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# THE LABOUR FORCE

## EMPLOYMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT

Week Ended June 20, 1964



### Summary

An estimated 6,760,000 persons were employed in June. The increase of 152,000 from May was seasonal. Unemployment declined by 11,000 to 282,000, a less-than-usual decrease for the month. The labour force rose by 141,000 to 7,042,000 in June.

Compared with a year earlier, employment was up 225,000 and unemployment was down 22,000. The labour force was 203,000, or 3.0 per cent, higher than in June 1963.

## **Employment**

As usual, the employment increase between May and June was almost entirely confined to non-farm industries. In non-farm industries seasonal employment gains were fairly general. However, the increase in construction employment between May and June was below average for the time of year.

Some 97,000, or almost two-thirds of the May-to-June increase in employment was among persons under 25 years of age, a somewhat larger proportion than in most previous years. The employment increase among persons 25 years of age and over was below average; the May-to-June gain of 55,000 this year compares with an average advance of 82,000 over the same period in the past ten years.

Compared with a year earlier, total employment was up 225,000, or 3.4 per cent. Non-farm employment increased by 241,000, or 4.1 per cent. Apart from construction which registered a moderate decline, almost all non-farm industries shared in the year-to-year improvement. The largest gains were in service and manufacturing. Agricultural employment was an estimated 16,000 lower than a year earlier.

Employment was noticeably higher than a year ago in the Atlantic region, British Columbia and Ontario. Smaller percentage gains took place in the remaining two regions.

#### Unemployment

Unemployment declined by 11,000 to 282,000 between May and June. The drop was less than seasonal, reflecting, in part, a large influx of students into the

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labour market. Unemployment among persons 14 to 19 years of age increased by 43,000 during the month. Among those 20 years of age and over, unemployment declined by 54,000, which was about normal for this time of year.

Compared with a year earlier, unemployment was down 22,000. Teenagers comprised a somewhat larger part of the total unemployed than a year ago.

Of the 282,000 unemployed in June, 201,000 had been unemployed for three months or less. The remaining 81,000, or 29 per cent of the total, had been seeking work for four months or more. This group accounted for a much smaller proportion of the total than a year earlier.

The unemployment rate in June represented 4.0 per cent of the labour force, compared with 4.4 per cent in June 1963 and 4.5 per cent in June 1962. Seasonally adjusted the June unemployment rate was 5.2 per cent.

# Summary Labour Force Statistics, Canada

	June 20 1964	May 23 1964	June 22 1963
	(estim	usands)	
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	12,734	12,708	12,455
Labour Force	7,042	6,901	6,839
Employed	6,760	6,608	6,535
Men	4,846 1,914	4,713 1,895	4,729
Agriculture	672 6,088	667 5,941	688 5,847
Unemployed	282	293	304
Men  Married  Women  Married	211 87 71 15	234 127 59 19	239 107 65 16
14-19 years of age	103 173 *	60 227 *	94 203 *
Under 1 month unemployed(2)	128 73 38 43	94 83 57 59	119 76 46 63

<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 13,000 in June 1964.

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 10,000.

Note: <u>Unemploy ent rates</u>, both actual and seasonally adjusted, for the period <u>June 1963 to June 1964 are shown on page 3</u>.

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## Summary Labour Force Statistics, by Region

	June 20 1964	May 23 1964	June 22 1963	
	(estimates in thousands)			
Population 14 years of age and over				
Atlantic	1,284	1,282	1,260	
Ouebec	3,668	3,661	3,582	
Ontario	4,443	4,431	4,341	
Prairies	2,156	2,153	2,120	
British Columbia	1,183	1,181	1,152	
Labour Force				
Atlantic	642	616	614	
Quebec	1,944	1,906	1,909	
Ontario	2,606	2,527	2,506	
Prairies	1,197	1,205	1,187	
British Columbia	653	647	623	
Employed				
Atlantic	610	574	575	
Quebec	1,839	1,794	1,796	
Ontario	2,518	2,457	2,417	
Prairies	1,173	1,174	1,156	
British Columbia	620	609	591	
<u>Unemployed</u>				
Atlantic	32	42	39	
Quebec	105	112	113	
Ontario	88	70	89	
Prairies	24	31	31	
British Columbia	33	38	32	
Unemployment rates				
Atlantic	5.0	6.8	6.4	
Quebec	5.4	5.9	5.9	
Ontario	3.4	2.8	3.6	
Prairies	2.0	2.6	2.6	
British Columbia	5.1	5.9	5.1	

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

	Week ended:		Week ended: Actual		<u>Actual</u>	Seasonally adjusted(1)	
1963	June	22	4.4	5.9			
	July	20	4.2	5.9			
	August	24	3.8	5.4			
	September	21	3.7	5.3			
	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			

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

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

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