



**Northwest Territories 2017**  
**... by the numbers**





## SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

|                |                                   |                            |                           |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ..             | not available                     | (\$'000)                   | thousands of dollars      |
| -              | zero or too small to be expressed | (\$ million)               | millions of dollars       |
| (no.)          | number                            | (kg)                       | kilograms                 |
| (%)            | percent                           | (km <sup>2</sup> )         | square kilometers         |
| (monthly avg.) | monthly average                   | ('000 m <sup>3</sup> )     | thousands of cubic meters |
| (\$)           | dollars                           | ('000,000 m <sup>3</sup> ) | millions of cubic meters  |
| x              | secure                            |                            |                           |

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## GOVERNMENT

The current Legislative Assembly for the Northwest Territories consists of 19 elected members and functions in much the same way as a provincial legislature. The Territorial Cabinet consists of seven ministers elected by the Legislative Assembly. Federally, the NWT is represented by a Member of Parliament and a Senator.

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Commissioner:         | Margaret Thom   |
| Premier:              | Bob McLeod  |
| Speaker:              | Jackson Lafferty  |
| Cabinet Ministers:    | Glen Abernethy, Caroline Cochrane<br>Robert C. McLeod, Alfred Moses<br>Wally Schumann, Louis Sebert |
| Member of Parliament: | Michael McLeod  |
| Senator:              | Nick Sibbeston  |



**GNWT - Expenditures & Revenues (\$'000)**

|              | 2018-2019<br>Main Estimates | 2017-18<br>Revised Estimates |
|--------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Expenditures | 1,713,033                   | 1,696,248                    |
| Revenues     | 1,749,312                   | 1,802,039                    |

**Local Governments**

|          |   |                                      |    |
|----------|---|--------------------------------------|----|
| Cities   | 1 | Hamlet                               | 11 |
| Towns    | 5 | Charter Communities                  | 3  |
| Villages | 1 | First Nations/Designated Authorities | 12 |



### LAND AREA (km<sup>2</sup>)

|            |           |      |           |            |         |
|------------|-----------|------|-----------|------------|---------|
| Total Area | 1,346,106 | Land | 1,183,085 | Freshwater | 163,021 |
|------------|-----------|------|-----------|------------|---------|

### POPULATION

#### Population Estimates - July 1

|                       | 2017   | 2016   | 2015   | 2014   | 2013   |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Northwest Territories | 44,520 | 44,617 | 44,214 | 43,867 | 43,773 |



**Community Population Estimates – July 1, 2017**

|                         |        |                     |        |
|-------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Northwest Territories   | 44,520 | Sahtu               | 2,545  |
|                         |        | Colville Lake       | 159    |
| Beaufort Delta          | 6,673  | Déljne              | 510    |
| Aklavik                 | 656    | Fort Good Hope      | 570    |
| Fort McPherson          | 776    | Norman Wells        | 809    |
| Inuvik                  | 3,192  | Tulita              | 497    |
| Paulatuk                | 312    |                     |        |
| Sachs Harbour           | 112    | South Slave         | 7,325  |
| Tsiigehtchic            | 179    | Enterprise          | 125    |
| Tuktoyaktuk             | 1,026  | Fort Resolution     | 507    |
| Ulukhaktok              | 420    | Fort Smith          | 2,562  |
|                         |        | Hay River           | 3,734  |
| Dehcho                  | 3,428  | Lutselk'e           | 330    |
| Fort Liard              | 658    |                     |        |
| Fort Providence         | 770    | Tłjchq              | 3,176  |
| Fort Simpson            | 1,174  | Behchokq            | 2,227  |
| Hay River Reserve       | 329    | Gamètí              | 291    |
| Jean Marie River        | 94     | Wekweètì            | 136    |
| Kakisa                  | x      | Whati               | 522    |
| Nahanni Butte           | 97     |                     |        |
| Sambaa K'e (Trout Lake) | 106    | Yellowknife & Detah | 21,373 |
| Wrigley                 | 135    | Detah               | 245    |
|                         |        | Yellowknife         | 20,834 |



