

Introduction

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The State of the Aboriginal Economy improved for Aboriginals as well as non-Aboriginals in 2017, when compared to 2016, as measured by employment, unemployment, and wage rates. In the following article, data is provided for these rates and the participation rates for 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017. Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal rates are examined for Métis, First Nations, and Inuit and by gender, age, province, economic sector, and educational level. Historically, these rates have been better for Non-Aboriginal than for Aboriginals. However, employment and wage rates are similar for non-Aboriginals and Aboriginals when measured by the educational level completed. A reasonable conclusion is that increasing the educational levels of the Aboriginal population would improve the state of the Aboriginal economy.