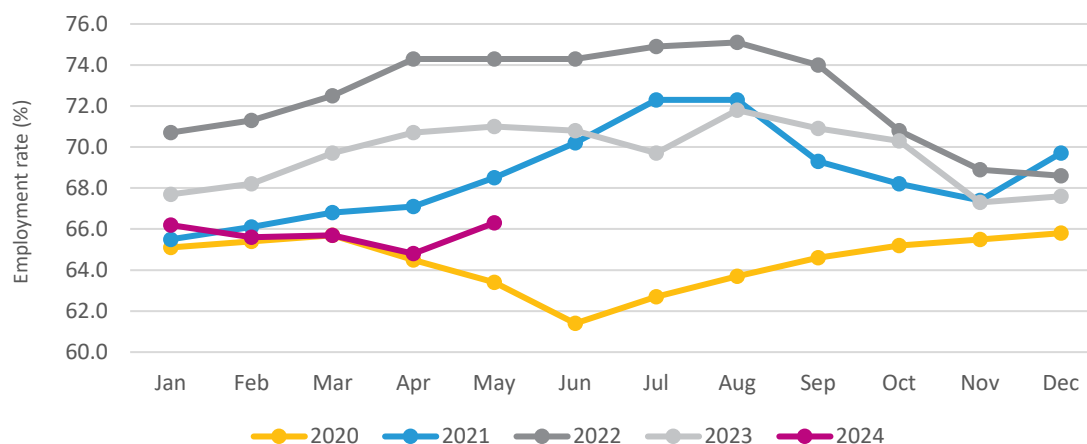




## Labour Force Activity<sup>1</sup> May 2024

Labour Force Survey information released by Statistics Canada today estimates the Northwest Territories' (NWT) seasonally unadjusted employment rate at 66.3%. While the employment rate for May is the highest in 2024, it remains below historic levels for the month. (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Historical Employment Rates, Northwest Territories



May 2024 saw the overall employment rate drop 4.7 percentage points from 71.0% in May 2023. Employment rates declined among all key demographic characteristics with the largest decreases observed among females (6.4 percentage points) and Non-Indigenous persons (6.2 percentage points). The number of employed persons in the NWT decreased by 1,400 to 22,800 compared to the previous year.

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

Compared to 2023, employment declined in both the goods-producing and the services-producing industries. Among specific industries, May 2024 employment increased in forestry, fishing, mining, oil & gas; utilities; information, culture & recreation; and in accommodation & food services. These increases were offset by declines in industries such as construction, transport & warehousing, and trade.

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

# National highlights

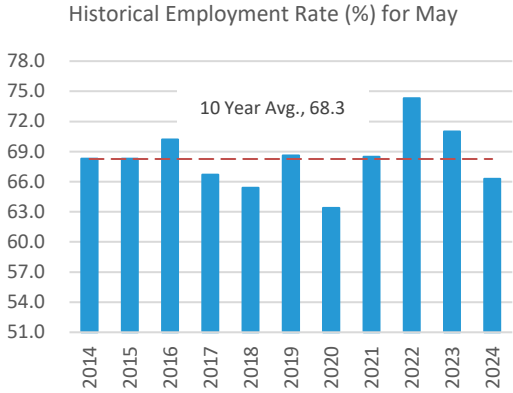
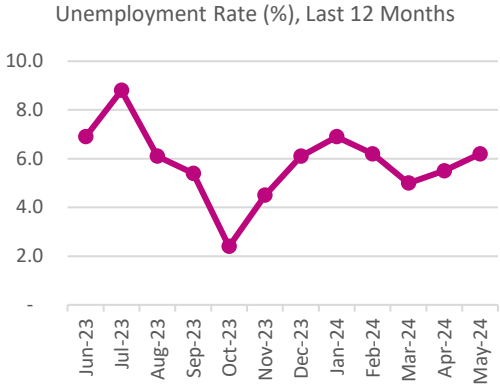
Nationally, Canada’s seasonally unadjusted employment rate increased slightly month-over-month to 61.2%. Yukon (71.6%), followed by the Northwest Territories (66.3%), and Alberta (64.8%) had the highest employment rates among the provinces and territories. Newfoundland & Labrador had the lowest employment rate at 52.0%.

Table 1: Labour Force Activity -Northwest Territories

	Employed	Unemployed	Unemploy - ment rate	Employ- ment rate
May-24	22,800	1,500	6.2	66.3
Apr-24	22,300	1,300	5.5	64.8
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

Historical Labour Market Indicators for May				
Year	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
2024	22,800	1,500	6.2	66.3
2023	24,200	1,800	6.9	71.0
2022	25,400	1,700	6.3	74.3
2021	23,300	1,200	4.9	68.5
2020	21,500	2,200	9.2	63.4
2019	23,200	1,500	6.1	68.6
2018	22,100	2,000	8.3	65.4
2017	22,400	1,700	7.1	66.7
2016	23,600	2,100	8.2	70.2
2015	22,600	2,300	9.2	68.3
2014	22,400	2,300	9.3	68.3



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

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