# ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES 

DECEMBER 1966
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The December unadjusted composite index of employment (1961=100) declined from 123.8 in November to 120.6 and was 4.1 p.c. higher than in December of last year. Seasonally-adfusted, the index at 122.7 was 0.7 D.C. above last month's level.

Seasonally-adjusted employment indexts. Ahi Lidastry divisions teabrded increases from November. The largest gains were in forestry ( $3.6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$.) , construction ( 3.0 p.c.) and transportation, communication and other utilities ( 1.8 p.c.). Increases in the other industry divisions were slight. All regions recorded gains from last month except British Columbia, where there was a slight decline. Gains ranged from $0.6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. in Ontario to $1.1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. in Quebec.

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries. - At the composite level, average weekly wages and salaries at $\$ 96.17$ in December were $\$ 2.64$ lower than in November, mainly because of short-time associated with the year-end holidays. The December figure was $\$ 5.17$ higher than in December of last year. Changes in industry divisions were varied. Declines were recorded in construction ( $\$ 16.05$ ), durable goods manufacturing ( $\$ 5.91$ ), forestry $(\$ 4.30)$ and non-durable goods manufacturing ( 78 cents). Other industry divisions showed slight increases over last month. All regions recorded decreases, ranging from $\$ 1.03$ in the Atlantic Region to $\$ 2.93$ in British Columbia.

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