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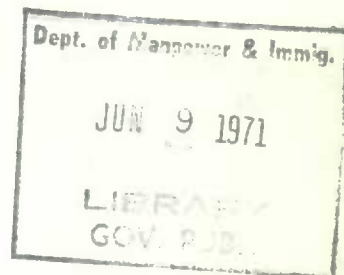
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## THE LABOUR FORCE

### EMPLOYMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT

Week ended March 20, 1965



#### Summary

An estimated 6,521,000 persons were employed in March. The increase of 61,000 from February was above average for this time of year. Similarly, the labour force showed a larger than seasonal increase, advancing by 51,000 to 6,908,000. Unemployment, at 387,000, showed little change from February.

Employment in March was 235,000 higher than a year earlier, and unemployment was 69,000 lower. The labour force, at 6,908,000, was 166,000, or 2.5 per cent higher than in March 1964.

#### Employment

The greater part of the February-to-March employment gain was in outdoor activities. Better than seasonal gains were recorded during the month in both farm and non-farm employment. Construction contributed substantially to the gain in non-farm employment. Forestry activity declined as usual with the onset of the annual spring breakup.

The February-to-March employment gain was distributed equally between men and women. Persons 25 to 44 years of age accounted for most of the increase.

Total employment in March showed a rise of 235,000, or 3.7 per cent, from a year earlier. Non-farm employment was up by 260,000, or 4.5 per cent. Farm employment was 25,000 lower than in March 1964.

Industrially, year-to-year gains in employment were widespread. Aside from agriculture, which continued its downward trend, all major industrial divisions shared in the improvement. Consistent with long-run growth trends, the largest part of the advance was in the service-producing industries. The service and trade industries together accounted for better than half of the overall advance in the non-farm sector. Construction employment continued at a record level for the time of year.

Employment was higher than a year earlier in all regions. The largest percentage increases were in British Columbia and the Atlantic region, the gains being 5.7 per cent and 5.6 per cent, respectively.

#### Unemployment

Unemployment showed little change between February and March, as is usual during this period. The estimate of 387,000 was 69,000 lower than a year earlier.

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 over-the-year decrease was fairly widely distributed among the various age groups.

Of the 387,000 unemployed, some 246,000, or about 64 per cent of the total, had been unemployed for three months or less. An estimated 92,000 had been seeking work from four to six months, and 49,000 for seven months and more. Persons unemployed for four months or more accounted for 36 per cent of the total, compared with 39 per cent a year earlier. This group represented a smaller proportion of the total than in any corresponding period of the past seven years.

Unemployment in March represented 5.6 per cent of the labour force, compared with 6.8 per cent in March 1964 and 8.4 per cent in March 1963. Unemployment rates were lower than a year earlier in all regions. Seasonally adjusted, the March 1965 unemployment rate was 3.9 per cent.

Summary Labour Force Statistics, Canada(1)

	March 20 1965	February 20 1965	March 21 1964
	(estimates in thousands)		
Population 14 years of age and over(2) ....	13,027	13,002 <sup>6,857</sup>	12,726
Labour Force .....	6,908 <sup>6,857</sup>	6,857 <sup>6,852</sup>	6,742
Employed .....	6,521	6,460 <sup>6,411</sup>	6,286
Men .....	4,581	4,550	4,416
Women .....	1,940	1,910	1,870
Agriculture .....	538	513	563
Non-agriculture .....	5,983	5,947	5,723
Unemployed .....	387	397	456
Men .....	324	337	395
Married .....	186	194	219
Women .....	63	60	61
Married .....	26	25	23
14-19 years of age .....	66	64	77
20-64 years of age .....	309	322	366
65 years and over .....	12	11	13
Under 1 month unemployed(3) .....	104	112	112
1-3 months .....	142	179	165
4-6 months .....	92	59	121
7 months and over .....	49	47	58

(1) Small adjustments have been made to previously published estimates due to the introduction of revised weighting factors in March 1965. Adjusted estimates for earlier months will appear in The Labour Force (Supplement to March 1965 Report), to be released early next week.

(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 25,000 in March 1965.

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



Summary Labour Force Statistics, by Region(1)

	March 20 1965	Feb. 20 1965	March 21 1964
	(estimates in thousands)		
<u>Population 14 years of age and over</u>			
Atlantic .....	1,264	1,262	1,249
Quebec .....	3,771	3,763	3,678
Ontario .....	4,570	4,562	4,450
Prairies .....	2,200	2,197	2,169
British Columbia .....	1,222	1,218	1,180
<u>Labour Force</u>			
Atlantic .....	585	573	559
Quebec .....	1,969	1,956	1,928
Ontario .....	2,535	2,527	2,495
Prairies .....	1,176	1,160	1,138
British Columbia .....	643	641	622
<u>Employed</u>			
Atlantic .....	512	497	485
Quebec .....	1,816	1,812	1,757
Ontario .....	2,456	2,434	2,389
Prairies .....	1,127	1,113	1,078
British Columbia .....	610	604	577
<u>Unemployed</u>			
Atlantic .....	73	76	74
Quebec .....	153	144	171
Ontario .....	79	93	106
Prairies .....	49	47	60
British Columbia .....	33	37	45
<u>Unemployment rates</u>			
Atlantic .....	12.5	13.3	13.2
Quebec .....	7.8	7.4	8.9
Ontario .....	3.1	3.7	4.2
Prairies .....	4.2	4.1	5.3
British Columbia .....	5.1	5.8	7.2

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

	<u>Week ended:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Seasonally adjusted(2)</u>
1964	March 21	6.8	4.7
	April 18	5.9	4.7
	May 23	4.2	4.7
	June 20	4.0	5.2
	July 18	3.7	4.9
	August 22	3.4	4.9
	September 19	3.1	4.6
	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

(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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