### Population Estimates by Age and Sex - July 1, 2017

|               | Total  | Males  | Females |
|---------------|--------|--------|---------|
| All Ages      | 44,520 | 22,837 | 21,683  |
| 0 - 4 Years   | 3,041  | 1,520  | 1,521   |
| 5 - 9 Years   | 3,604  | 1,909  | 1,695   |
| 10 - 14 Years | 2,961  | 1,554  | 1,407   |
| 15 - 19 Years | 2,478  | 1,168  | 1,310   |
| 20 - 29 Years | 7,291  | 3,748  | 3,543   |
| 30 - 39 Years | 7,384  | 3,775  | 3,609   |
| 40 - 49 Years | 5,809  | 2,937  | 2,872   |
| 50 - 59 Years | 6,510  | 3,420  | 3,090   |
| 60+ Years     | 5,442  | 2,806  | 2,636   |

### Age Distribution by Sex - July 1, 2017

|                    | Total | Males | Females |
|--------------------|-------|-------|---------|
| Median Age (Years) | 33.7  | 33.8  | 33.6    |
| Under 15 Years (%) | 21.6  | 21.8  | 21.3    |
| 15 - 59 Years (%)  | 66.2  | 65.9  | 66.5    |
| 60+ Years (%)      | 12.2  | 12.3  | 12.2    |





**Population Estimates by Sex - July 1, 2012 – 2017**

|             | 2017   | 2016   | 2015   | 2014   | 2013   |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| All Persons | 44,520 | 44,617 | 44,214 | 43,867 | 43,773 |
| Male        | 22,837 | 22,830 | 22,539 | 22,412 | 22,391 |
| Female      | 21,683 | 21,787 | 21,675 | 21,455 | 21,382 |

**Components of Population Change – 2012 - 2017**

|                           | 2017  | 2016  | 2015  | 2014  | 2013  |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Natural Increase          | 440   | 453   | 458   | 464   | 470   |
| Interprovincial Migration |       |       |       |       |       |
| In                        | 2,239 | 1,854 | 2,047 | 2,259 | 1,871 |
| Out                       | 2,767 | 2,560 | 2,322 | 2,452 | 2,474 |
| Net                       | -528  | -706  | -275  | -193  | -603  |
| Net International         | 233   | 229   | 172   | 87    | 191   |



**Vital Statistics**

|        | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Births | 662  | 670  | 670  | 667  | 669  |
| Deaths | 222  | 217  | 212  | 203  | 199  |

**Vital Statistics Rates (per thousand)**

|            | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
|------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Birth rate | 14.9 | 15.0 | 15.2 | 15.2 | 15.1 |
| Death rate | 4.9  | 4.8  | 4.7  | 4.9  | 4.5  |



## EDUCATION

### Students and Graduates

|                       | 2017-18 | 2016-17 | 2015-16 | 2014-15 | 2013-14 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Students              | 8,700   | 8,423   | 8,367   | 8,316   | 8,204   |
| High School Graduates | ..      | 376     | 367     | 416     | 463     |

### Highest Level of Schooling

|                              | 2017   | %   | 2016   | %   | 2015   | %   |
|------------------------------|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|
| Population 15 Years & Over   | 32,400 | 100 | 32,500 | 100 | 32,000 | 100 |
| Less than Grade 9            | 2,600  | 8   | 2,300  | 7   | 2,400  | 8   |
| High School, No Diploma      | 6,500  | 20  | 6,500  | 20  | 6,100  | 19  |
| High School Diploma          | 7,400  | 23  | 7,500  | 23  | 7,700  | 24  |
| Other Certificate or Diploma | 8,900  | 27  | 9,500  | 29  | 9,700  | 30  |
| University Degree            | 7,000  | 22  | 6,700  | 21  | 6,100  | 19  |



