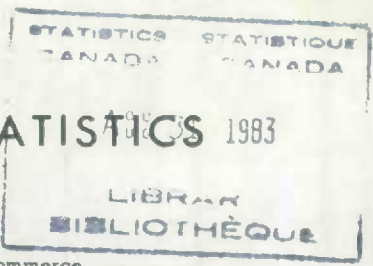


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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

MARCH AND APRIL 1968

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MARCH 1968

The unadjusted composite index of employment (1961=100) increased by 0.7 p.c. from 117.1 in February to 117.9 in March and was 0.6 p.c. lower than in March of last year. Seasonally-adjusted, the index at 122.4 was 0.4 p.c. higher than the February adjusted index of 121.9

Seasonally-adjusted employment indexes. Among the industry divisions, forestry showed an increase of 4.4 p.c.; and the durables component of manufacturing showed a 2.0 p.c. increase resulting from the settlement of industrial disputes in transportation equipment. Other changes ranged from a 0.3 p.c. decline in transportation, communication, and other utilities, to a 0.9 p.c. increase in construction. All regions showed increases ranging from 0.1 p.c. in Quebec and British Columbia to 1.4 p.c. in the Atlantic Region.

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries. At the composite level, average weekly wages and salaries at \$107.50 were slightly higher than in February and \$6.52 higher than in March of last year. Among the industry divisions, transportation equipment showed a drop of \$7.64 following the settlement of an industrial dispute in motor vehicles where employees were recalled only for the latter part of the reference week. Finance, insurance, and real estate showed the largest increase (\$2.33). All regions showed slight increases.

APRIL 1968

Preliminary estimates indicate that the composite index of employment increased to 119.5 in April from 117.9 in March. Construction showed the largest increase, while smaller rises occurred in both components of manufacturing. Increases are indicated for average weekly wages and salaries at the composite level and also in most components. Average weekly wages and salaries increased substantially in the durable goods component of manufacturing as a result of short time last month, wage increases, and overtime following the settlement of industrial disputes.

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

Industry division and province	Employment index numbers (1961=100)							Average weekly wages and salaries				
	Unadjusted					Seasonally- adjusted						
	Apr. 1968	Mar. 1968	Feb. 1968	Apr. 1967	Mar. 1967	Mar. 1968	Feb. 1968	Apr. 1968	Mar. 1968	Feb. 1968	Apr. 1967	Mar. 1967
	1961=100							dollars				
<u>Industry division</u>												
Forestry	57.4	65.4	75.9	67.8	79.2	95.8	91.8	123.44	125.56	126.33	122.30	114.78
Mining	106.7	109.1	107.7	104.8	107.8	110.4	109.7	139.16	138.69	139.20	128.16	127.62
Manufacturing	119.9	119.3	117.8	121.7	122.0	121.3	120.2	114.23	111.42	111.31	106.05	104.73
Durable goods	129.8	129.0	125.9	134.1	134.7	129.7	127.1	123.70	118.58	119.14	113.44	111.76
Non-durable goods	111.9	111.5	111.2	111.6	111.8	114.6	114.6	105.38	104.74	104.15	98.92	97.93
Construction	110.9	104.0	102.6	115.6	112.9	123.4	122.3	136.35	135.83	135.39	132.78	125.85
Transportation, communication and other utilities	--	105.5	105.4	109.0	105.7	110.4	110.7	--	120.12	119.61	111.17	110.63
Trade	125.8	124.8	123.8	122.7	121.6	128.4	128.4	85.69	85.09	84.69	81.04	80.24
Finance, insurance and real estate	129.0	129.5	129.3	123.7	123.4	129.8	129.7	105.22	103.94	101.61	99.19	99.17
Service	150.8	149.0	148.4	147.0	143.7	154.2	154.6	79.62	78.17	78.26	74.60	74.20
Industrial composite	119.5	117.9	117.1	119.3	118.6	122.4	121.9	108.70	107.50	107.17	102.32	100.98
<u>Province and region</u>												
Atlantic region	--	108.8	107.8	106.4	107.9	118.1	116.5	--	90.90	90.34	85.70	85.90
Newfoundland	--	107.1	108.9	105.7	108.8	124.5	124.8	--	98.77	97.43	92.29	91.03
Prince Edward Island	--	106.6	104.9	106.0	101.7	130.6	128.2	--	76.51	76.86	71.05	73.83
Nova Scotia	--	110.4	107.7	108.7	108.3	115.7	113.1	--	87.48	86.93	82.94	83.57
New Brunswick	--	108.2	107.4	104.0	107.4	116.1	114.2	--	91.40	91.04	86.28	86.48
Quebec	--	112.6	112.7	116.8	115.2	118.0	117.9	--	105.79	105.17	100.57	98.83
Ontario	--	122.1	120.7	123.1	122.4	125.4	124.2	--	110.08	110.06	105.34	103.89
Prairie region	--	117.4	116.7	115.5	115.4	122.9	122.1	--	102.34	102.02	95.07	94.83
Manitoba	--	111.0	110.5	111.4	109.9	116.2	115.6	--	98.05	97.15	90.10	89.27
Saskatchewan	--	114.8	113.5	113.3	111.6	122.8	122.0	--	100.13	99.85	94.63	92.46
Alberta	--	123.9	123.3	119.8	121.8	128.5	127.9	--	106.45	106.54	99.19	100.02
British Columbia	--	123.6	122.2	126.3	125.7	127.9	127.8	--	118.58	118.05	114.09	112.12
Yukon	--	120.5	114.5	95.5	91.8	145.1	136.8	--	155.79	148.04	137.73	134.27
Northwest Territories	--	92.8	91.0	93.4	89.0	101.7	99.9	--	171.90	170.50	159.35	160.79
Canada		117.9	117.1	119.3	118.6	122.4	121.9		107.50	107.17	102.32	100.98

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