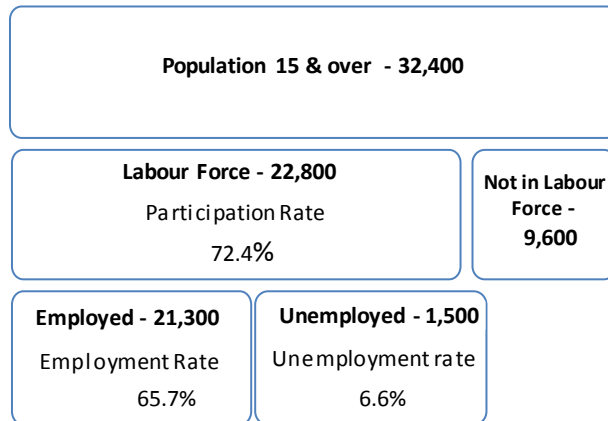


Monthly Labour Force Activity - November 2017-

Overview

Statistics Canada estimates that in November 2017, 21,300 out of 32,400 residents 15 years of age and older were employed in the Northwest Territories. Employment dropped by 500 persons from the previous month, all losses concentrated in full-time employment while part-time employment recorded marginal gains. Similarly, the employment rate dropped 1.6 percentage points from the previous month to 65.7% in November.

Figure 1: Labour Force Statistics - Northwest Territories



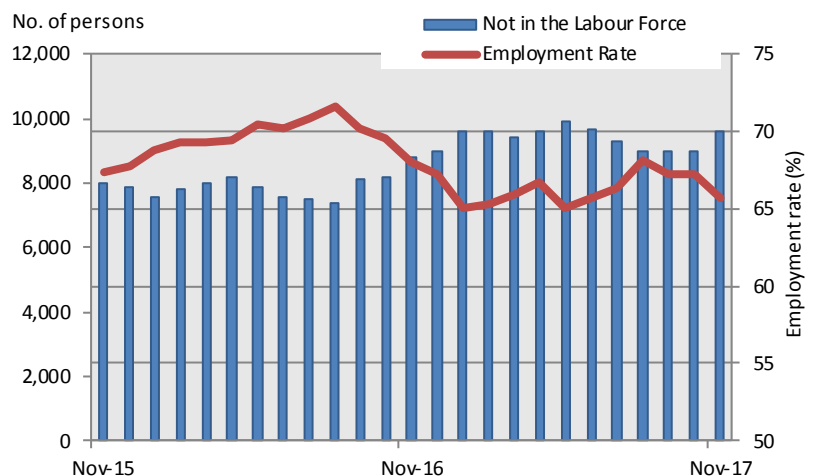
On an annual basis, employment in the Northwest Territories decreased by 3.6% or 800 persons. The employment rate dropped 2.3 percentage points from 12 months ago, and was the lowest for the month of November since 2010.

At 1,500, the number of unemployed persons was little changed year-over-year. The drop in the unemployment rate to 6.6% was a result of more people leaving the labour force.

Figure 2 shows employment rates and persons not in the labour force over the past 24 months. After peaking in August 2016, the employment rate has stayed below 71% since then.

In November 2017, there were 9,600 persons not in the labour. Of these, 82% (7,900) were either youths aged 15-24 or seniors aged 65 years and older.

Figure 2: Persons Not in the Labour Force & Employment Rate

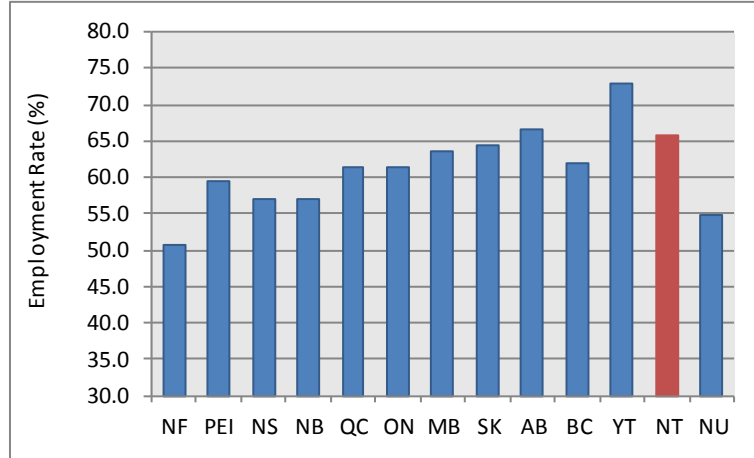


National highlights

Nationally, Canada's employment rate dropped slightly from the previous month to 61.8% in November 2017.

