
Appendix B

- Concepts & Definitions -

Labour Force

- refers to persons who were either employed or unemployed during the week prior to the survey.

Employed

- refers to persons who during the week prior to the survey: (i) did any work at all, excluding housework, maintenance around the home and volunteer work; or (ii) were absent from their job or business because of vacation, illness, on strike or locked out, etc.

Unemployed

- refers to persons who during the week prior to the survey: (i) were without work, had actively looked for work in the previous four weeks and were available for work; or (ii) had been on temporary lay-off and expected to return to their job; or (iii) had definite arrangements to start a new job within the next four weeks.

Participation Rate

- the percentage of persons 15 years of age and over who are in the labour force.

Unemployment Rate

- the percentage of the labour force who were unemployed during the week prior to the survey.

Employment Rate

- the percentage of persons 15 years of age and over who were employed during the week prior to the survey.

Working Age

- refers to persons 15 years of age and over.

Highest Level of Schooling

- in most surveys respondents are asked about their level of education. Highest level of schooling refers to the highest grade completed, or highest level of post-secondary completed. University is considered a higher level of education than other post-secondary. Further, a post-secondary diploma or certificate, regardless of grade completed in elementary or secondary school, is considered higher than a high school diploma.

Full-Time/Part-Time

- employed persons working 30 or more hours per week are considered full-time, while those working less than 30 hours per week are considered part-time.

Occupation

- refers to the Standard Occupation Classification (SOC) code for employed persons. The SOC reported is at the three-digit level. This level contains some 138 occupations, of which 126 are present in the Northwest Territories based on the 1999 NWT Labour Force Survey.

Industry

- refers to the North American Industry Classification (NAICS) for employed persons. The NAICS code reported is at the three digit level. This level contains some 99 industries, of which 77 are present in the Northwest Territories based on the 1999 NWT Labour Force Survey.

Labour Supply

- persons who are unemployed, that is not working, looking for work and available to take a job make up the labour supply of the Northwest Territories.
- the labour supply provides an overview of person not working but actively looking at the time of the survey. This is not to suggest that new employment opportunities could not be filled by those currently employed, but rather that this group is generally the target of training and employment programs.

Symbols

- .. Not Available
- Zero or too small to be expressed