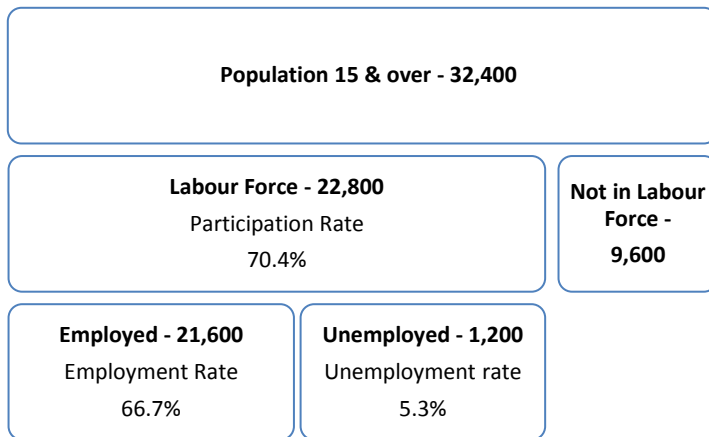


Monthly Labour Force Activity - April 2017 -

Overview

In April 2017, there were 32,400 people aged 15 years or older in the Northwest Territories. Of these, 22,800 were working or actively looking for work. At 1,200, the number of unemployed persons reached its lowest since May 2009, while the unemployment rate decreased to 5.3%, the lowest since November 2010.

Figure 1: Labour Force Statistics - Northwest Territories



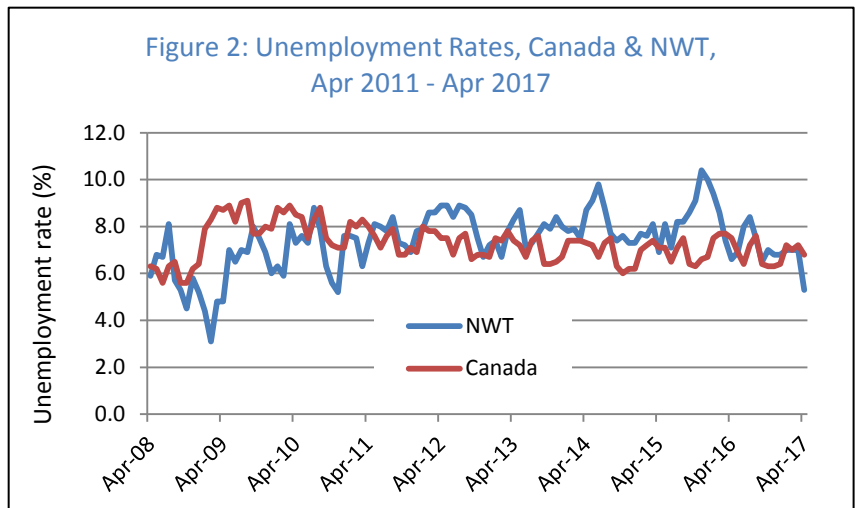
The employment rate was 66.7%, with 21,600 people employed in April 2017. Between May and April, the number of employed persons increased by 200, following an increase by 300 from the previous month. Almost all of the job gains were concentrated among males, Non-Aboriginal persons, and in full-time employment.

National highlights

For Canada overall, the unemployment rate was 6.5% in April 2017, the lowest rate since October 2008.

The national employment rate dropped 0.4 percentage points to 60.5%. Among the provinces and territories, Yukon (72.7%) had the highest employment rate, followed by the Northwest Territories (66.7%), and Alberta (66.1%).

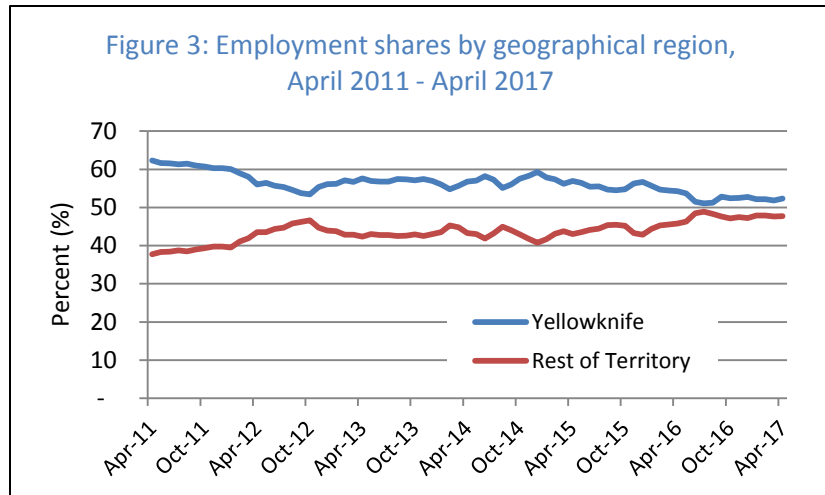
Figure 2: Unemployment Rates, Canada & NWT, Apr 2011 - Apr 2017



