

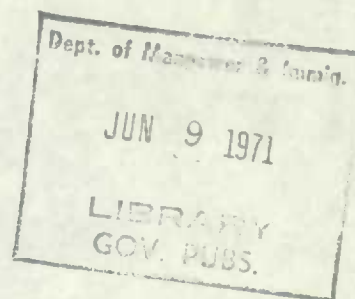
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THE LABOUR FORCE

EMPLOYMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT

Week ended December 11, 1965



Summary

Total employment, at 6,933,000 in December, was virtually unchanged from November. In previous years, employment has usually declined considerably during this period. Unemployment showed a smaller than seasonal increase, rising by 32,000 to 252,000 between November and December.

The labour force showed unusual strength during the month, rising by 26,000, whereas typically it declines at this time. The total, at 7,185,000, was higher than a year earlier by 273,000, or 3.9 per cent. For men and women, the advance was of about equal magnitude. The year-to-year increase in the male labour force was well above the average for any year since 1957.

Employment in December was 305,000, or 4.6 per cent, higher than the year earlier and unemployment was 32,000 lower.

Employment

Non-farm employment showed unusual strength, rising by 47,000 to 6,463,000 between November and December. In previous years, non-farm employment has declined somewhat during this period. Farm employment declined by an estimated 53,000 during the month.

Compared with a year earlier, non-farm employment was up by 362,000, or 5.9 per cent. All of the service-producing industries contributed toward the advance. Construction employment continued at a very high level, the total being well above last year.

Employment was noticeably higher than a year ago in all regions. The gains ranged from 3.2 per cent in the Prairie region to 6.9 per cent in the Atlantic region.

Unemployment

Unemployment increased by 32,000 to 252,000 between November and December, a relatively small increase for this time of year.

Compared with a year earlier, unemployment was down 32,000. Of the 252,000 unemployed in December, some 205,000 had been unemployed for three months or less. The remaining 47,000, or 19 per cent of the total, had been unemployed for four months or more. A year earlier, this group accounted for 24 per cent of the total.

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.



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The unemployment rate in December represented 3.5 per cent of the labour force compared with 4.1 per cent in December 1964, and 5.1 per cent in December 1963. Seasonally adjusted, the December 1965 unemployment rate was 3.4 per cent.

Summary Labour Force Statistics, Canada

	December 11 1965	November 13 1965	December 12 1964(1)
	(estimates in thousands)		
Population 14 years of age and over(2)	13,278	13,252	12,951
Labour Force	7,185	7,159	6,912
Employed	6,933	6,939	6,628
Men	4,844	4,879	4,675
Women	2,089	2,060	1,953
Agriculture	470	523	527
Non-agriculture	6,463	6,416	6,101
Unemployed	252	220	284
Men	202	168	234
Married	111	89	123
Women	50	52	50
Married	19	18	20
14-19 years of age	52	50	54
20-64 years of age	189	161	221
65 years and over	11	*	*
Under 1 month unemployed(3)	112	106	118
1-3 months	93	70	99
4-6 months	22	24	33
7 months and over	25	20	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 20,000 in December 1965.

* Less than 10,000.

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

Summary Labour Force Statistics, by Region

	December 11 1965	November 13 1965	December 12 1964(1)
(estimates in thousands)			
<u>Population 14 years of age and over</u>			
Atlantic	1,277	1,276	1,259
Quebec	3,844	3,836	3,748
Ontario	4,672	4,661	4,542
Prairies	2,226	2,224	2,191
British Columbia	1,259	1,255	1,211
<u>Labour Force</u>			
Atlantic	618	609	577
Quebec	2,042	2,038	1,951
Ontario	2,641	2,621	2,563
Prairies	1,215	1,221	1,182
British Columbia	669	670	639
<u>Employed</u>			
Atlantic	574	580	537
Quebec	1,945	1,945	1,847
Ontario	2,581	2,572	2,487
Prairies	1,186	1,197	1,149
British Columbia	647	645	608
<u>Unemployed</u>			
Atlantic	44	29	40
Quebec	97	93	104
Ontario	60	49	76
Prairies	29	24	33
British Columbia	22	25	31
<u>Unemployment rates</u>			
Atlantic	7.1	4.8	6.9
Quebec	4.8	4.6	5.3
Ontario	2.3	1.9	3.0
Prairies	2.4	2.0	2.8
British Columbia	3.3	3.7	4.9

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

<u>Week ended:</u>			<u>Actual</u>	<u>Seasonally adjusted(2)</u>
1964	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
	November	13	3.1	3.6
	December	11	3.5	3.4

(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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