



Labour Force Activity¹ November 2023

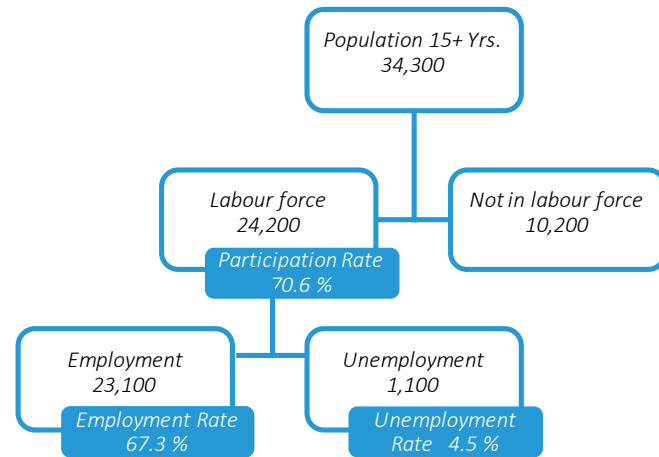
Labour Force Survey information released by Statistics Canada today estimates the November 2023 Northwest Territories' employment rate at 67.3%. This is a 3-percentage point decline from the previous month, and consistent with historical seasonal patterns of declines over the winter months.

Between October and November, the number of employed persons declined by 1,100 persons to 23,100, driven by a decrease in full-time employment.

Compared to one year ago, the overall employment rate decreased by 1.6 percentage points from 68.9%. Among the major worker groups, year-over-year employment rate declines were recorded among persons aged 25 or older, males, and those living outside of Yellowknife. Meanwhile the employment rate among youth aged 15-24 years increased 6.6 percentage points while those living in Yellowknife increased 4.2 points.

Industries that recorded year-over-year employment gains included public administration, transportation, construction, and accommodation & food services. These employment gains were fully offset by declines in other industries such as information culture & recreation, forestry, fishing, mining, oil & gas and health & social services.

Figure 1: Labour Force Statistics - Northwest Territories, November 2023



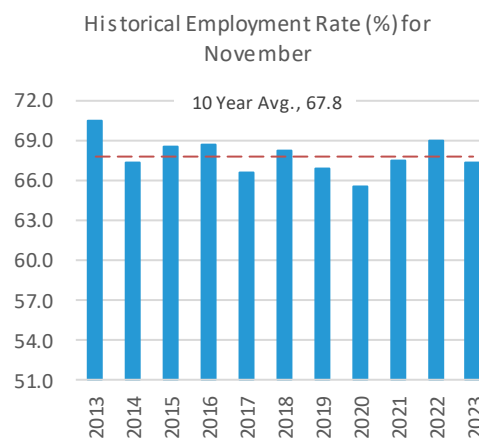
¹ LFS estimates in this report are based on seasonally unadjusted, three-months moving-average time series data.

National highlights

Canada's employment rate slightly decreased from 62.1% to 61.9% between October and November 2023. Among provinces and territories, Yukon had the highest employment rate at 70.3%, followed by Northwest Territories (67.3%) and Alberta (65.1%). The national unemployment rate was 5.3%, a 0.3 percentage point decline from the previous month. Unemployment rates were lowest in Yukon (3.2%) and Saskatchewan (4.1%).

Table 1: Historical Labour Market Indicators for November, Northwest Territories

	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
2023	23,100	1,100	4.5	67.3
2022	23,500	1,800	7.1	68.9
2021	22,900	1,200	5.0	67.4
2020	22,200	2,300	9.4	65.5
2019	22,600	2,000	8.1	66.9
2018	23,000	1,700	6.9	68.2
2017	22,500	1,700	7.0	66.6
2016	23,000	1,700	6.9	68.7
2015	22,800	2,600	10.2	68.5
2014	22,200	1,900	7.9	67.3
2013	23,100	2,000	8.0	70.4



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

- Tables & Reports: <https://www.statsnwt.ca/labour-income/labour-force-activity/>
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