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November 12, 1964THE LABOUR FORCE
EMPLOYMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT

Week ended October 17, 1964

Summary

Unemployment increased by 40,000 to 258,000 between September and October. The increase was above average for the month owing largely to layoffs in the automotive industry. Total employment, at 6,704,000 in October, showed a decline of 50,000 from September, a larger than seasonal decrease. The labour force, at 6,962,000, was almost unchanged from September.

The labour force in October was higher than a year earlier by 121,000, or 1.8 per cent. For men the increase was 73,000, and for women it was 48,000. The female labour force has been increasing at a slower rate since the early part of this year, in sharp contrast to the expansion which occurred in 1963 and the first part of 1964. The October estimate of women in the labour force represents a gain of 2.5 per cent from a year earlier. The male labour force was up over the year by 1.5 per cent.

Total employment was 128,000 higher than a year earlier, while unemployment showed little change.

Employment

The September-October employment decline stemmed largely from a seasonal decline in agriculture. In addition, non-farm employment decreased slightly during the month, whereas it usually increases at this time of year. The employment reduction in the non-farm sector resulted, in part, from layoffs in the automotive and automotive parts industries following a major industrial dispute in the United States.

Total employment in October was substantially higher than a year earlier. The October estimate of 6,704,000 represented an increase of 128,000, or 1.9 per cent. In non-agricultural industries, the increase was 153,000, or 2.6 per cent. About three-fifths of the increase in non-farm employment took place in manufacturing. Other industries which showed large increases were service and trade.

Employment was higher than a year ago in all regions except Quebec which showed little change. The largest percentage increase was in British Columbia which showed a gain of 4.2 per cent.

Unemployment

Unemployment increased by 40,000 to 258,000 between September and October, a relatively large increase for this time of year. Virtually all of the increase

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occurred in Ontario and Quebec; the automotive industry figured prominently in the rise.

About half of the unemployed in October had been unemployed for less than one month. Some 75,000, or 29 per cent of the total, had been unemployed for one to three months and 60,000, or 23 per cent, for four months or more.

Unemployment in October represented 3.7 per cent of the labour force, compared with 3.1 per cent in September and 3.9 per cent in October 1963. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in October was 5.0 per cent.

Summary Labour Force Statistics, Canada

	October 17 1964	September 19 1964	October 19 1963
	(estimates in thousands)		
Population 14 years of age and over(1)	12,833	12,812	12,546
Labour Force	6,962	6,972	6,841
Employed	6,704	6,754	6,576
Men	4,769	4,822	4,687
Women	1,935	1,932	1,889
Agriculture	635	674	660
Non-agriculture	6,069	6,080	5,916
Unemployed	258	218	265
Men	198	162	207
Married	105	77	110
Women	60	56	58
Married	19	19	21
14-19 years of age	58	53	56
20-64 years of age	193	158	202
65 years and over	*	*	*
Under 1 month unemployed(2)	123	88	108
1-3 months	75	65	84
4-6 months	26	27	30
7 months and over	34	38	43

(1) Excludes inmates of institutions, members of the armed services, Indians living on reserves and residents of the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

(2) Includes persons on temporary layoff, estimated at 13,000 in October 1964.

* Less than 10,000.

Note: Unemployment rates, both actual and seasonally adjusted, for the period October 1963 to October 1964 are shown on page 3.

Summary Labour Force Statistics, by Region

	October 17 1964	September 19 1964	October 19 1963
	(estimates in thousands)		
<u>Population 14 years of age and over</u>			
Atlantic	1,290	1,289	1,269
Quebec	3,700	3,693	3,611
Ontario	4,479	4,472	4,371
Prairies	2,168	2,165	2,133
British Columbia	1,196	1,193	1,162
<u>Labour Force</u>			
Atlantic	622	628	613
Quebec	1,938	1,938	1,930
Ontario	2,546	2,544	2,487
Prairies	1,210	1,218	1,186
British Columbia	646	644	625
<u>Employed</u>			
Atlantic	587	594	572
Quebec	1,840	1,854	1,830
Ontario	2,472	2,489	2,421
Prairies	1,187	1,198	1,160
British Columbia	618	619	593
<u>Unemployed</u>			
Atlantic	35	34	41
Quebec	98	84	100
Ontario	74	55	66
Prairies	23	20	26
British Columbia	28	25	32
<u>Unemployment rates</u>			
Atlantic	5.6	5.4	6.7
Quebec	5.1	4.3	5.2
Ontario	2.9	2.2	2.7
Prairies	1.9	1.6	2.2
British Columbia	4.3	3.9	5.1

Unemployment Rates, Actual and Seasonally Adjusted, Canada,
October 1963 to October 1964

<u>Week ended:</u>			<u>Actual</u>	<u>Seasonally adjusted(1)</u>
1963	October	19	3.9	5.3
	November	16	4.5	5.1
	December	14	5.1	4.9
1964	January	18	7.0	4.9
	February	22	7.0	4.7
	March	21	6.8	4.6
	April	18	6.0	4.7
	May	23	4.2	4.7
	June	20	4.0	5.2
	July	18	3.7	5.0
	August	22	3.4	4.8
	September	19	3.1	4.5
	October	17	3.7	5.0

(1) The seasonally adjusted series is subject to periodic revisions when more up-to-date estimates of change in seasonal patterns become available.

Note: Unemployment rates are expressed as percentages of the labour force.

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