



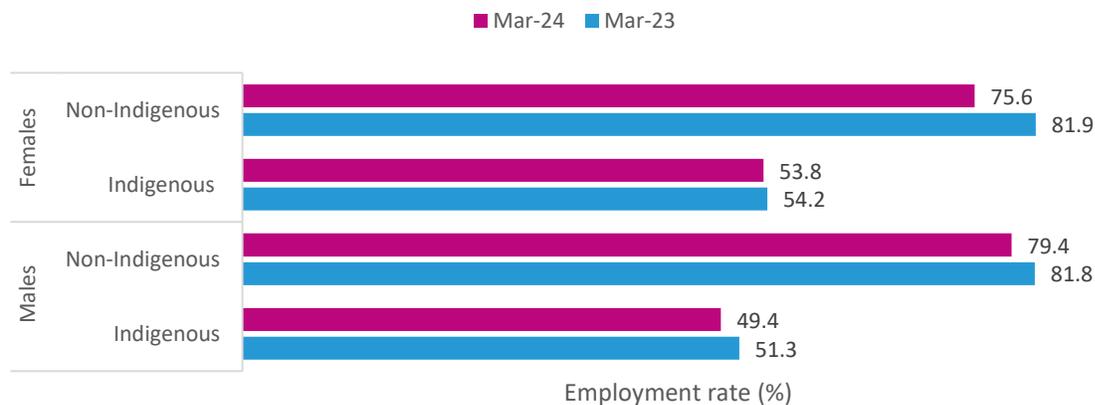
## Labour Force Activity<sup>1</sup> March 2024

The seasonally unadjusted employment rate in the Northwest Territories (NWT) was 65.7% in March 2024, little changed from last month, and the lowest for March since 2021. Employment stood at 22,600, with 89% of persons working full-time while 11% worked part-time.

Compared to one year ago, employment in the NWT decreased by 4.6% or 1,100 persons, with all declines coming from private sector employment. Consequently, the employment rate in March 2024 was 4 percentage points lower than the 69.7% recorded 12 months earlier. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate slightly dropped to 5.0% as the number of unemployed persons little changed from March 2023.

Among the major worker groups, year-over-year employment rates declined the most among Non-Indigenous persons, those living outside of Yellowknife, and females. Figure 1 shows employment rate changes by ethnic group and gender, with Non-Indigenous females recording the largest employment rate decline.

Figure 1. Employment rates by ethnicity & gender, NWT, Mar 2023 & Mar 2024



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

Year-over-year employment declines were concentrated in the goods-producing sector, overall. Among specific industries, employment decreased the most in construction, trade, and forestry, fishing, mining, oil & gas. Industries recording the largest employment gains were accommodation & food services, utilities, and education.

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

## National highlights

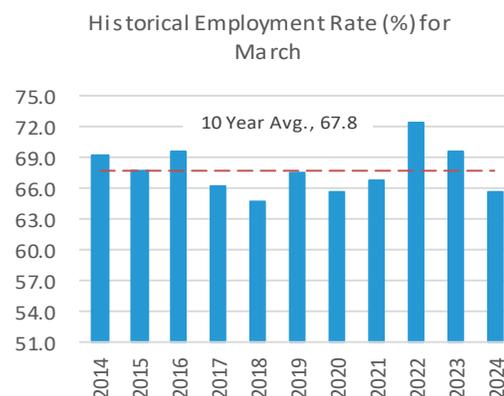
Nationally, Canada's seasonally unadjusted employment rate was 60.7%. Yukon (70.0%), followed by the Northwest Territories (65.7%), and Alberta (64.5%) had the highest employment rates among the provinces and territories. Newfoundland & Labrador had the lowest employment rate at 50.7%.

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

	Employed	Unemployed	Unemploy - ment rate	Employ - ment rate
Mar-24	22,600	1,200	5.0	65.7
Feb-24	22,500	1,500	6.2	65.6
Jan-24	22,700	1,700	6.9	66.2
Dec-23	23,200	1,500	6.1	67.6
Nov-23	23,100	1,100	4.5	67.3
Oct-23	24,200	600	2.4	70.3
Sep-23	24,400	1,400	5.4	70.9
Aug-23	24,700	1,600	6.1	71.8
Jul-23	23,900	2,300	8.8	69.7
Jun-23	24,200	1,800	6.9	70.8
May-23	24,200	1,800	6.9	71.0
Apr-23	24,100	1,400	5.5	70.7

Historical Labour Market Indicators for March				
2024	22,600	1,200	5.0	65.7
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



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

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