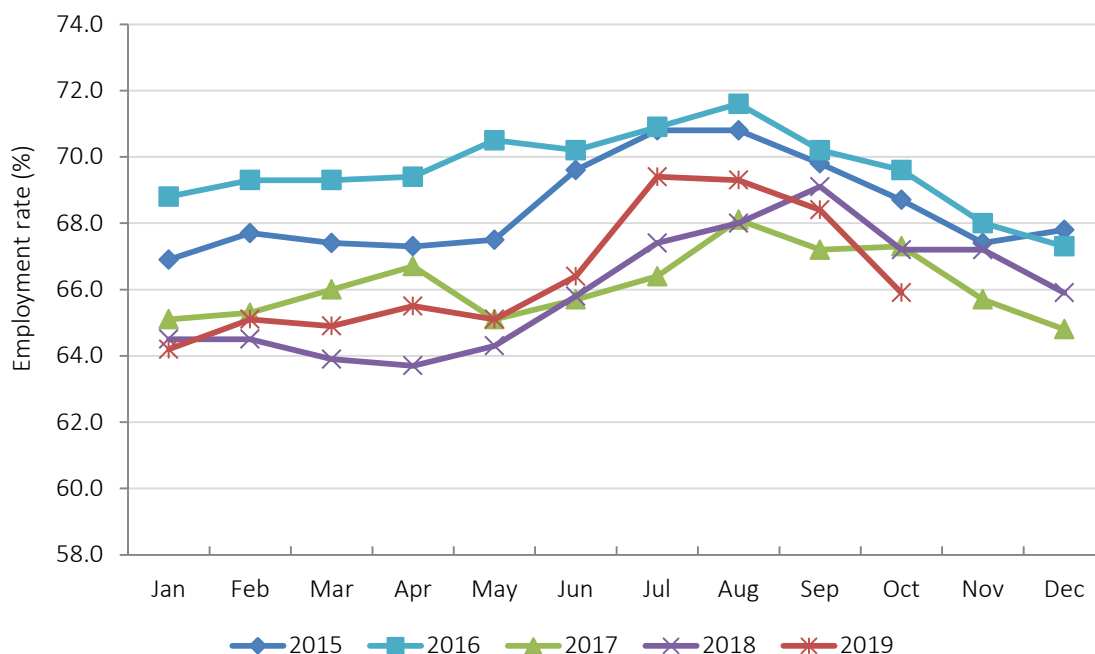


Labour Force Activity October 2019

Highlights

The October employment rate was 65.9% in the Northwest Territories (NWT), a 2.5 percentage point decline from September 2019. Between June and August 2019, NWT employment rates were higher compared to the previous two years. This changed over the past two months, with last month's employment rate becoming the lowest for the month of October since 2010.

Figure 1: Employment Rates, Northwest Territories, 2015 to 2019



Following historical patterns of higher levels of summer employment, the number of employed persons dropped to 21,300 last month, with close to 90% working full-time and 11% working part-time. The drop in employment levels from September was highest among people living outside of Yellowknife, Non-Indigenous persons, and youth aged 15 to 24. Youth employment decreased by 600 persons in October, following another decrease the previous month.

Year-over-year, there were 400 fewer people employed in the NWT compared to October 2018, with most of the job losses in part-time employment.

Employment by key characteristics

Compared to October 2018, different patterns in employment by key characteristics can be observed. All job losses between October 2018 and October 2019 occurred in private sector employment. Public sector employment and self-employment were relatively unchanged.

Employment in the goods-producing sector dropped by 200. Marginal gains in construction were off-set by losses in the forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas sub-sectors. Similarly in the services-producing sector, employment declines in public administration, information, culture and recreation, and accommodation and food services off-set gains made in other sub-sectors.

