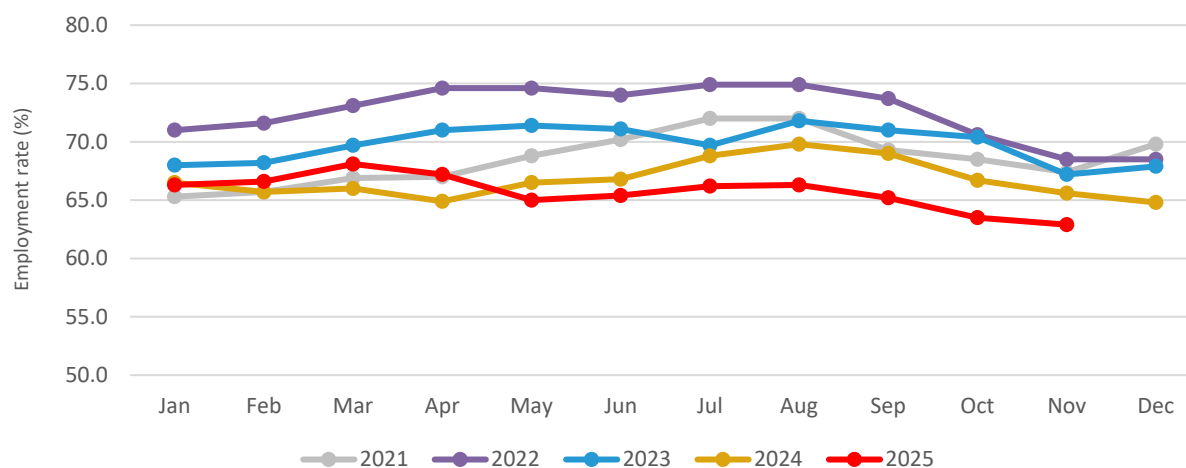




Labour Force Activity¹ November 2025

Employment in the Northwest Territories (NWT) declined to 22,200 in November, down from 22,400 in October 2025. This corresponds to an employment rate of 62.9%, down 0.6 percentage points from the previous month. While this drop aligns with typical fall seasonal trends, monthly employment rates since May have remained consistently below the 10-year historical average.

Figure 1: Historical Employment Rates, Northwest Territories



Year-over-year, the employment rate in the NWT dropped 2.7 percentage points from 65.6% in November 2024. The decline was observed across most major worker groups, with the largest decreases among youth aged 15–24, males, and persons living outside of Yellowknife.

Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

Despite a net loss of 500 jobs compared to November last year, some industries experienced employment growth. Gains were recorded in trade (+600), utilities (+300) and health & social services (+300). However, these increases were outweighed by declines in other industries, including finance, insurance, real estate & leasing (-800), public administration (-600), manufacturing (-200) and professional, scientific and technical services (-200).

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

National highlights

Canada’s seasonally unadjusted employment rate held steady at 60.8% in November, unchanged from October 2025. Among provinces and territories, Yukon reported the highest employment rate at 72.2%, followed by Alberta (64.2%), Saskatchewan (64.0%), and the Northwest Territories (62.9%). Alberta was the only jurisdictions to see month-over-month increases in the employment rate.

Table 1: Labour Force Activity -Northwest Territories

	Employed	Unemployed	Unemploy - ment rate	Employ- ment rate
Nov-25	22,200	1,200	5.1	62.9
Oct-25	22,400	1,000	4.3	63.5
Sep-25	23,000	1,500	6.1	65.2
Aug-25	23,400	1,300	5.3	66.3
Jul-25	23,300	1,500	6.0	66.2
Jun-25	22,900	1,300	5.4	65.4
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

Historical Labour Market Indicators for November				
2025	22,200	1,200	5.1	62.9
2024	22,700	1,500	6.2	65.6
2023	22,900	1,100	4.6	67.2
2022	23,100	1,800	7.2	68.5
2021	22,700	1,200	5.0	67.4
2020	21,800	2,300	9.5	65.3
2019	22,200	2,000	8.3	66.5
2018	22,800	1,700	6.9	68.1
2017	22,400	1,700	7.1	66.5
2016	22,900	1,700	6.9	68.4
2015	22,900	2,600	10.2	68.6

Month	Rate (%)
Dec-24	5.9
Jan-25	5.0
Feb-25	4.1
Mar-25	3.6
Apr-25	3.7
May-25	5.0
Jun-25	5.4
Jul-25	6.0
Aug-25	5.3
Sep-25	6.1
Oct-25	4.3
Nov-25	5.1

Year	Rate (%)
2015	68.6
2016	68.4
2017	66.5
2018	68.1
2019	66.5
2020	65.3
2021	67.4
2022	68.5
2023	67.2
2024	65.6
2025	62.9
10 Year Avg.	66.8

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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