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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

APRIL AND MAY 1968

(These data are subject to revision)

APRIL 1968

The unadjusted composite index of employment (1961=100) increased by 0.9 p.c. from 118.0 in March to 119.0 in April and was 0.3 p.c. lower than in April of last year. Seasonally-adjusted, the index at 122.9 was 0.3 p.c. higher than the March index.

Seasonally-adjusted employment indexes. Among the industry divisions, the largest changes were an increase of 12.1 p.c. in forestry and a decrease of 1.3 p.c. in construction. Other changes ranged from a decrease of 0.3 p.c. in transportation, communication, and other utilities, to an increase of 1.1 p.c. in the durable goods component of manufacturing. Among the regions, changes ranged from decreases of 0.2 p.c. in Quebec and British Columbia to an increase of 1.8 p.c. in the Atlantic Region.

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries. At the composite level, average weekly wages and salaries at \$108.97 were \$1.40 higher than in March and \$6.65 higher than in April of last year. The largest change was in durables where an increase of \$4.83 was recorded. This was largely the result of wage increases and overtime following the settlement of industrial disputes in transportation equipment. Forestry showed a decrease of \$1.75 with smaller changes being recorded in other industry divisions. All regions showed increases, the largest being \$2.57 in Ontario where the effects of the industrial disputes in transportation equipment were felt most strongly.

MAY 1968

Preliminary estimates indicate that the composite index of employment increased to 121.8 in May from 119.0 in April. All industry divisions showed increases, the largest being in mining, construction, and service. In these three industries, decreases were recorded in average weekly wages and salaries. At the composite level, average weekly wages and salaries showed a slight increase. Further industry and area detail other than that given in the table below is not yet available.

	Employn	ment index m (1961=100)	numbers	Average weekly wages and salaries				
	May 1968	April 1968	May 1967	May 1968	Apri1 1968	May 1967		
					dollars			
Forestry		57.6	91.2		123.85	109.45		
Mining	112.3	107.4	108.9	136.69	138,63	127.87		
Manufacturing	121.9	120.1	122.9	114.41	114.29	105.86		
Durable goods	132.0	130.2	133.9	123.56	123.45	113.11		
Non-durable goods	113.8	111.9	114.0	105.79	105.68	99.01		
Construction	121.8	110.5	123.3	135.35	136.71	130.68		
Transportation, communication and other utilities		107.5	112.3		119.90	111.71		
Trade	127.0	126.0	124.2	86.24	85.73	81.45		
Finance, insurance and real estate	130.8	129.5	125.0	105.47	104.63	99.35		
Service	154.5	150.0	154.8	. 77.46	78.88	74.49		
Industrial composite	121.8	119.0	122.3	109.36	108.97	102.19		

.. Figures not available.

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Advance Employment Index Numbers and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries(1)

Industry division and province	Employment index numbers (1961=100)												
	Unad justed				Seasonally- adjusted		Average weekly wages and salaries						
	May 1968	Apr11 1968	March 1968	<u>Мау</u> 1967	April 1967	April 1968	March 1968	May 1968	April 1968	March 1968	<u>Мау</u> 1967	April 1967	
			1961=100		-		1			dollars		-	۰.,
Industry division								1000					
prestry		57.6	65.0	91.2	67.8	106.7	95.2		123.85	125,60	109.45	122.30	
ining	112.3	107.4	109.4	108.9	104.8	111.2	110.7	136.69	138.63	139.01	127.87	128.16	
anufacturing	121.9	120.1	119.4	. 122.9	121.7	122.1	121.4	114.41	114.29	111.48	105.86	106.05	
Durable goods	132.0	130.2	129.0	133.9	134.1	131.1	129.7	123.56	123.45	118.62	113.11	113.44	
Non-durable goods	113.8	111.9	111.6	114.0	111.6	114.8	114.7	105.79	105.68	104.82	99.01	98.92	
nstruction	121.8	110.5	104.4	123.3	115.6	122.3	123.9	135.35	136.71	136.59	130.68	132.78	
ansportation, communication and													
other utilities		107.5	105.6	112.3	109.0	110.2	110.5		119.90	120.19	111.71	111.17	
ade	127.0	126.0	124.8	124.2	122.7	128.1	128.4	86.24	85.73	84.99	81.45	81.04	
Inance, insurance and real estate	130.8	129.5	129.7	125.0	123.7	130.4	130.0	105.47	104.63	103.93	99.35	99.19	
rvice	154.5	150.0	149.2	154.8	147.0	154.4	154.5	77.46	78.88	78.12	74.49	74.60	
Industrial composite	121.8	119.0	118.0	122.3	119.3	122.9	122.6	109.36	108.97	107.57	102.19	102.32	
Province and region													
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tlantic region		110.0	108.9	113.1	106.4	120.3	118.2		90.62	91.23	84.04	85.70	01
Newfoundland	* *	112.0	107.8	114.5	105.7	126.8	125.3		100.51	99.53	91.02	92.29	5
Prince Edward Island	* *	111.5	107.1	121.5	106.0	123.5	131.2		74.91	76.29	68.79	71.05	-
Nova Scotla	* *	111.2	109.8	112.4	108.7	116.7	115.1		87.51	87.89	82.33	82.94	S.
New Brunswick		107.1	108.6	112.2 119.7	104.0	119.8	116.5		89.38 106.61	91.36	83.09 100.36	86.28	46
iebec		123.5	122.2	119.7	116.8	125.7	125.5		112.70	105.80	100.30	100.57	4
atario		123.5	117.6	124.9	115.5	123.8	123.2		102.76	102.52	95.07	95.07	
Manitoba		112.2	117.0	115.5	111.4	115.9	116.3		98.76	98.16	91.09	90.10	
Saskatchewan		117.3	115.0	119.6	113.3	122.8	123.0		102.08	100.35	94.90	94.63	
Alberta		123.4	124.2	125.2	119.8	130.0	128.9		106.12	106.67	98.28	99.19	
itish Columbia		124.6	124.0	129.3	126.3	128.1	128.3		119.26	118.52	113.97	114.09	
ikon		122.6	121.3	119.6	95.5	1.26.6	146.1		158.20	155.61	136.36	137.73	
orthwest Territories		93.8	92.6	101.4	93.4	98,7	101.5		166.98	173.08	151.83	159.35	
Canada	121.8	119.0	118.0	122.3	119.3	122.9	122.6	109.36	108.97	107.57	102.19	102.32	

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