### Highest Level of Schooling

|                                    | 2017          | %          | 2016          | %          | 2015          | %          |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| <b>Males 15 Years &amp; Over</b>   | <b>16,200</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>16,300</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>16,000</b> | <b>100</b> |
| Less than Grade 9                  | 1,400         | 9          | 1,300         | 8          | 1,400         | 9          |
| High School, No Diploma            | 3,700         | 23         | 3,200         | 20         | 2,900         | 18         |
| High School Diploma                | 3,400         | 21         | 3,700         | 23         | 3,600         | 23         |
| Other Certificate or Diploma       | 4,600         | 28         | 5,400         | 33         | 5,400         | 34         |
| University Degree                  | 3,200         | 20         | 2,800         | 17         | 2,600         | 16         |
| <b>Females 15 Years &amp; Over</b> | <b>16,200</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>16,200</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>16,000</b> | <b>100</b> |
| Less than Grade 9                  | 1,200         | 7          | 1,000         | 6          | 900           | 6          |
| High School, No Diploma            | 2,800         | 17         | 3,300         | 20         | 3,200         | 20         |
| High School Diploma                | 4,000         | 25         | 3,700         | 23         | 4,000         | 25         |
| Other Certificate or Diploma       | 4,300         | 27         | 4,100         | 25         | 4,300         | 27         |
| University Degree                  | 3,900         | 24         | 4,000         | 25         | 3,500         | 22         |



## INCOME SECURITY

### Income Assistance

|                              | 2017   | 2016   | 2015   | 2014   | 2013   |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Payments (\$'000)            | 24,151 | 21,007 | 19,834 | 17,551 | 16,713 |
| Cases (monthly avg.)         | 1,925  | 1,748  | 1,648  | 1,518  | 1,489  |
| Beneficiaries (monthly avg.) | 2,950  | 2,607  | 2,486  | 2,312  | 2,306  |

### Employment Insurance

|                           | 2017   | 2016   | 2015   | 2014   | 2013   |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Payments (\$'000)         | 28,448 | 30,506 | 29,239 | 29,184 | 29,440 |
| Recipients (monthly avg.) | 1,098  | 1,199  | 1,148  | 1,176  | 1,217  |



## INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT

### Personal Income

|                       | 2015      | 2014      | 2013      | 2012      | 2011      |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total Income (\$'000) | 1,913,610 | 1,820,200 | 1,754,545 | 1,692,765 | 1,672,485 |
| Average Income (\$)   | 61,909    | 59,640    | 58,329    | 56,861    | 56,030    |
| Total Employment      |           |           |           |           |           |
| Income (\$'000)       | 1,621,020 | 1,565,205 | 1,513,240 | 1,455,120 | 1,433,035 |
| Average Employment    |           |           |           |           |           |
| Income (\$)           | 61,612    | 60,154    | 58,744    | 56,930    | 55,673    |

### Average Weekly Earnings (\$)

|                      | 2017     | 2016     | 2015     | 2014     | 2013     |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Industrial Aggregate | 1,399.59 | 1,403.98 | 1,421.41 | 1,398.21 | 1,343.11 |
| Goods Producing      | 1,927.22 | 1,925.28 | 1,864.56 | 1,873.38 | 1,853.19 |
| Service Producing    | 1,270.82 | 1,273.84 | 1,303.29 | 1,285.53 | 1,228.08 |



**Employment by Selected Characteristics – 2017**

|                   | All Persons | Males  | Females |
|-------------------|-------------|--------|---------|
| Employed          | 21,300      | 10,700 | 10,700  |
| Employees         | 19,700      | 9,700  | 10,000  |
| Public            | 9,300       | 3,500  | 5,700   |
| Private           | 10,500      | 6,200  | 4,300   |
| Self-Employed     | 1,600       | 1,000  | 600     |
| Goods Producing   | 3,500       | 2,900  | 600     |
| Service Producing | 17,900      | 7,800  | 10,100  |

**Labour Force Activity – 2017**

|                            | Total  | Males  | Females |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Population 15 Years & Over | 32,400 | 16,200 | 16,200  |
| Labour Force               | 22,900 | 11,700 | 11,200  |
| Employed                   | 21,300 | 10,700 | 10,700  |
| Unemployed                 | 1,500  | 1,000  | 500     |
| Participation Rate         | 70.7   | 72.2   | 69.1    |
| Unemployment Rate          | 6.6    | 8.5    | 4.5     |
| Employment Rate            | 65.7   | 66.0   | 66.0    |



**Labour Force Activity, Yellowknife & Other Communities - 2017**

|                            | Yellowknife | Other<br>Communities |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Population 15 Years & Over | 14,800      | 17,600               |
| Labour Force               | 11,900      | 11,000               |
| Employed                   | 11,900      | 9,800                |
| Unemployed                 | 400         | 1,200                |
| Participation Rate         | 80.4        | 62.5                 |
| Unemployment Rate          | 3.4         | 10.9                 |
| Employment Rate            | 77.7        | 55.7                 |