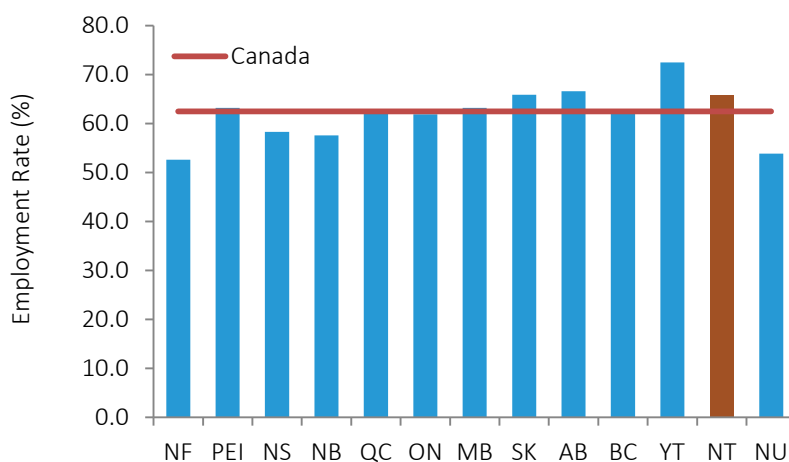
Table 1: Employment & Employment Rates by Key Characteristics, NWT

	2019			Oct-2018	Change from 1 Year Ago	
	Oct	Sep	Aug		No.	%
Total Employment	21,300	22,100	22,400	21,700	(400)	(1.8)
Employees	20,100	20,700	21,000	20,400	(300)	(1.5)
Public sector	9,700	9,800	9,900	9,600	100	1.0
Private sector	10,400	10,900	11,200	10,800	(400)	(3.7)
Self-employment	1,200	1,400	1,400	1,200	-	-
Goods-producing industry	3,000	3,300	3,400	3,200	(200)	(6.3)
Services-producing industry	18,300	18,800	19,100	18,400	(100)	(0.5)

National highlights

In October 2019, Canada's employment rate rose from the previous month to 62.5%. Among the provinces and territories, the Northwest Territories (65.9%) had the third highest employment rate, tied with Saskatchewan. Yukon (72.5%) and Alberta (66.6%) had the highest and second highest employment rates, respectively.

Figure 2: Employment Rates, Provinces & Territories, October 2019



Historical labour force activity

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

Table 2: Labour Force Activity -Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour force	Employed Persons	Unemployed	Not in the labour force	Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Employment rate
Jun-16	32,300	23,300	21,300	1,900	9,000	72.1	8.2	65.9
May-16	32,300	24,000	22,100	2,000	8,300	74.3	8.3	68.4
Apr-16	32,300	24,200	22,400	1,800	8,100	74.9	7.4	69.3
Mar-16	32,400	24,100	22,500	1,700	8,200	74.4	7.1	69.4
Feb-16	32,400	23,400	21,500	1,900	9,000	72.2	8.1	66.4
Jan-16	32,400	22,900	21,100	1,800	9,600	70.7	7.9	65.1
Dec-15	32,500	23,000	21,300	1,700	9,500	70.8	7.4	65.5
Nov-15	32,500	22,700	21,100	1,600	9,800	69.8	7.0	64.9
Oct-15	32,400	22,900	21,100	1,900	9,500	70.7	8.3	65.1
Sep-15	32,400	22,800	20,800	1,900	9,600	70.4	8.3	64.2
Aug-15	32,300	23,000	21,300	1,700	9,300	71.2	7.4	65.9
Jul-15	32,300	23,100	21,700	1,500	9,200	71.5	6.5	67.2
<i>Previous Years:</i>								
Jun-15	32,300	23,100	21,700	1,400	9,200	71.5	6.1	67.2
Jun-14	32,400	23,400	21,800	1,500	9,000	72.2	6.4	67.3
Jun-13	32,600	24,400	22,700	1,700	8,200	74.8	7.0	69.6
Jun-12	31,900	24,100	21,900	2,200	7,700	75.5	9.1	68.7
Jun-11	32,300	23,700	21,900	1,800	8,700	73.4	7.6	67.8
Jun-10	32,600	25,200	23,300	2,000	7,300	77.3	7.9	71.5
Jun-09	32,500	25,500	23,600	1,900	7,000	78.5	7.5	72.6
Jun-08	32,300	25,100	23,400	1,800	7,200	77.7	7.2	72.4
Jun-07	32,100	23,300	22,000	1,300	8,800	72.6	5.6	68.5
Jun-06	31,700	22,600	20,800	1,700	9,100	71.3	7.5	65.6

Labour Force Survey (LFS) data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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