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The December unadjusted composite index of employment $(1961=100)$ decreased by 3.1 p.c. from 124.3 in November to 120.5 in December and was 0.2 p.c. higher than in December of last year. Seasonally-adjusted, the index at 122.5 was 0.2 p.c. lower than the figure for last month.

Seasonally-adjusted employment indexes. - Among the industry divisions, the largest changes were a decrease of 1.1 p.c. in transportation, communication, and other utilities, and an increase of $0.7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. in construction. Manufacturing and trade were unchanged from last month. Among the regions, British Columbia showed the largest change with an increase of 0.6 p.c. Decreases occurred in the Atlantic Region ( 0.5 p.c.) and Quebec ( 0.4 p.c.). Elsewhere slight increases were recorded.

Average weekly wages and salaries. - At the composite level, average weekly wages and salaries at $\$ 102.58$ were $\$ 2.68$ lower than in November and $\$ 6.61$ higher than in December, 1966. Among the industry divisions, trade, and finance, insurance and real estate showed slight increases. All other industries showed decreases reflecting short-time associated with year-end holidays. The largest of these decreases occurred in construction ( $\$ 20.44$ ) and forestry ( $\$ 11.30$ ). All regions showed decreases ranging from $\$ 1.05$ in the Atlantic Region to $\$ 4.17$ in British Columbia.

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