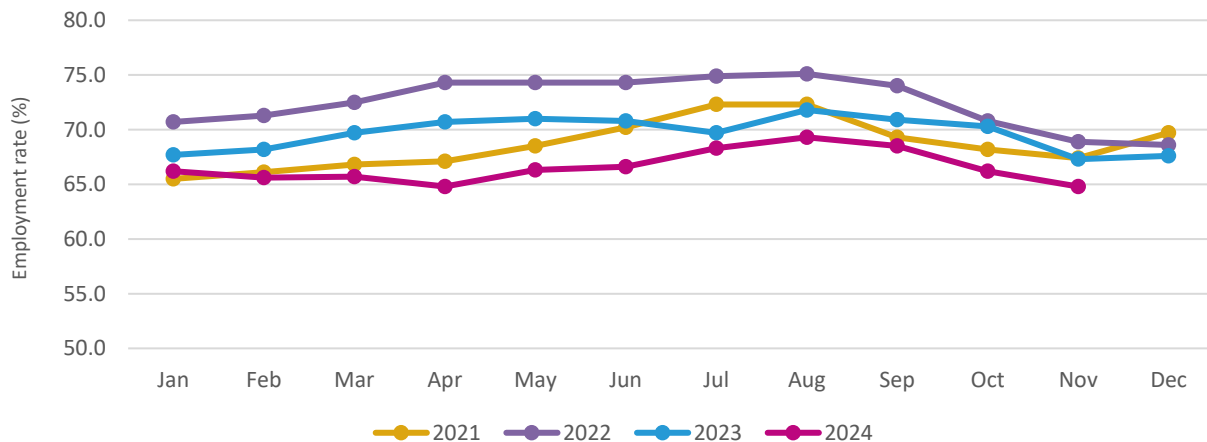




Labour Force Activity¹ November 2024

The November 2024 Labour Force Survey information, released today by Statistics Canada, estimates the Northwest Territories’ seasonally unadjusted employment rate at 64.8%, marking the lowest for the month in the past decade. Throughout 2024, employment rates remained below those recorded in recent years (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Historical Employment Rates, Northwest Territories



Year-over-year, the territory’s employment declined by 600 persons, with losses most concentrated among females working part-time in Yellowknife. The overall employment rate fell by 2.5 percentage points from 67.3% during the same period. Employment rates decreased across all major worker groups. Youths aged 15–24 experienced the sharpest decline with their employment rate dropping from 47.3% to 40.4%. Among females, the rate fell from 67.3% to 62.9%, while residents of Yellowknife saw a decline from 78.0% to 73.2%.

Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

Among industries, on an annual basis, employment decreased the most in transport & warehousing (700), education (500), and construction (300), offsetting gains in industries such as accommodation and food services (500), finance, insurance, real estate and leasing (300), forestry, fishing, mining, oil & gas (300), and health and social assistance (300).

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

National highlights

Nationally, Canada’s employment rate was 60.8% in November, little changed from October 2024. Among the provinces and territories, the Northwest Territories (64.8%) had the second highest employment rate after Yukon (71.8%), with Alberta (64.0%) and Saskatchewan (63.7%) third and fourth, respectively. The lowest employment rates were recorded in Saskatchewan, Quebec, and Manitoba.

Table 1: Historical Labour Force Activity, Northwest Territories

	Employed	Unemployed	Unemploy - ment rate	Employ- ment rate
Nov-24	22,500	1,500	6.3	64.8
Oct-24	22,900	1,400	5.8	66.2
Sep-24	23,700	1,300	5.2	68.5
Aug-24	23,900	1,200	4.8	69.3
Jul-24	23,500	1,600	6.4	68.3
Jun-24	22,900	1,600	6.5	66.6
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

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2024	22,500	1,500	6.3	64.8
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

Month	Rate (%)
Dec-23	6.1
Jan-24	7.0
Feb-24	6.2
Mar-24	5.0
Apr-24	5.5
May-24	6.2
Jun-24	6.5
Jul-24	6.4
Aug-24	4.8
Sep-24	5.2
Oct-24	5.8
Nov-24	6.3

Year	Rate (%)
2014	67.3
2015	68.5
2016	68.7
2017	66.6
2018	68.2
2019	66.9
2020	65.5
2021	67.4
2022	68.9
2023	67.3
2024	64.8

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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