

Introduction

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The State of the Aboriginal Economy has continued to improve in 2018. Aboriginal employment and wage rates increased, and unemployment rates decreased. The unemployment rate for both Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals was at its lowest level in 2018, going back to 2007, which is the period for which the data is reported. In the following article, employment-related rates are examined for Métis, First Nations, and Inuit, and by gender, age, province, economic sector, and education level. Historically, these rates have been better for non-Aboriginals than for Aboriginals, and this is still the case in 2018. However, as in previous years, employment and wage rates are similar for non-Aboriginals and Aboriginals when measured by the education level completed. Thus, there appears to be a clear relationship between the education level completed and wage rates, as well as employment rates. A reasonable conclusion is that adopting strategies that increase education levels of Aboriginals would improve the state of the Aboriginal economy.