## PRICES

### Yellowknife CPI - Annual Averages (2002 = 100)

|                            | 2017  | 2016  | 2015  | 2014  | 2013  |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| All-Items                  | 133.5 | 131.9 | 130.4 | 128.4 | 126.2 |
| Food                       | 142.6 | 142.6 | 138.6 | 131.6 | 128.1 |
| Shelter                    | 150.9 | 149.7 | 150.1 | 150.8 | 146.8 |
| Household Oper. & Furn.    | 115.0 | 115.7 | 114.3 | 111.6 | 110.6 |
| Clothing & Footwear        | 107.2 | 103.4 | 100.7 | 99.9  | 100.6 |
| Transportation             | 129.7 | 126.4 | 123.4 | 122.3 | 120.2 |
| Health & Personal Care     | 122.2 | 120.5 | 120.1 | 119.0 | 117.9 |
| Recr., Education & Reading | 106.1 | 104.0 | 103.7 | 101.0 | 101.0 |
| Alcohol & Tobacco          | 173.7 | 167.3 | 165.8 | 163.2 | 158.7 |



**All-Items CPI - Annual Average Change (%)**

|             | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Yellowknife | 1.2  | 1.2  | 1.6  | 1.7  | 1.5  | 2.2  |
| Canada      | 1.6  | 1.4  | 1.1  | 2.0  | 0.9  | 1.5  |
| Whitehorse  | 1.7  | 1.0  | -0.2 | 1.3  | 1.7  | 2.3  |
| Edmonton    | 1.6  | 1.1  | 1.2  | 2.2  | 1.3  | 1.1  |



**Food Price Indexes - 2015 (Yellowknife = 100)**

|                       |     |                    |     |
|-----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| <b>Beaufort Delta</b> |     | <b>Sahtu</b>       |     |
| Aklavik               | 170 | Colville Lake      | 196 |
| Fort McPherson        | 158 | Déljine            | 164 |
| Inuvik                | 157 | Fort Good Hope     | 167 |
| Paulatuk              | 185 | Norman Wells       | 171 |
| Sachs Harbour         | 175 | Tulita             | 166 |
| Tsiigehtchic          | 170 |                    |     |
| Tuktoyaktuk           | 162 | <b>South Slave</b> |     |
| Ulukhaktok            | 186 | Fort Resolution    | 144 |
|                       |     | Fort Smith         | 118 |
| <b>Dehcho</b>         |     | Hay River          | 121 |
| Fort Liard            | 140 | Lutsel'è           | 166 |
| Fort Providence       | 135 |                    |     |
| Fort Simpson          | 129 | <b>Tłjchǫ</b>      |     |
| Hay River Reserve     | 116 | Behchokǫ           | 144 |
| Nahanni Butte         | 139 | Gamèti             | 123 |
| Trout Lake            | 144 | Wekweètì           | 145 |
| Wrigley               | 174 | Whatì              | 146 |



## BUSINESS ACTIVITY

### Private and Public Capital Investment (\$ million)

|                                       | 2018<br>Intentions | 2017<br>Preliminary<br>Actuals | 2016<br>Actuals | 2015<br>Actuals |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| All Industries                        | 801.6              | 890.2                          | 1,304.7         | 1,392.2         |
| Selected Industries:                  |                    |                                |                 |                 |
| Mining and Oil & Gas Extraction       | 305.4              | 313.8                          | 781.5           | 936.5           |
| Federal Government Administration     | 21.0               | 10.2                           | 11.9            | 34.4            |
| Territorial Government Administration | 122.1              | 134.7                          | 145.2           | 148.7           |
| Local Government Administration       | 24.4               | 30.9                           | 19.1            | 13.9            |
| Transportation & Warehousing          | 121.0              | 88.8                           | 81.8            | 58.2            |
| Utilities                             | 63.8               | 69.6                           | 43.9            | 53.0            |
| Construction                          | 18.5               | 18.5                           | 17.4            | 14.7            |



