What is the Labour Force Survey?
The Labour Force Survey is about employment and unemployment in the provinces, territories and in Canada as a whole. The Labour Force Survey is a key indicator of the Canadian economy. While it's best known for providing statistics about the monthly unemployment rate, the survey also collects important information about jobs, hours of work and education.

Why is it important?
Our governments, businesses, social agencies and labour unions use Statistics Canada’s monthly Labour Force Survey information to make important decisions that affect the day-to-day lives of all Canadians.

The easiest and most reliable way to take a nation’s economic temperature is to look at its jobs and unemployment statistics. The Labour Force Survey does exactly that.

How long has Labour Force Survey data been collected in the Territories?
Residents of Yukon have been participating in this survey for over 25 years. In 2000, coverage was extended to residents of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Why should I participate?
By completing the Labour Force Survey, you help to ensure the availability of current, relevant information about employment and unemployment in your territory. When members of your household are interviewed as part of this survey, each household member represents other residents in your territory of the same age and sex. This also includes those who are retired or not currently working.

Therefore, your participation has an importance that extends far beyond your household—it helps us get a complete picture of employment and unemployment in your territory.

What does participating in this survey involve?
A representative number of dwellings have been randomly selected from the list to participate in the Labour Force Survey.

Labour Force Survey interviews:
Once every three months for a period of two years, a Statistics Canada interviewer will contact you to arrange an appointment at a time that best suits your schedule. The interviewer will ask questions about jobs and employment for each household member aged 15 years and older.

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What it’s all about
Nunavut, the Northwest Territories and Yukon

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The Labour Market in the North, 2018

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