

# StatsUpdate

**Topic:** Payroll Employment, Earnings and Hours  
 March 2021 (preliminary)  
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**Background:** In March 2021, preliminary estimates from the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours indicate there were **19,400** employees in Nunavut, an **increase of 800** employees from March 2020.

Average weekly earnings for all employees in Nunavut were **\$1,424.34**, an **increase of 0.5%** from the same period last year.

## Details:

Number of Employees <sup>1</sup>				
	March 2021 <sup>2</sup>	March 2020	March 2020 to March 2021	
	Number of Employees		Change	% Change
<b>Nunavut</b>	<b>19,400</b>	<b>18,600</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Canada	15,900,200	15,842,700	57,500	0.4
Yukon	21,900	20,500	1,400	6.8
Northwest Territories	25,600	25,300	300	1.2

Average Weekly Earnings for All Employees (Including Overtime) <sup>1</sup>				
	March 2021 <sup>2</sup>	March 2020	March 2020 to March 2021	
	\$		Change in \$	% Change
<b>Nunavut</b>	<b>1,424.34</b>	<b>1,417.08</b>	<b>7.26</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Canada	1,131.57	1,054.30	77.27	7.3
Yukon	1,297.85	1,236.91	60.94	4.9
Northwest Territories	1,524.95	1,495.43	29.52	2.0

### Notes:

1. Source: Statistics Canada, Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours, Table 14-10-0201-01 and 14-10-0203-01
2. <sup>1</sup>Unadjusted for seasonal variation.
3. <sup>2</sup>Preliminary estimates.

### Note to Readers:

Readers should be aware that the percentage change for Nunavut can vary significantly due to the relatively small number of employees. Taken over longer periods of time, the resulting changes would likely be more reflective of the actual changes in either employment or earnings.

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