



News Release

More data on Nunavut Labour Force Now Available

PANGNIRTUNG, Nunavut (August 4, 2006) – Statistics Canada is releasing for the first time data collected by the pilot Nunavut Labour Force Survey. The data series, covering the 10 largest communities in the territory, starts in January 2004 and will be released on a monthly basis.

The figures released today are the most current information available on Nunavut's labour force, and will provide valuable insights for governments, Inuit organizations, private businesses and the public on territorial labour market trends.

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a national household survey conducted each month in all provinces and territories. The survey provides reliable data on the working-age population and includes information on the number of people employed, unemployed and not in the labour force. The data can be categorized by sex, age group and has an Inuit/non-Inuit breakdown.

The LFS has been conducted in Nunavut as a pilot project since late 2000. After extensive analysis of the preliminary data by the Nunavut Bureau of Statistics in conjunction with Statistics Canada, data from January 2004 onward are considered to be sufficiently reliable to be released. The survey covers about 70% of the working-age population. Although it is not representative of the whole territory it gives a reasonable description of the labour market conditions in Nunavut.

Funding for the assessment and the analysis of the pilot data was provided through a multi-year agreement between Service Canada and the Government of Nunavut Bureau of Statistics.

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