1.4 percentage points from June 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 5.6 percentage points between June 2024 and June 2025.



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

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

Year-over-year employment in the services-producing industry declined by 300 to 19,800, while the goodsproducing industry rose by 300, reaching 3,100. Among specific industries, the largest employment gains were in accommodation and food services; forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas; and business, building & other support services. In contrast, the largest employment declines occurred in transportation & warehousing, and finance insurance, real estate & leasing. Overall, employment remained unchanged from June 2024.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 60.7% in May to 61.3% in June 2025. Among the provinces and territories, Yukon (73.9%), followed by the Northwest Territories (65.4%), and Saskatchewan (64.8%) had the highest employment rates. Nunavut had the lowest employment rate at 52.9%.

			Unemploy -	Employ-
	Employed	Unemployed	ment rate	ment rate
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
Jul-24	23,600	1,600	6.3	68.8
Historial Labour Market Indicators for June				
2025	22,900	1,300	5.4	65.4
2024	22,900	1,600	6.5	66.8
2023	24,100	1,800	6.9	71.1
2022	25,000	1,300	4.9	74.0
2021	23,600	1,200	4.9	70.2
2020	20,500	2,600	11.3	61.2
2019	23,000	1,700	6.9	68.7
2018	22,300	2,100	8.6	66.4
2017	22,400	1,800	7.4	66.7
2016	23,400	2,400	9.3	69.6
2015	23,300	2,000	7.9	70.2





Historical Employment Rate (%) for June 78.0 75.0 10 Year Avg., 68.2 72.0 69.0 66.0 63.0 60.0 57.0 54.0 51.0 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

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

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