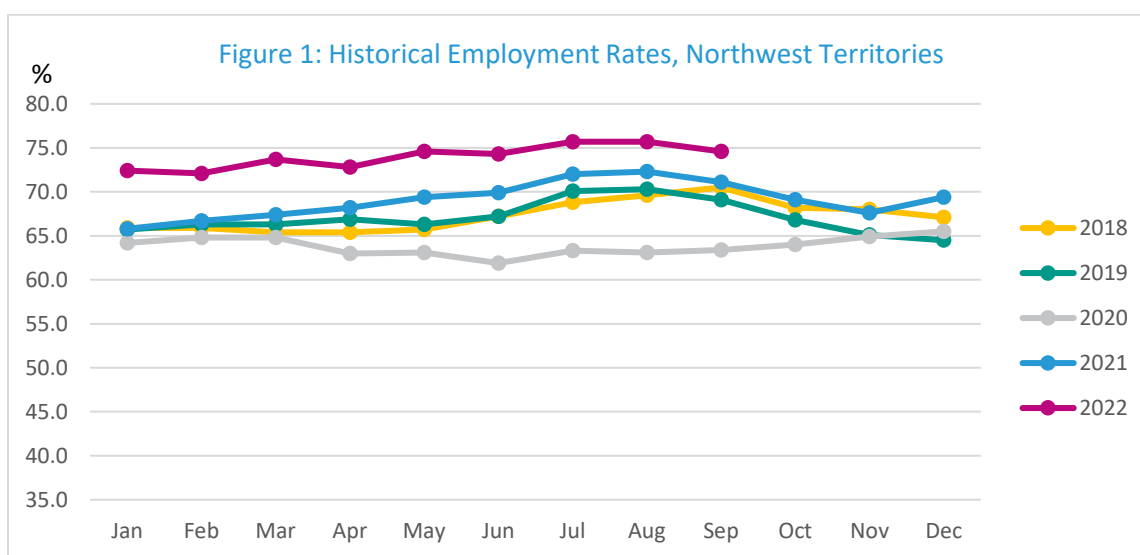


Labour Force Activity¹ September 2022

Labour Force Survey information released by Statistics Canada today estimates the Northwest Territories' September seasonally unadjusted employment rate at 74.6%, a 1.1 percentage points drop from August. Regardless, historical data shows that monthly employment rates in 2022 have stayed above those recorded in recent years (Figure 1), with last month's rate the highest for September since 2001.



Year-over-year, the Northwest Territories' employment rate increased 3.5 percentage points as the number of employed persons went up by 1,400 between September 2021 and September 2022. Among key demographic characteristics, employment rates increased among Non-Indigenous persons (82.4%), those living in Yellowknife (78.0%), and persons 25 years or older (77.4%), while declining among Indigenous persons and youth aged 15-24 years.

Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

At the industrial level, year-over-year employment increased by 5.8% in the services-producing industry, and by 16.6% in the goods-producing industry, spurred by employment increases in utilities and in forestry, fishing, mining, oil & gas. Meanwhile, employment increases in the public sector (+1,600) and in self-employment (+800), were able to offset the 1,000 jobs decline in the private sector.

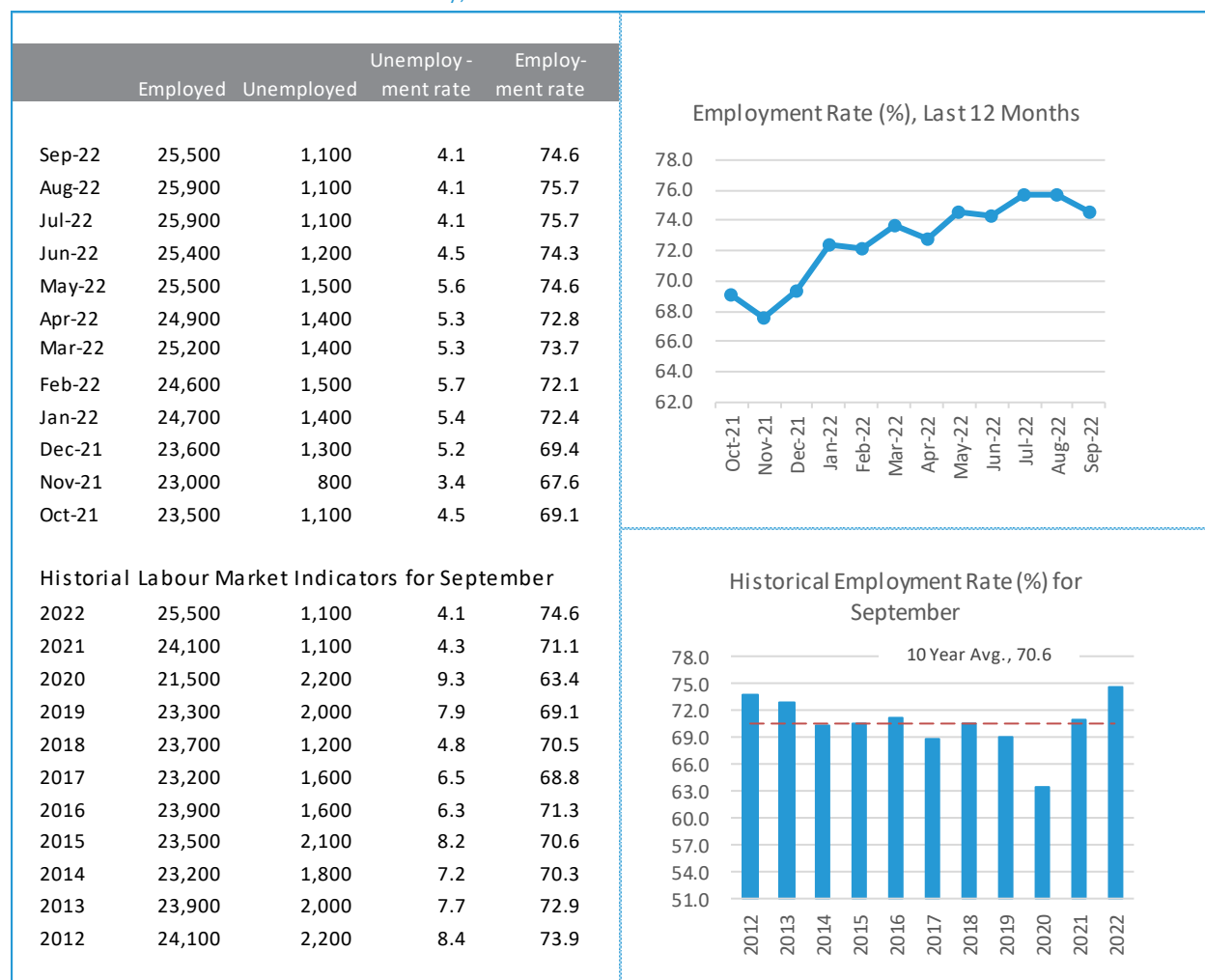
¹ LFS estimates in this report are based on seasonally unadjusted, three-months moving-average time series data.



National highlights

Among the provinces and territories, the Northwest Territories (74.6%) had the highest employment rate in September 2022, followed by Yukon (70.8%), Alberta (64.0%) and Saskatchewan (63.7%). Newfoundland & Labrador, Nunavut, and New Brunswick had the lowest employment rates. Nationally, Canada's employment rate was 61.2%, unchanged from August 2022.

Table 1: Historical Labour Force Activity, Northwest Territories



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/>
- LMI Dashboard: <https://nwt-bureau-of-statistics.shinyapps.io/lfs-dashboard/>
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