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THE LABOUR FORCE EMPLOYMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT

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Summary

Total employment declined by 167,000 to 6,447,000 between December and January. This decrease was somewhat smaller than is usual for the time of year. Unemployment rose by 123,000 to 408,000 during the month, about the average increase for this period. The decline in the labour force of 44,000 was less than seasonal.

Employment in January was 216,000 higher than a year earlier and unemployment was 58,000 lower. The labour force, at 6,855,000 was 158,000, or 2.4 per cent, higher than in January 1964.

Employment

The decrease of 159,000 in non-farm employment between December and January was less than seasonal. Farm employment showed little change. Construction employment was down less than usual for the month, and manufacturing employment was well maintained. Employment in trade decreased as is customary, following the release of temporary workers hired for the Christmas season.

Total employment in January showed a rise of 216,000, or 3.5 per cent, from a year earlier. Non-farm employment was up by 276,000, or 4.9 per cent. Farm employment was 60,000 lower than in January 1964.

In non-farm industries, the largest employment gains over the year occurred in service and manufacturing. Smaller gains took place in construction and mining.

Employment among men has shown a strong over-the-year increase as a result of marked strengthening in the goods-producing industries. In January 1965 the number of employed men was 140,000, or 3.2 per cent, higher than the year before. Employment among women increased by 76,000, or 4.2 per cent, compared with a year earlier.

Employment was higher than a year ago in all regions. The largest percentage increases were recorded in the Atlantic region and British Columbia, the gains being 5.4 per cent and 5.3 per cent, respectively.

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 increased by 123,000 to 408,000 between December and January. The change was about in line with the usual seasonal pattern.

Compared with a year earlier, unemployment was down 58,000. Of the 408,000 unemployed in January, some 320,000, or about four-fifths of the total, had been unemployed for three months or less. An estimated 44,000 had been unemployed from four to six months and 44,000 for seven months or more.

The unemployment rate in January represented 6.0 per cent of the labour force, compared with 7.0 per cent in January 1964 and 8.3 per cent in January 1963. Seasonally adjusted, the January 1965 unemployment rate was 4.3 per cent.

Summary Labour Force Statistics, Canada

	January 16 1965	December 12 1964	January 18 1964
	(estimates in thousands)		
Population 14 years of age and over(1)	12,905	12,879	12,609
Labour Force	6,855	6,899	6,697
Employed	6,447	6,614	6,231
Men	4,556	4,673	4,416
Women	1,891	1,941	1,815
Agriculture	513	521	573
Non-agriculture	5,934	6,093	5,658
Unemployed	408	285	466
Men	338	235	395
Married	187	124	225
Women	70	50	71
Married	31	20	26
14-19 years of age	74	54	79
20-64 years of age	323	222	375
65 years and over	11	*	12
Under 1 month unemployed(2)	152	119	164
1-3 months	168	99	202
4-6 months	44	33	54
7 months and over	44	34	46

(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 25,000 in January 1965.

* Less than 10,000.

Note: Unemployment rates, both actual and seasonally adjusted, for the period January 1964 to January 1965 are shown on page 3.

Summary Labour Force Statistics, by Region

	January 16 1965	December 12 1964	January 18 1964
	(estimates in thousands)		
<u>Population 14 years of age and over</u>			
Atlantic	1,295	1,293	1,275
Quebec	3,722	3,714	3,631
Ontario	4,507	4,497	4,392
Prairies	2,175	2,172	2,142
British Columbia	1,206	1,203	1,169
<u>Labour Force</u>			
Atlantic	592	604	573
Quebec	1,928	1,938	1,899
Ontario	2,540	2,548	2,465
Prairies	1,155	1,168	1,143
British Columbia	640	641	617
<u>Employed</u>			
Atlantic	528	562	501
Quebec	1,769	1,834	1,726
Ontario	2,442	2,472	2,345
Prairies	1,108	1,136	1,089
British Columbia	600	610	570
<u>Unemployed</u>			
Atlantic	64	42	72
Quebec	159	104	173
Ontario	98	76	120
Prairies	47	32	54
British Columbia	40	31	47
<u>Unemployment rates</u>			
Atlantic	10.8	7.0	12.6
Quebec	8.2	5.4	9.1
Ontario	3.9	3.0	4.9
Prairies	4.1	2.7	4.7
British Columbia	6.3	4.8	7.6

Unemployment Rates, Actual and Seasonally Adjusted, Canada,
January 1964 to January 1965, inclusive

	<u>Week ended:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Seasonally adjusted(1)</u>
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
	November 14	3.7	4.3
	December 12	4.1	4.0
1965	January 16	6.0	4.3

(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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