

Monthly Labour Force Activity - June 2017-

Overview

Statistics Canada estimates that in June 2017, 21,300 out of 32,400 residents 15 years of age and older were employed in the Northwest Territories, representing an employment rate of 65.7%. Between May and June 2017, employment rose by 200 persons.

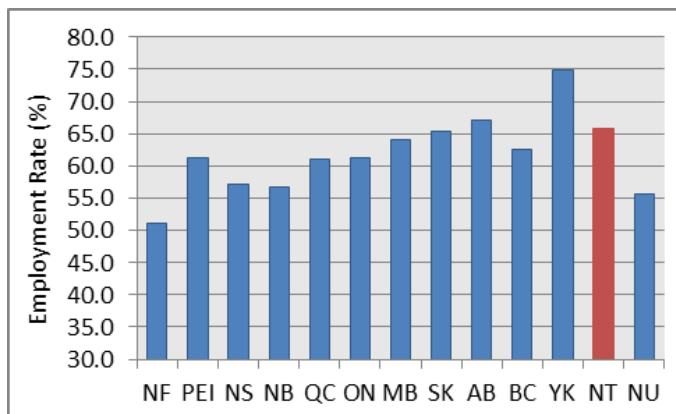
Year-over-year, the employment rate fell by 4.5% percentage points. The NWT unemployment rate decreased from 8.0% in June 2016 to 6.27% in June 2017 with 600 fewer people seeking work. During the same period, the number of people not in labour force increased by 2,100 persons (27.6%).

Table 1: Labour Force Statistics - Northwest Territories, June 2017

	Jun-17	May-17	Jun-16	Change from 12 months ago	
				Number	%
Population 15 & over	32,400	32,400	32,600	(200)	(0.6)
Labour force	22,700	22,400	24,900	(2,200)	(8.8)
Employment	21,300	21,100	22,900	(1,600)	(7.0)
Full-time	18,900	18,700	19,800	(900)	(4.5)
Part-time	2,400	2,400	3,100	(700)	(22.6)
Unemployment	1,400	1,400	2,000	(600)	(30.0)
Not in labour force	9,700	9,900	7,600	2,100	27.6
Participation rate (%)	70.1	69.1	76.4		
Unemployment rate (%)	6.2	6.3	8.0		
Employment rate (%)	65.7	65.1	70.2		

National highlights

Figure 1: Employment Rates, Provinces & Territories, June 2017



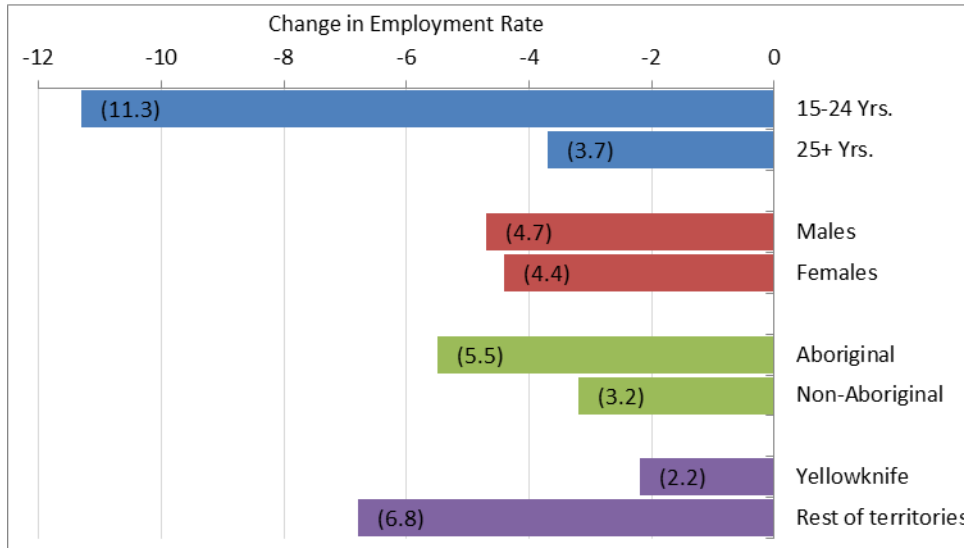
Nationally, the employment rate in Canada rose 0.8 percentage points to 61.9% in June 2017, while the unemployment rate dropped to 6.5%. Among the provinces and territories, Yukon (74.9%) had the highest employment rate, followed by Alberta (67.1%) and the Northwest Territories (65.7%) (Figure 1).

Employment by key demographic characteristics

In June 2017, there were 1,600 fewer people employed in the NWT compared to the same month last year. The decline in the number of employed persons from June 2016 was highest amongst non-aboriginal persons and the rest of communities with decreases of 1,100 and 1,200 respectively in these demographics.

In terms of year-over-year employment rates, declines occurred across all key demographic characteristics (Figure 2). Youths aged 15-24 had the highest decline, followed by those living in the rest of the territories.

Figure 2: Change in employment rates from 12 months ago - NWT, June 2017



Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

The number of employed persons decreased for public and private sector between June 2016 and June 2017, and increased for self-employment (Table 2).

Table 2: Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics

	Jun-17	May-17	Change (persons) from		
			Jun-16	May-17	Jun-16
Total Employment	21,300	21,100	22,900	200	(1,600)
Full-time	18,900	18,700	19,800	200	(900)
Part-time	2,400	2,400	3,100	-	(700)
Employees	19,500	19,500	21,500	-	(2,000)
Public	9,100	9,600	11,000	(500)	(1,900)
Private	10,300	10,000	10,500	300	(200)
Self-employment	1,800	1,500	1,400	300	400
Goods-producing sector	3,800	3,400	3,700	400	100
Services-producing sector	17,400	17,600	19,300	(200)	(1,900)

Historical labour force activity

Table 3: 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
Jun-17	32,400	22,700	21,300	1,400	9,700	70.1	6.2	65.7
May-17	32,400	22,400	21,100	1,400	9,900	69.1	6.3	65.1
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
Previous Years:								
Jun-16	32,600	24,900	22,900	2,000	7,600	76.4	8.0	70.2
Jun-15	31,900	23,800	22,200	1,700	8,000	74.6	7.1	69.6
Jun-14	32,300	24,400	22,000	2,400	7,900	75.5	9.8	68.1
Jun-13	32,500	25,400	23,600	1,800	7,100	78.2	7.1	72.6
Jun-12	32,400	25,000	23,000	2,100	7,300	77.2	8.4	71.0
Jun-11	32,300	24,900	22,900	2,000	7,400	77.1	8.0	70.9
Jun-10	32,000	23,200	21,500	1,700	8,800	72.5	7.3	67.2
Jun-09	31,800	23,100	21,700	1,500	8,700	72.6	6.5	68.2
Jun-08	31,800	24,000	22,400	1,600	7,800	75.5	6.7	70.4
Jun-07	31,500	24,800	23,200	1,600	6,700	78.7	6.5	73.7

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.

For additional information on the monthly release of labour force survey results for the Northwest Territories, visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at <http://www.statsnwt.ca/> or call (867) 767-9169.

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