

Labour Force Activity

-November 2018-

Overview

Labour Force Survey information released by Statistics Canada today estimates that 23,100 residents of the Northwest Territories (NWT) were in the labour force in November 2018. Of these persons, 21,700 were employed, representing an employment rate of 67.2%.

Canada's employment rate stood at 61.7%. Among the provinces and territories, Yukon had the highest employment rate at 71.2%, followed by the Alberta (67.3%) and Northwest Territories (67.2%). The NWT unemployment rate was 6.5% in November 2018, while the corresponding national rate was 5.3%.

Year-over-year, employment in the NWT increased by 400 persons compared to last year, with a shift from part-time to full-time employment. Compared to 12 months ago, full-time employment increased by 1,200 people between November 2017 and November 2018.

Table 1: Labour Force Statistics - Northwest Territories, November 2018

	Nov-18	Oct-18	Nov-17	Change from 12 months ago	
				Number	%
Population 15 & Older	32,300	32,300	32,400	(100)	(0.3)
Labour force	23,100	23,100	22,800	300	1.3
Employment	21,700	21,700	21,300	400	1.9
Full-time	19,200	19,200	18,000	1,200	6.7
Part-time	2,500	2,500	3,300	(800)	(24.2)
Unemployment	1,500	1,400	1,500	-	-
Not in labour force	9,200	9,200	9,600	(400)	(4.2)
Participation rate (%)	71.5	71.5	70.4		
Unemployment rate (%)	6.5	6.1	6.6		
Employment rate (%)	67.2	67.2	65.7		



Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

Year-over-year, employment in the goods-producing industries was unchanged, while rising 2.2% in the service-producing industries. Over the same period, employment increased among both public and private sector workers, while self-employment declined between November 2017 and November 2018.

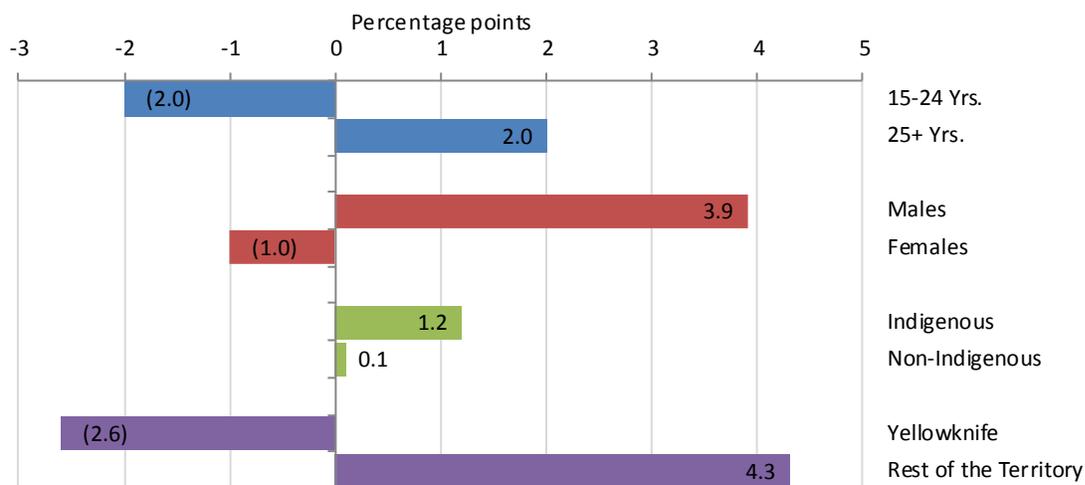
Table 2: Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics

	2018			Nov-2017	Change from 1 Yr. Ago	
	Nov	Oct	Sep		No.	%
Total Employment	21,700	21,700	22,400	21,300	400	1.9
Full-time	19,200	19,200	19,600	18,000	1,200	6.7
Part-time	2,500	2,500	2,800	3,300	(800)	(24.2)
Employees	20,300	20,400	20,900	19,600	700	3.6
Public sector	9,500	9,600	10,100	9,000	500	5.6
Private sector	10,800	10,800	10,800	10,700	100	0.9
Self-employment	1,300	1,200	1,500	1,700	(400)	(23.5)
Goods-producing industry	3,100	3,200	3,600	3,100	-	-
Services-producing industry	18,600	18,400	18,800	18,200	400	2.2

Employment by key demographic characteristics

Compared to November 2017, employment rates increased for most key demographic characteristics with the exception of females, persons aged 15 to 24 years, and persons living in Yellowknife. The largest increase occurred among persons living outside Yellowknife and males, rising by 4.3 and 3.9 percentage points, respectively.

Figure 1: Year-over-year change in Employment Rates - NWT, November 2018



Historical labour force activity

The following table presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 3: Labour Force Activity - Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Not in the Labour Force	Partic- ipation Rate	Unemp- loyment Rate	Employ- ment Rate
Nov-18	32,300	23,100	21,700	1,500	9,200	71.5	6.5	67.2
Oct-18	32,300	23,100	21,700	1,400	9,200	71.5	6.1	67.2
Sep-18	32,400	23,500	22,400	1,100	8,900	72.5	4.7	69.1
Aug-18	32,500	23,700	22,100	1,600	8,700	72.9	6.8	68.0
Jul-18	32,500	23,600	21,900	1,700	8,900	72.6	7.2	67.4
Jun-18	32,500	23,400	21,400	2,000	9,100	72.0	8.5	65.8
May-18	32,500	22,700	20,900	1,900	9,800	69.8	8.4	64.3
Apr-18	32,500	22,500	20,700	1,800	10,000	69.2	8.0	63.7
Mar-18	32,400	22,700	20,700	2,000	9,700	70.1	8.8	63.9
Feb-18	32,400	22,800	20,900	1,900	9,600	70.4	8.3	64.5
Jan-18	32,400	22,900	20,900	2,000	9,500	70.7	8.7	64.5
Dec-17	32,400	22,600	21,000	1,600	9,900	69.8	7.1	64.8
Previous Years:								
Nov-17	32,400	22,800	21,300	1,500	9,600	70.4	6.6	65.7
Nov-16	32,500	23,700	22,100	1,600	8,800	72.9	6.8	68.0
Nov-15	31,900	24,000	21,500	2,500	8,000	75.2	10.4	67.4
Nov-14	32,300	23,400	21,800	1,700	8,900	72.4	7.3	67.5
Nov-13	32,600	24,900	22,800	2,100	7,600	76.4	8.4	69.9
Nov-12	32,500	25,200	23,500	1,700	7,400	77.5	6.7	72.3
Nov-11	32,300	24,600	22,900	1,700	7,700	76.2	6.9	70.9
Nov-10	32,100	23,200	22,000	1,200	8,900	72.3	5.2	68.5
Nov-09	31,700	21,800	20,300	1,500	9,900	68.8	6.9	64.0
Nov-08	31,700	24,000	22,600	1,400	7,800	75.7	5.8	71.3

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national Labour Force Survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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

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