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Employment increased between September and October by an estimated 25,000 to 7,008,000. Unemployment, at 171,000, remained virtually unchanged during the month. In previous years, employment has usually declined somewhat during this period and unemployment has tended to rise.

The labour force at 7,179,000 in October was higher than a year earlier by 204,000, or 2.9 per cent. For men the increase was 89,000, and for women 115,000. In relative terms, the rate of growth of 5.7 per cent for women remained substantially higher than the 1.8 per cent increase for men.

Employment in October was 290,000 higher than a year earlier and unemployment was 86,000 lower.

Employment

Employment in agriculture was well maintained during the month, as late harvesting in Western Canada delayed the seasonal decline in farm labour requirements. In non-farm industries, employment rose by 18,000 which was about in line with the usual seasonal pattern.

During recent months, job opportunities for women have increased substantially, largely as a result of expansion in the service industries. In October, the number of employed women was higher by 130,000, or 6.7 per cent, than a year earlier; employed men increased by 160,000, or 3.4 per cent.

Total employment in October showed a rise of 290,000, or 4.3 per cent, from a year earlier. Non-farm employment was up 299,000, or 4.9 per cent. Employment was noticeably higher than a year ago in all regions, the Atlantic region leading with a gain of 7.1 per cent.

Unemployment

Unemployment, at 171,000 in October, was virtually unchanged from the previous month. In previous years unemployment has usually increased during this period.

Compared with a year earlier, unemployment was down 86,000. The decline was distributed among all age groups. Of the 171,000 unemployed in October 1965, some 129,000 had been unemployed for three months or less. The remaining 42,000, or 25 per cent of the total, had been seeking work for four months or more.

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.



The unemployment rate in October 1965 represented 2.4 per cent of the labour force, compared with 3.7 per cent in October 1964 and 3.9 per cent in October 1963. Unemployment rates were lower than a year ago in all regions. Seasonally adjusted, the October 1965 unemployment rate for Canada was 3.2 per cent.

Summary Labour Force Statistics, Canada

	October 16 1965	September 18 1965	October 17 1964(1)
	(estimates in thousands)		
Population 14 years of age and over(2) ...	13,226	13,200	12,905
Labour Force	7,179	7,159	6,975
Employed	7,008	6,983	6,718
Men	4,931	4,945	4,771
Women	2,077	2,038	1,947
Agriculture	632	625	641
Non-agriculture	6,376	6,358	6,077
Unemployed	171	176	257
Men	126	130	197
Married	64	67	104
Women	45	46	60
Married	17	15	19
14-19 years of age	45	46	58
20-64 years of age	119	123	192
65 years and over	*	*	*
Under 1 month unemployed(3)	74	76	122
1-3 months	55	55	75
4-6 months	22	20	26
7 months and over	20	25	34

(1) Due to the introduction of revised weighting factors in March 1965, small adjustments have been made to estimates published before that time. See D.B.S. report "The Labour Force, March 1965", page 8.

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

(3) Includes persons on temporary layoff, estimated at 10,000 in October 1965.

* Less than 10,000.

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

Summary Labour Force Statistics, by Region

	October 16 1965	September 18 1965	October 17 1964(1)
(estimates in thousands)			
<u>Population 14 years of age and over</u>			
Atlantic	1,275	1,273	1,257
Quebec	3,828	3,821	3,734
Ontario	4,649	4,640	4,523
Prairies	2,222	2,218	2,188
British Columbia	1,252	1,248	1,203
<u>Labour Force</u>			
Atlantic	625	621	595
Quebec	2,040	2,030	1,951
Ontario	2,596	2,598	2,561
Prairies	1,251	1,242	1,225
British Columbia	667	668	643
<u>Employed</u>			
Atlantic	602	598	562
Quebec	1,965	1,961	1,853
Ontario	2,559	2,551	2,487
Prairies	1,238	1,224	1,201
British Columbia	644	649	615
<u>Unemployed</u>			
Atlantic	23	23	33
Quebec	75	69	98
Ontario	37	47	74
Prairies	13	18	24
British Columbia	23	19	28
<u>Unemployment rates</u>			
Atlantic	3.7	3.7	5.5
Quebec	3.7	3.4	5.0
Ontario	1.4	1.8	2.9
Prairies	1.0	1.4	2.0
British Columbia	3.4	2.8	4.4

Unemployment Rates, Actual and Seasonally Adjusted, Canada,
October 1964 to October 1965, inclusive(1)

<u>Week ended:</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Seasonally adjusted(2)</u>
1964	October 17	3.7	4.9
	November 14	3.7	4.3
	December 12	4.1	3.9
1965	January 16	5.9	4.2
	February 20	5.8	3.9
	March 20	5.6	3.9
	April 17	5.3	4.2
	May 22	3.7	4.2
	June 19	3.5	4.5
	July 24	3.3	4.3
	August 21	2.8	4.0
	September 18	2.5	3.6
	October 16	2.4	3.2

(1) See footnote(1), page 2.

(2) 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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