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# THE LABOUR FORCE

# EMPLOYMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT

Week ended November 14, 1964



### Summary

Total employment, at 6,694,000 in November, showed little change from October. Normally, employment decreases during this period. The unemployment estimate of 258,000 was the same as in October; in previous years, it has always increased. The estimated labour force in November was 6,952,000, almost unchanged from October.

The stability of employment and unemployment during the month resulted in part from the recall of automotive workers who had been on layoff in October owing to a shortage of parts. In addition, there has been some evidence of a continuing improvement in the job situation. Thus, between September and November, total non-farm employment increased by an estimated 35,000 which compares with little or no change, on average, during the past five years.

Employment in November was 198,000 higher than a year earlier and unemployment was 45,000 lower. The labour force at 6,952,000 was 153,000, or 2.3 per cent, higher than in November 1963.

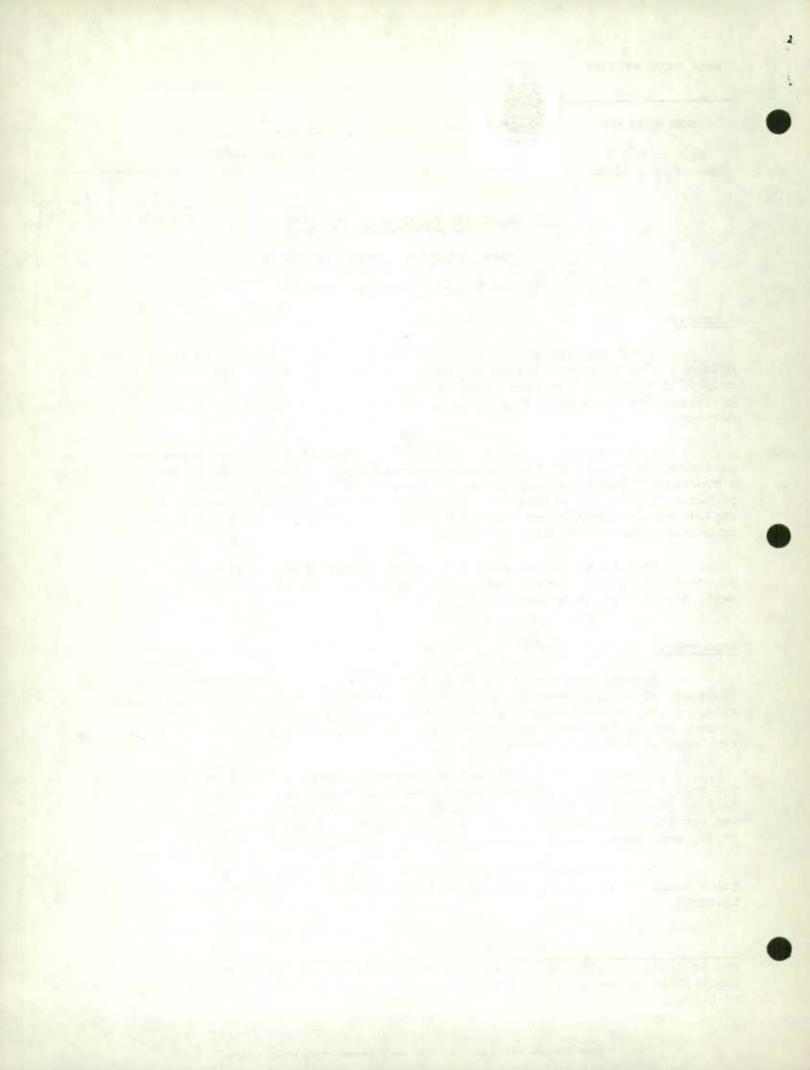
#### Employment

Non-farm employment increased by an estimated 46,000 between October and November, offsetting most of the seasonal decline which occurred in agriculture. In recent years, non-farm employment has seldom increased during this period. The advance during the month was in part a reflection of the resumption of activity in the Canadian automotive industry.

Compared with a year earlier, non-farm employment was up 232,000, or 3.9 per cent. The largest increase was in manufacturing which accounted for about one-half of the overall advance. The only other industry which showed a large increase was service, the gain being approximately 60,000. In the remaining non-farm industries, employment either increased slightly or remained about unchanged.

Employment was noticeably higher than a year ago in all regions. The gains ranged from 2,4 per cent in the Prairie region to 5.3 per cent in British Columbia.

The statistics in the Joint Press Release come from The Labour Force, a monthly publication by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The analysis is by the Department of Labour.



### Unemployment

Unemployment remained unchanged between October and November whereas it usually increases during this period. In Ontario, the unemployment total declined by some 13,000 during the month, following the recall of automotive workers who were on layoff during October. This was largely offset by an increase in the Prairie region.

Compared with a year earlier, unemployment was down 45,000. Virtually all of the decline was among men.

Of the 258,000 unemployed in November, some 192,000, or 74 per cent of the total, had been unemployed for three months or less. An estimated 32,000 had been seeking work from four to six months and 34,000 for seven months or more.

Unemployment in November represented 3.7 per cent of the labour force, compared with 4.5 per cent a year earlier and 5.2 per cent two years ago. Unemployment rates were lower than a year ago in all five regions. Seasonally adjusted, the unemployment rate was 4.3 per cent.

#### Summary Labour Force Statistics, Canada

	November 14 1964	October 17 1964	November 16 1963
	(esti	mates in thou	ands)
Population 14 years of age and over(1)	12,857	12,833	12,566
Labour Force	6,952	6,962	6,799 6,496 4,624 1,872
Employed	6,694	6,704	
Men	4,747 1,947	4,769 1,935	
Agriculture	579 6,115	635 6,069	613 5,883
Unemployed	258	258	303
Men  Married  Women  Married	202 100 56 21	198 105 60 19	244 131 59 20
14-19 years of age	55 197 *	58 193 *	62 233 *
Under 1 month unemployed(2)	109 83 32 34	123 75 26 34	128 99 34 42

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes persons on temporary layoff, estimated at 14,000 in November 1964.\* Less than 10,000.

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

## Summary Labour Force Statistics, by Region

	November 14 1964	October 17 1964	November 16 1963
	(estimates in thousands)		sands)
Population 14 years of age and over			
Atlantic	1,291	1,290	1,271
Quebec	3,708	3,700	3,618
Ontario	4,489	4,479	4,378
Prairies	2,170	2,168	2,135
British Columbia	1,199	1,196	1,164
Labour Force	,		
Atlantic	613	622	600
Quebec	1,951	1,938	1,918
Ontario	2,552	2,546	2,490
Prairies	1,192	1,210	1,169
British Columbia	644	646	622
Employed			
Atlantic	572	587	555
Quebec	1,854	1,840	1,807
Ontario	2,491	2,472	2,415
Prairies	1,160	1,187	1,133
British Columbia	617	618	586
Unemployed			
Atlantic	41	35	45
Quebec	97	98	111
Ontario	61	74	75
Prairies	32	23	36
British Columbia	27	28	36
Unemployment rates			
Atlantic	6.7	5.6	7.5
Quebec	5.0	5.1	5.8
Ontario	2.4	2.9	3.0
Prairies	2.7	1.9	3.1
British Columbia	4.2	4.3	5.8

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

	Week ended:		<u>d</u> :	<u>Actual</u>	Seasonally adjusted(1)	
19	963	November	16	4.5	5.1	
		December	14	5.1	4.9	
19	64	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	
		November	14	3.7	4.3	

<sup>(1)</sup> 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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