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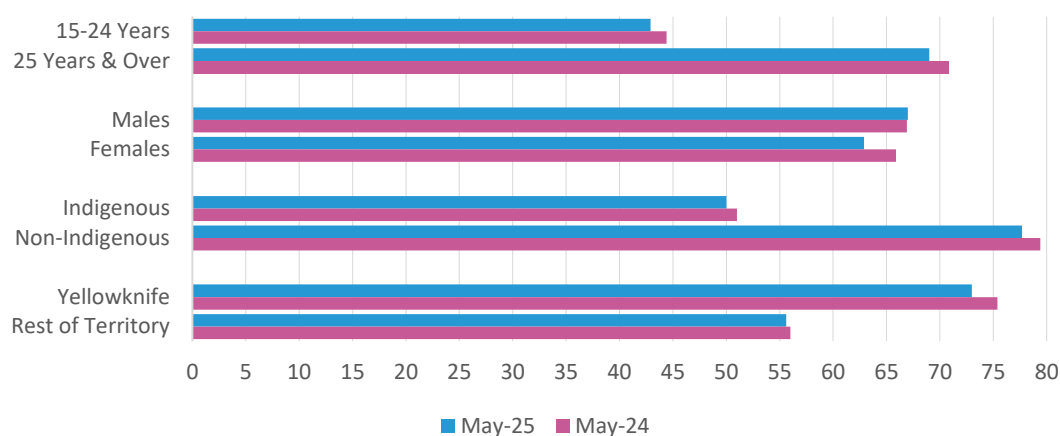
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Labour Force Activity¹ May 2025

The seasonally unadjusted employment rate in the Northwest Territories (NWT) was 65.0% in May 2025, a decline from 67.2% the previous month. Employment fell to 22,700, with 89.0% of persons working full-time while 11.0% worked part-time.

On an annual basis, the Northwest Territories' employment rate fell by 1.5 percentage points from May 2024. Employment rates fell among most major worker groups with year-over-year rates declining the most among females, individuals living in Yellowknife and persons 25 years & older.

Figure 1: Employment Rates by Key Demographic Characteristics,
May 2024 & May 2025



Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

Year-over-year employment in the services-producing industry declined by 200 to 19,600, while the goods-producing industry rose by 200, reaching 3,100. Among specific industries, the largest employment gains were in trade (wholesale & retail); forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas; and business, building & other support services. In contrast, the largest employment declines occurred in education; transportation & warehousing; and finance insurance, real estate & leasing. Overall, employment was little changed from May 2024, decreasing by 100 people over the 12-month period.

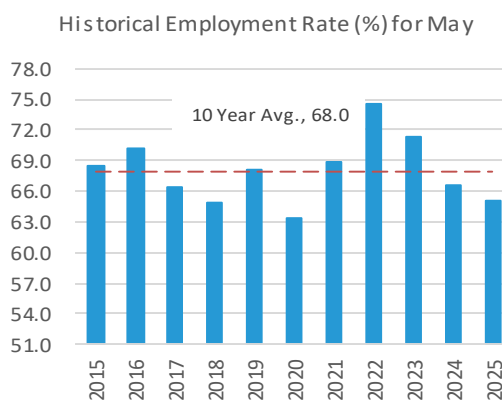
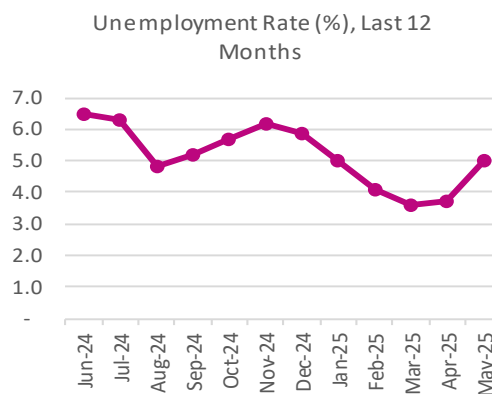
¹ LFS estimates in this report are based on seasonally unadjusted, three-months moving-average time series data.

National highlights

The employment rate in Canada increased month-over-month from 60.4% in April to 60.7% in May 2025. Among the provinces and territories, Yukon (73.0%), followed by the Northwest Territories (65.0%), and Saskatchewan (63.8%) had the highest employment rates. Newfoundland & Labrador had the lowest employment rate at 51.8%.

Table 1: Labour Force Activity -Northwest Territories

	Employed	Unemployed	Unemploy - ment rate	Employ- ment rate
May-25	22,700	1,200	5.0	65.0
Apr-25	23,400	900	3.7	67.2
Mar-25	23,700	900	3.6	68.1
Feb-25	23,100	1,000	4.1	66.6
Jan-25	23,000	1,200	5.0	66.3
Dec-24	22,500	1,400	5.9	64.8
Nov-24	22,700	1,500	6.2	65.6
Oct-24	23,000	1,400	5.7	66.7
Sep-24	23,800	1,300	5.2	69.0
Aug-24	24,000	1,200	4.8	69.8
Jul-24	23,600	1,600	6.3	68.8
Jun-24	22,900	1,600	6.5	66.8
Historial Labour Market Indicators for May				
2025	22,700	1,200	5.0	65.0
2024	22,800	1,500	6.2	66.5
2023	24,200	1,800	6.9	71.4
2022	25,200	1,600	6.0	74.6
2021	23,100	1,200	5.0	68.8
2020	21,200	2,200	9.4	63.3
2019	22,800	1,500	6.2	68.1
2018	21,800	2,000	8.4	64.9
2017	22,300	1,700	7.1	66.4
2016	23,600	2,100	8.2	70.2
2015	22,700	2,300	9.2	68.4



Additional labour market information can be found on the NWT Bureau of Statistics website <https://www.statsnwt.ca/labour-income/labour-force-activity/> or call (867) 767-9169

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