Among the provinces and territories, the Northwest Territories (65.7%) had the third highest employment rate after Yukon (73.0%) and Alberta (66.7%). Newfoundland & Labrador (50.8%), Nunavut (54.9%) and Nova Scotia (56.9%) had the lowest employment rates.

Figure 3: Employment Rates, Provinces & Territories, November 2017



Employment by key demographic characteristics

Between November 2016 and November 2017, employment dropped for all key demographic characteristic, except for persons aged 15-24 and those living in Yellowknife. Similarly, employment rates dropped for all, except youths aged 15-24 years.

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

	Nov-17		Oct-17		Nov-16		Change in persons from	
	Employment (Persons)	Rate (%)	Employment (Persons)	Rate (%)	Employment (Persons)	Rate (%)	1 Month ago	1 Year ago
Northwest Territories	21,300	65.7	21,800	67.3	22,100	68.0	(500)	(800)
15-24 Yrs.	2,600	47.3	2,800	50.9	2,500	43.1	(200)	100
25+ Yrs.	18,700	69.5	19,100	71.3	19,500	73.0	(400)	(800)
Males	10,700	66.0	11,100	68.5	10,900	66.9	(400)	(200)
Females	10,600	65.4	10,800	66.7	11,200	69.6	(200)	(600)
Indigenous	8,100	50.9	8,600	53.4	8,800	54.3	(500)	(700)
Non-Indigenous	13,200	80.0	13,300	81.6	13,300	82.1	(100)	(100)
Yellowknife	11,900	79.9	12,000	81.1	11,600	81.1	(100)	300
Rest of the Territory	9,400	53.7	9,900	56.6	10,500	57.7	(500)	(1,100)

Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

Year-over-year, employment in the private sector and self-employment increased for a combined total of 700 persons. These employment gains were however offset by a drop of 1,400 in the public sector employment.

Employment dropped in both the goods-producing (-100) industries and the services-producing industries (-600).

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	Unem- ployed	Not in the Labour Force	Partic- ipation Rate	Unemp- loyment Rate	Employ- ment Rate
Nov-17	32,400	22,800	21,300	1,500	9,600	70.4	6.6	65.7
Oct-17	32,400	23,400	21,800	1,500	9,000	72.2	6.4	67.3
Sep-17	32,300	23,300	21,700	1,600	9,000	72.1	6.9	67.2
Aug-17	32,300	23,400	22,000	1,400	9,000	72.4	6.0	68.1
Jul-17	32,400	23,000	21,500	1,500	9,300	71.0	6.5	66.4
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
Previous Years:								
Nov-16	32,500	23,700	22,100	1,600	8,800	72.9	6.8	68.0
Nov-15	31,900	24,000	21,500	2,500	8,000	75.2	10.4	67.4
Nov-14	32,300	23,400	21,800	1,700	8,900	72.4	7.3	67.5
Nov-13	32,600	24,900	22,800	2,100	7,600	76.4	8.4	69.9
Nov-12	32,500	25,200	23,500	1,700	7,400	77.5	6.7	72.3
Nov-11	32,300	24,600	22,900	1,700	7,700	76.2	6.9	70.9
Nov-10	32,100	23,200	22,000	1,200	8,900	72.3	5.2	68.5
Nov-09	31,700	21,800	20,300	1,500	9,900	68.8	6.9	64.0
Nov-08	31,700	24,000	22,600	1,400	7,800	75.7	5.8	71.3
Nov-07	31,700	24,400	22,900	1,500	7,200	77.0	6.1	72.2

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.

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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