

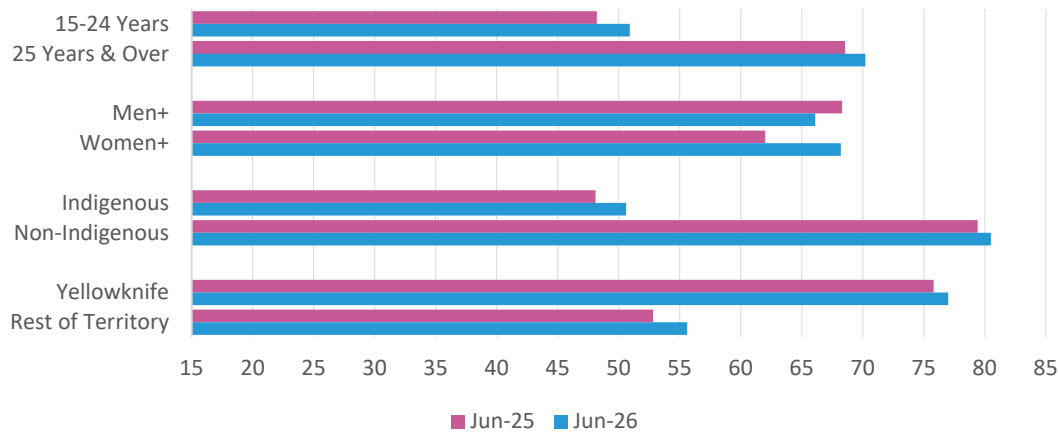


## Labour Force Activity<sup>1</sup> June 2026

The seasonally unadjusted employment rate in the Northwest Territories (NWT) rose to 67.4% in June 2026, up from 65.9% in May. Employment increased to 24,000, with nearly nine in ten workers employed full-time (88.8%), while 11.3% worked part-time.

On an annual basis, the Northwest Territories' employment rate increased by 2.0 percentage points compared with June 2025. The largest year-over-year gains were among women+ (62.0% to 68.2%), residents outside Yellowknife (52.8% to 55.6%), and youth aged 15 to 24 (48.2% to 50.9%). Men+ were the only major demographic group to record a decline, with their employment rate falling 2.0 percentage points to 66.1% (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Employment Rates by Key Demographic Characteristics, June 2025 & June 2026



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

Year-over-year employment in the services-producing sector increased by 1,600 to 21,400, while employment in the goods-producing sector declined by 500 to 2,600. By industry, the largest employment gains were recorded in health care and social assistance (+600), construction (+400), and finance, insurance, real estate and leasing (+400). The largest declines were in forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas (-900) and information, culture and recreation (-200).

<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 60.5% in May to 61.1% in June 2026. Among the provinces and territories, Yukon (70.2%), followed by the Northwest Territories (67.4%), and Alberta (64.9%) had the highest employment rates. Newfoundland and Labrador had the lowest employment rate at 52.1%.

**Table 1: Labour Force Activity -Northwest Territories**

	Employed	Unemployed	Unemploy- ment rate	Employ- ment rate
Jun-26	24,000	2,100	8.0	67.4
May-26	23,400	2,000	7.9	65.9
Apr-26	23,200	1,700	6.8	65.5
Mar-26	22,800	1,500	6.2	64.4
Feb-26	22,800	1,300	5.4	64.6
Jan-26	22,200	1,200	5.1	62.9
Dec-25	22,200	1,000	4.3	62.9
Nov-25	22,200	1,200	5.1	62.9
Oct-25	22,400	1,000	4.3	63.5
Sep-25	23,000	1,500	6.1	65.2
Aug-25	23,400	1,300	5.3	66.3
Jul-25	23,300	1,500	6.0	66.2

Historical Labour Market Indicators for June				
2026	24,000	2,100	8.0	67.4
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

Additional labour market information can be found on the NWT Bureau of Statistics website.

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