

Labour Force Activity¹ March 2022

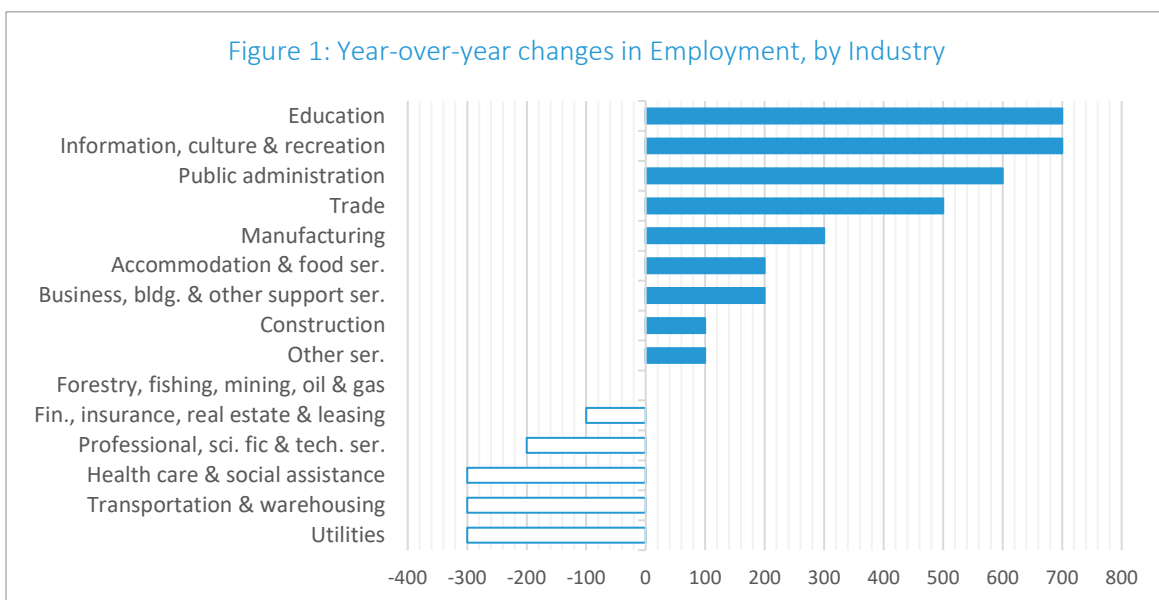
The March 2022 Labour Force Survey information released by Statistics Canada today estimates the Northwest Territories' seasonally unadjusted employment rate at 73.7%, the highest for the territory since September 2013. The number of employed persons rose by 600 between February and March to stand at 25,200 with increases in both full-time (1.9%) and part-time (5.4%) work.

Compared to one year ago the overall employment rate increased by 6.3 percentage points. Among the major worker groups, the increase from March 2021 was highest among Indigenous persons, males, and persons living outside of Yellowknife. The March 2022 male employment rate (76.6%) was higher than the female employment rate (71.1%) for the first time since February 2020.

Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

Year-over-year, all three sectors saw employment gains, by 23.8% in self-employment, 12.9% in private sector, and 4.7% in public sector employment.

Among industries, year-over-year employment increased the most in education services, information, culture & recreation, public administration, and trade. Employment declines were recorded in health care & social assistance, transportation & warehousing, and in utilities.



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



National highlights

For Canada overall, the employment rate decreased slightly from the previous month to 60.5% in March 2022. At 73.7%, the Northwest Territories had the highest employment rate, and was one of only three jurisdictions that recorded employment rate increases between February and March 2022.

Fig. 2: Employment Rates, Canada, Provinces & Territories, March 2022

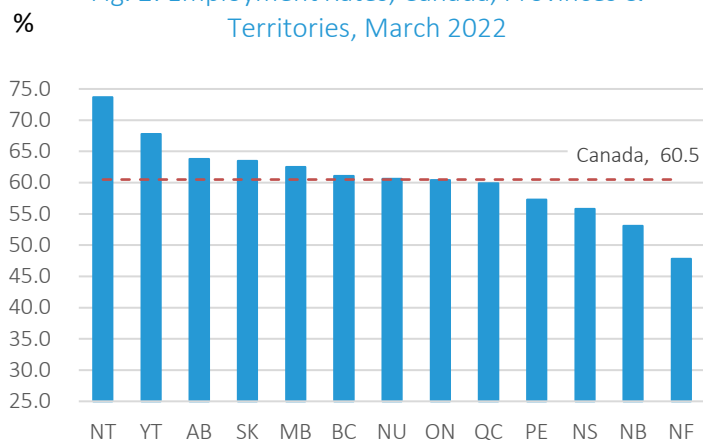


Table 1: Historical Labour Force Activity, Northwest Territories

	Employed	Unemployed	Unemploy- ment rate	Employ- ment rate
Mar-22	25,200	1,400	5.3	73.7
Feb-22	24,600	1,500	5.7	72.1
Jan-22	24,700	1,400	5.4	72.4
Dec-21	23,600	1,300	5.2	69.4
Nov-21	23,000	800	3.4	67.6
Oct-21	23,500	1,100	4.5	69.1
Sep-21	24,100	1,100	4.3	71.1
Aug-21	24,500	1,200	4.7	72.3
Jul-21	24,400	1,100	4.3	72.0
Jun-21	23,700	1,100	4.4	69.9
May-21	23,600	1,100	4.5	69.4
Apr-21	23,200	1,600	6.5	68.2

Historical Labour Market Indicators for March				
2022	25,200	1,400	5.3	73.7
2021	22,900	1,600	6.5	67.4
2020	21,900	2,100	8.7	64.8
2019	22,400	1,700	7.1	66.3
2018	22,100	2,000	8.3	65.4
2017	22,500	1,600	6.6	67.2
2016	23,700	1,900	7.4	70.7
2015	22,600	2,000	8.2	68.3
2014	22,500	1,800	7.4	68.6
2013	22,600	1,800	7.4	68.9
2012	22,500	2,100	8.5	69.0

Employment Rate (%), Last 12 Months

Month	Rate (%)
Apr-21	68.2
May-21	69.4
Jun-21	69.9
Jul-21	72.0
Aug-21	72.3
Sep-21	71.1
Oct-21	69.1
Nov-21	67.6
Dec-21	69.4
Jan-22	72.4
Feb-22	72.1
Mar-22	73.7

Historical Employment Rate (%) for Mar

Year	Rate (%)
2012	69.0
2013	68.9
2014	68.6
2015	68.3
2016	70.7
2017	67.2
2018	65.4
2019	66.3
2020	64.8
2021	67.4
2022	73.7

For additional information and detailed tables on the labour force survey results for the Northwest Territories, visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at <https://www.statsnwt.ca/labour-income/labour-force-activity/> or call (867) 767-9169.

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