

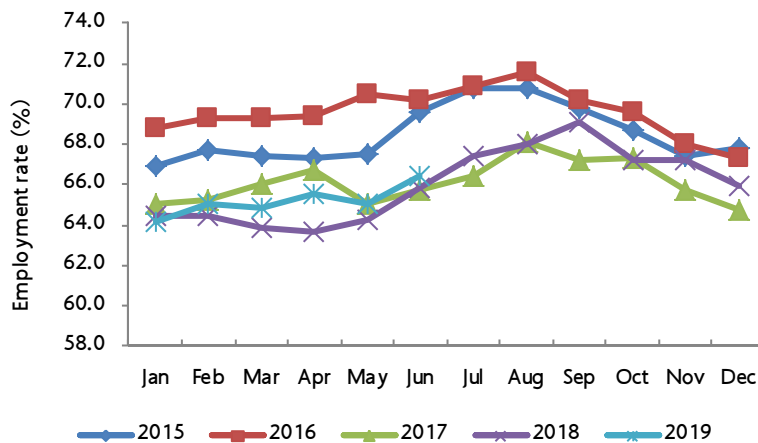
Labour Force Activity

-June 2019-

Overview

In June 2019, the Northwest Territories' (NWT) employment increased by 1.9% or 400 persons compared to the previous month. The employment rate rose to 66.4%, reaching levels slightly above June last year and continuing the trend of higher monthly rates compared to 2018.

Figure 1: Employment Rates, NWT, 2015 - 2019



Compared to June 2018, different patterns can be observed in employment rates for key demographic characteristics. Employment rates increased the most for youth aged 15 to 24 and for males, increasing by 3.7 and 2.5 percentage points respectively, while employment rates decreased among those 25 years and older, females, Indigenous persons and those living in Yellowknife.

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

	Jun-2019		May-2019		Jun-2018		Change from 1 Yr. Ago (p.p)
	(Persons)	Rate (%)	(Persons)	Rate (%)	(Persons)	Rate (%)	
Northwest Territories	21,500	66.4	21,100	65.1	21,400	65.8	0.6
15-24 Yrs.	2,600	50.0	2,400	46.2	2,500	46.3	3.7
25+ Yrs.	18,900	69.5	18,700	68.8	19,000	70.1	(0.6)
Males	11,000	67.1	10,800	65.9	10,600	64.6	2.5
Females	10,500	65.6	10,300	64.4	10,800	66.7	(1.1)
Indigenous	6,900	46.6	7,000	46.7	8,100	50.3	(3.7)
Non-Indigenous	14,600	83.0	14,200	81.1	13,300	81.1	1.9
Yellowknife	12,300	77.8	12,000	77.4	11,900	78.8	(1.0)
Rest of the Territory	9,200	55.4	9,100	53.8	9,500	54.6	0.8



Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

Table 2 shows employment shifts within selected characteristics over the past 12 month with a result of little overall change. For instance, year-over-year employment gains in the private sector and self-employment were mostly offset by a decline in the public sector. The Goods producing industry increased by 200 persons while the services producing industry as well as full-time and part-time were relatively unchanged since June 2018.

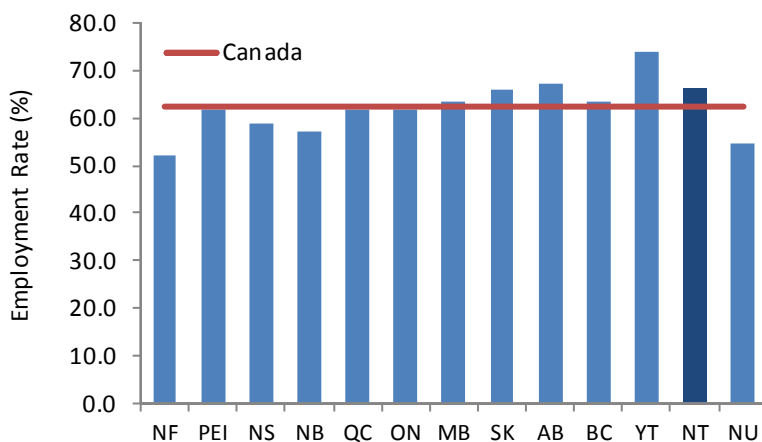
Table 2: Employment & Employment Changes by Selected Characteristics

	2019			Jun-2018	Change from 1 Yr. Ago	
	Jun	May	Apr		No.	%
Total Employment	21,500	21,100	21,300	21,400	100	0.5
Full-time	18,800	18,600	18,700	18,700	100	0.5
Part-time	2,700	2,500	2,600	2,700	-	-
Employees	20,100	19,400	19,500	20,300	(200)	(1.0)
Public sector	9,400	8,900	9,200	10,200	(800)	(7.8)
Private sector	10,700	10,400	10,300	10,100	600	5.9
Self-employment	1,400	1,800	1,700	1,100	300	27.3
Goods-producing industry	3,200	3,200	3,000	3,000	200	6.7
Services-producing industry	18,300	17,900	18,300	18,400	(100)	(0.5)

National highlights

Nationally, Canada's employment rate increased from the previous month to 62.5% in June 2019. The Northwest Territories (66.4%) had the third highest employment rate after Yukon (73.7%) and Alberta (67.2%). Saskatchewan had the fourth highest employment rate (65.7%).

Figure 2: Employment Rates, Provinces & Territories, June 2019



At 8.1%, the Northwest Territories' unemployment rate was fourth highest in the country, with Nunavut (13.6%), Newfoundland & Labrador (12.4%), and Prince Edward Island (8.8%), having higher unemployment rates. The national unemployment rate was 5.5%.

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-19	32,400	23,400	21,500	1,900	9,000	72.2	8.1	66.4
May-19	32,400	22,900	21,100	1,800	9,600	70.7	7.9	65.1
Apr-19	32,500	23,000	21,300	1,700	9,500	70.8	7.4	65.5
Mar-19	32,500	22,700	21,100	1,600	9,800	69.8	7.0	64.9
Feb-19	32,400	22,900	21,100	1,900	9,500	70.7	8.3	65.1
Jan-19	32,400	22,800	20,800	1,900	9,600	70.4	8.3	64.2
Dec-18	32,300	23,000	21,300	1,700	9,300	71.2	7.4	65.9
Nov-18	32,300	23,100	21,700	1,500	9,200	71.5	6.5	67.2
Oct-18	32,300	23,100	21,700	1,400	9,200	71.5	6.1	67.2
Sep-18	32,400	23,500	22,400	1,100	8,900	72.5	4.7	69.1
Aug-18	32,500	23,700	22,100	1,600	8,700	72.9	6.8	68.0
Jul-18	32,500	23,600	21,900	1,700	8,900	72.6	7.2	67.4
Previous Years:								
Jun-18	32,500	23,400	21,400	2,000	9,100	72.0	8.5	65.8
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

Labour Force Survey (LFS) 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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