Employment by key demographic characteristics

Compared to April 2016, there were 900 fewer people employed in the NWT. As a result, year-over-year, employment rates dropped across all key demographic characteristics. The employment rate among youths aged 15-24 saw the highest decline, falling to 40.4%, 5.4 percentage points from April last year. The employment rate dipped 1.0 percentage points to 58.9% among those living outside of Yellowknife, the least drop among key characteristics.

Figure 3 compares the historical proportion of employed persons in Yellowknife and the rest of the territory. While the gap has narrowed over the years, Yellowknife still retains a higher proportion of employed persons.



Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

Except for self-employment, the number of employed persons decreased for all selected characteristics between April 2016 and April 2017 (Table 1).

Table 1: Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics

	Apr-17	Mar-17	Apr-16	Mar-2017 to Apr-2017	Apr-2016 to Apr-2017
				Change (persons)	
Total Employment	21,600	21,400	22,500	200	(900)
Full-time	19,000	18,500	19,500	500	(500)
Part-time	2,600	2,800	3,000	(200)	(400)
Employees	19,900	19,900	21,100	-	(1,200)
Public	9,800	10,100	10,200	(300)	(400)
Private	10,100	9,800	10,900	300	(800)
Self-employment	1,700	1,500	1,400	200	300
Goods Producing	3,400	3,300	3,900	100	(500)
Service Producing	18,200	18,100	18,700	100	(500)

Historical labour force activity

Table 2: Labour Force Activity -Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Not in the Labour Force	Partic- ipation Rate	Unemp- loyment Rate	Employ- ment Rate
Apr-17	32,400	22,800	21,600	1,200	9,600	70.4	5.3	66.7
Mar-17	32,400	22,900	21,400	1,600	9,400	70.7	7.0	66.0
Feb-17	32,300	22,800	21,100	1,600	9,600	70.6	7.0	65.3
Jan-17	32,400	22,700	21,100	1,600	9,600	70.1	7.0	65.1
Dec-16	32,400	23,400	21,800	1,600	9,000	72.2	6.8	67.3
Nov-16	32,500	23,700	22,100	1,600	8,800	72.9	6.8	68.0
Oct-16	32,600	24,400	22,700	1,700	8,200	74.8	7.0	69.6
Sep-16	32,600	24,500	22,900	1,600	8,100	75.2	6.5	70.2
Aug-16	32,700	25,300	23,400	1,900	7,400	77.4	7.5	71.6
Jul-16	32,600	25,100	23,100	2,100	7,500	77.0	8.4	70.9
Jun-16	32,600	24,900	22,900	2,000	7,600	76.4	8.0	70.2
May-16	32,500	24,600	22,900	1,700	7,900	75.7	6.9	70.5
Previous Years:								
Apr-16	32,400	24,100	22,500	1,600	8,200	74.4	6.6	69.4
Apr-15	32,100	23,200	21,600	1,600	8,800	72.3	6.9	67.3
Apr-14	32,400	24,200	22,200	2,100	8,200	74.7	8.7	68.5
Apr-13	32,600	24,200	22,200	2,000	8,400	74.2	8.3	68.1
Apr-12	32,400	24,700	22,500	2,200	7,600	76.2	8.9	69.4
Apr-11	32,200	24,600	22,800	1,800	7,600	76.4	7.3	70.8
Apr-10	31,900	22,000	20,400	1,600	9,900	69.0	7.3	63.9
Apr-09	31,700	22,700	21,600	1,100	9,100	71.6	4.8	68.1
Apr-08	31,800	23,800	22,300	1,400	8,000	74.8	5.9	70.1
Apr-07	31,400	24,600	23,300	1,300	6,900	78.3	5.3	74.2

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. 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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