



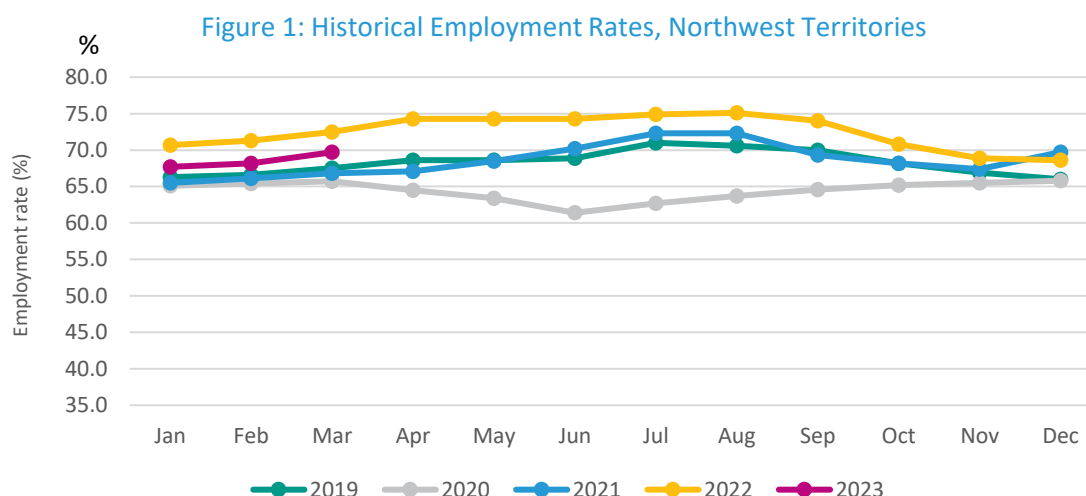
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Labour Force Activity¹ March 2023

Labour Force Survey information released by Statistics Canada today estimates the Northwest Territories' seasonally unadjusted employment rate for March 2023 at 69.7%, an increase of 1.5 percentage points from the previous month. During the first three months of 2023, employment rates have stayed below those recorded last year, but remained above those for 2019 through 2021. Meanwhile, the number of employed persons went up by 500, to 23,700, driven by the public sector employment.

Compared to one year ago, the overall employment rate was 2.8 percentage points lower than March 2022. Except for Non-Indigenous persons and those living in Yellowknife, employment rates dropped for all major worker groups, declining the most for Indigenous persons and those living outside of Yellowknife.



Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

Between March 2022 and March 2023, employment in the goods-producing industry increased by 700 to 3,800, while declining by 1,800 to 19,900 in the services-producing industry. Among specific industries, employment increased in health care & social assistance, construction, transportation & warehousing, and in utilities. Employment declined the most in trade, public administration, accommodation & food services and in information, culture & recreation.

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

National highlights

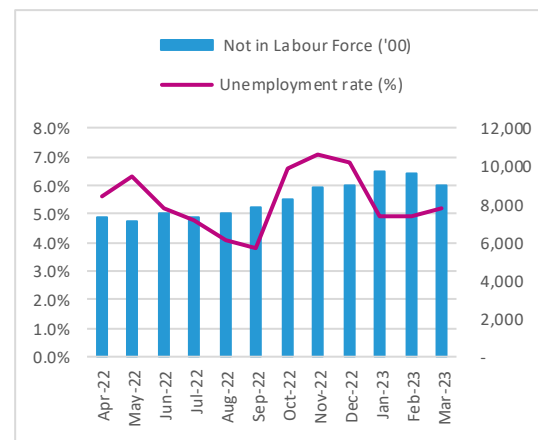
Nationally, Canada's seasonally unadjusted employment rate was 61.2%, little changed from February 2023. Among the provinces and territories, the Northwest Territories (69.7%) maintained the highest employment rate in March 2023, followed by Yukon (68.2%), and Alberta (65.1%). Newfoundland & Labrador had the lowest employment rate at 49.5%.

Table 1: Historical Labour Force Activity, Northwest Territories

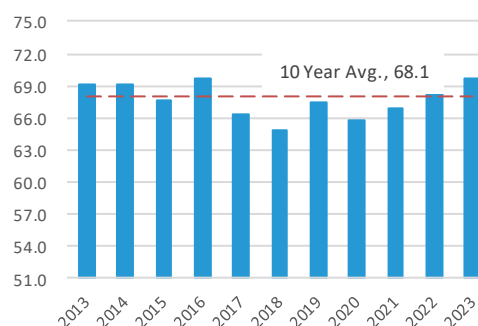
	Employed	Unemployed	Unemploy - ment rate	Empley - ment rate
Mar-23	23,700	1,300	5.2	69.7
Feb-23	23,200	1,200	4.9	68.2
Jan-23	23,100	1,200	4.9	67.7
Dec-22	23,400	1,700	6.8	68.6
Nov-22	23,500	1,800	7.1	68.9
Oct-22	24,200	1,700	6.6	70.8
Sep-22	25,300	1,000	3.8	74.0
Aug-22	25,700	1,100	4.1	75.1
Jul-22	25,600	1,300	4.8	74.9
Jun-22	25,400	1,400	5.2	74.3
May-22	25,400	1,700	6.3	74.3
Apr-22	25,400	1,500	5.6	74.3

Historial Labour Market Indicators for March				
2023	23,700	1,300	5.2	69.7
2022	24,800	1,300	5.0	72.5
2021	22,700	1,700	7.0	66.8
2020	22,200	2,000	8.3	65.7
2019	22,800	1,500	6.2	67.5
2018	21,900	2,100	8.8	64.8
2017	22,200	1,900	7.9	66.3
2016	23,300	2,100	8.3	69.6
2015	22,400	2,400	9.6	67.7
2014	22,700	2,000	8.1	69.2
2013	22,700	1,900	7.7	69.2

Unemployment Rate (%) & Persons not in Labour Force ('00)



Historical Employment Rate (%) for March



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

- Tables & Reports: <https://www.statsnwt.ca/labour-income/labour-force-activity/>
- LMI Dashboard: <https://nwt-bureau-of-statistics.shinyapps.io/lfs-dashboard/>
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