**Retail Trade and Wholesale Trade (\$ million)**

|                 | 2017  | 2016  | 2015  | 2014  | 2013  |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Retail Trade    | 768.9 | 753.5 | 821.5 | 780.5 | 759.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 651.5 | 691.4 | 644.2 | 689.7 | 666.5 |

**Corporate Registry (year-end)**

|                   | 2017  | 2016  | 2015  | 2014  | 2013  |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Territorial       | 1,978 | 1,996 | 1,912 | 1,900 | 1,928 |
| Extra-Territorial | 2,372 | 2,833 | 2,756 | 2,722 | 2,760 |
| Societies         | 586   | 615   | 577   | 588   | 626   |
| Cooperatives      | 21    | 19    | 19    | 19    | 17    |



**ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS (\$ million)**

|  | 2016  | 2015  | 2014  | 2013  |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <i>GDP at Market Prices:</i>                     |       |       |       |       |
| Current Dollars                                  | 4,739 | 4,868 | 4,781 | 4,482 |
| Chained (2007) Dollars                           | 3,868 | 3,839 | 3,789 | 3,612 |
| <i>Final Domestic Demand</i>                     |       |       |       |       |
| Current Dollars                                  | 5,674 | 5,700 | 5,348 | 4,987 |
| Chained (2007) Dollars                           | 4,677 | 4,727 | 4,554 | 4,341 |
| <i>Compensation of Employees (Labour Income)</i> |       |       |       |       |
| Domestic Basis                                   | 2,525 | 2,540 | 2,363 | 2,289 |
| National Basis                                   | 1,947 | 1,959 | 1,873 | 1,817 |



## TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

### Vehicle Registrations

|   | 2017   | 2016   | 2015   | 2014   | 2013   |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total Registrations                       | 39,706 | 38,967 | 38,393 | 38,185 | 35,469 |
| Passengers                                | 28,178 | 27,652 | 27,234 | 27,087 | 25,167 |
| Trucks                                    | 2,697  | 2,650  | 2,614  | 2,601  | 2,413  |
| Buses                                     | 179    | 175    | 172    | 172    | 159    |
| Motorcycles                               | 865    | 848    | 837    | 832    | 772    |
| Off-Road, Construction &<br>Farm Vehicles | 1,734  | 1,702  | 1,681  | 1,671  | 1,551  |
| Trailers                                  | 6,037  | 5,924  | 5,839  | 5,806  | 5,393  |
| Other                                     | 16     | 16     | 16     | 16     | 14     |

### Air Traffic

|                      | 2017   | 2016   | 2015   | 2014   | 2013   |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Take-Offs & Landings | 73,663 | 75,124 | 76,311 | 80,294 | 83,359 |



## ENERGY

### Fuel Production

|                 |                            | 2017  | 2016    | 2015    | 2014    |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|
| All Fuels       | (\$'000)                   | 7,947 | 187,891 | 222,759 | 423,868 |
| Crude Petroleum | (\$'000)                   | 7,153 | 182,170 | 214,870 | 405,792 |
|                 | ('000 m <sup>3</sup> )     | 17    | 522     | 578     | 642     |
| Natural Gas     | (\$'000)                   | 794   | 5,721   | 7,889   | 18,076  |
|                 | ('000,000 m <sup>3</sup> ) | 9     | 83      | 86      | 120     |

Note: All Fuels includes Natural Gas by-products.





## MINING

### Mineral Shipments

|                   | 2017      | 2016      | 2015      | 2014      |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Diamonds (\$'000) | 2,059,633 | 1,486,090 | 1,745,290 | 1,791,342 |
| ('000 carats)     | 20,500    | 12,348    | 11,033    | 11,343    |
| Tungsten (\$'000) | -         | -         | 56,536    | 84,331    |
| (tonnes)          | -         | -         | 2,289     | 2,708     |



## RENEWABLE RESOURCES

### Fur Production

|             | 2016-17 | 2015-16 | 2014-15 | 2013-14   | 2012-13   |
|-------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Value (\$)  | 906,505 | 742,202 | 977,023 | 1,226,735 | 2,322,511 |
| Pelts (no.) | 18,223  | 17,266  | 23,442  | 25,325    | 25,980    |

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