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Summary

Employment was estimated at 6,957,000 in August. As usual, the change from July was small. Unemployment declined by 18,000 between July and August. The decrease in unemployment was concentrated among teenagers, many of whom, as usual, left the labour market in significant numbers in August.

The estimated labour force in August was 7,204,000, an increase of 188,000, or 2.7 per cent, over a year earlier. Employment was 211,000 higher and unemployment 23,000 lower than in August 1963.

Employment

Farm employment showed a slight decline between July and August. The number employed in non-farm industries remained unchanged.

Compared with a year earlier, total employment was up 211,000, or 3.1 per cent. Non-farm employment increased by 271,000, or 4.5 per cent. The largest gains were in service, manufacturing and trade. Construction employment was somewhat lower than a year earlier. In other non-farm industries, employment either showed little change or was higher than the year before. Farm employment in August was estimated at 714,000, down 60,000 from August 1963.

Employment was noticeably higher than a year ago in all regions except the Prairies which showed little change. Relative gains were particularly marked in the Atlantic region and in British Columbia.

Unemployment

Unemployment decreased by an estimated 18,000 between July and August. Of the 247,000 unemployed in August, 186,000 were men and 61,000 were women. Compared with a year earlier, unemployment was down 23,000.

Of the total unemployed, some 181,000 had been unemployed for three months or less. The remaining 66,000 had been seeking work for four months or more. This group accounted for a slightly smaller proportion of the total than a year ago.

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Unemployment in August represented 3.4 per cent of the labour force compared with 3.8 per cent in August 1963. The unemployment rate was lower than a year ago in all regions except the Prairies, where there was no change. However, rates of unemployment continued to vary between regions, ranging from 5.0 in Quebec to 1.9 in the Prairies. Seasonally adjusted, the Canada unemployment rate was 4.8 per cent.

Summary Labour Force Statistics, Canada

	August 22 1964	July 18 1964	August 24 1963
	(estimates in thousands)		
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	12,788	12,757	12,505
Labour Force	7,204	7,232	7,016
Employed	6,957	6,967	6,746
Men	5,028	5,022	4,883
Women	1,929	1,945	1,863
Agriculture	714	724	774
Non-agriculture	6,243	6,243	5,972
Unemployed	247	265	270
Men	186	203	211
Married	84	87	101
Women	61	62	59
Married	20	14	16
14-19 years of age	73	94	73
20-64 years of age	167	164	192
65 years and over	*	*	*
Under 1 month unemployed (2)	92	113	93
1-3 months	89	86	95
4-6 months	25	26	30
7 months and over	41	40	52

(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 16,000 in August 1964.

* Less than 10,000.

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

Summary Labour Force Statistics, by Region

	August 22 1964	July 18 1964	August 24 1963
	(estimates in thousands)		
<u>Population 14 years of age and over</u>			
Atlantic	1,287	1,285	1,265
Quebec	3,685	3,676	3,598
Ontario	4,463	4,451	4,358
Prairies	2,163	2,159	2,127
British Columbia	1,190	1,186	1,157
<u>Labour Force</u>			
Atlantic	656	663	628
Quebec	2,006	2,007	1,966
Ontario	2,646	2,649	2,548
Prairies	1,224	1,241	1,228
British Columbia	672	672	646
<u>Employed</u>			
Atlantic	626	631	593
Quebec	1,906	1,905	1,858
Ontario	2,578	2,574	2,476
Prairies	1,201	1,214	1,205
British Columbia	646	643	614
<u>Unemployed</u>			
Atlantic	30	32	35
Quebec	100	102	108
Ontario	68	75	72
Prairies	23	27	23
British Columbia	26	29	32
<u>Unemployment rates</u>			
Atlantic	4.6	4.8	5.6
Quebec	5.0	5.1	5.5
Ontario	2.6	2.8	2.8
Prairies	1.9	2.2	1.9
British Columbia	3.9	4.3	5.0

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

	<u>Week ended:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Seasonally adjusted(1)</u>
1963	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
	July 18	3.7	5.0
	August 22	3.4	4.8

(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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