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EMPLOYMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT

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Employment increased seasonally by an estimated 261,000 between April and May. Unemployment declined by 106,000 to 265,000, about the usual decrease for this time of year. The labour force increased by 155,000 to 7,123,000.

Employment in May was 237,000 higher than a year earlier, and unemployment was 28,000 lower. The labour force, at 7,123,000, was 209,000, or 3.0 per cent, higher than in May 1964.

Employment

The April-to-May increase in employment stemmed mainly from increased activity in seasonal industries which customarily show a noticeable improvement at this time of year. Farm employment rose by 92,000 during the month, and non-farm employment by 169,000, which was in line with seasonal expectations. As usual, the expansion in non-farm employment was heaviest in the construction industry.

The employment gain between April and May was distributed among all age groups. Men accounted for some 220,000 of the total increase. The number of employed women increased by 41,000.

Total employment in May showed an increase of 237,000, or 3.6 per cent, from a year earlier. All regions contributed to this increase.

Non-farm employment was up 256,000, or 4.3 per cent, from May 1964. Employment gains over the year were widespread, with most non-farm industries sharing in the improvement. The largest advances were recorded in trade and service. Farm employment, at 655,000, was 19,000 lower than a year earlier.

Unemployment

Unemployment declined seasonally by 106,000 to 265,000 between April and May. The May estimate was 28,000 lower than a year earlier.

Of the 265,000 unemployed in May, 212,000 were men and 53,000 were women. Some 61,000, or 23 per cent of the unemployment total, were teenagers. The unemployment rate for persons in this age group was 8.8 per cent compared with 3.7 per cent for all age groups.

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.

About two-thirds of the total number of unemployed had been unemployed for three months or less. Some 52,000 had been seeking work for four to six months and 44,000 for seven months or more. Persons unemployed for four months or more accounted for 36 per cent of the total, compared with 40 per cent a year earlier.

Unemployment in May represented 3.7 per cent of the labour force, compared with 4.2 per cent in May 1964 and 5.2 per cent in May 1963. Unemployment rates were lower than a year earlier in all regions except the Atlantic. Seasonally adjusted, the May unemployment rate was 4.2 per cent.

Summary Labour Force Statistics, Canada

	May 22 1965	April 17 1965	May 23 1964(1)
	(estimates in thousands)		
Population 14 years of age and over(2)	13,086	13,052	12,780
Labour Force	7,123	6,968	6,914
Employed	6,858	6,597	6,621
Men	4,844	4,624	4,714
Women	2,014	1,973	1,907
Agriculture	655	563	674
Non-agriculture	6,203	6,034	5,947
Unemployed	265	371	293
Men	212	311	234
Married	112	182	126
Women	53	60	59
Married	16	24	19
14-19 years of age	61	63	61
20-64 years of age	195	298	226
65 years and over	*	10	*
Under 1 month unemployed(3)	90	107	94
1-3 months	79	111	83
4-6 months	52	101	57
7 months and over	44	52	59

(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 15,000 in May 1965.

* Less than 10,000.

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

Summary Labour Force Statistics, by Region

	May 22 1965	April 17 1965	May 23 1964(1)
	(estimates in thousands)		
<u>Population 14 years of age and over</u>			
Atlantic	1,268	1,265	1,250
Quebec	3,788	3,779	3,695
Ontario	4,592	4,579	4,473
Prairies	2,207	2,203	2,174
British Columbia	1,231	1,226	1,188
<u>Labour Force</u>			
Atlantic	615	592	590
Quebec	2,005	1,986	1,919
Ontario	2,595	2,548	2,541
Prairies	1,247	1,198	1,220
British Columbia	661	644	644
<u>Employed</u>			
Atlantic	570	516	550
Quebec	1,900	1,853	1,806
Ontario	2,536	2,468	2,471
Prairies	1,217	1,146	1,188
British Columbia	635	614	606
<u>Unemployed</u>			
Atlantic	45	76	40
Quebec	105	133	113
Ontario	59	80	70
Prairies	30	52	32
British Columbia	26	30	38
<u>Unemployment rates</u>			
Atlantic	7.3	12.8	6.8
Quebec	5.2	6.7	5.9
Ontario	2.3	3.1	2.8
Prairies	2.4	4.3	2.6
British Columbia	3.9	4.7	5.9

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

	<u>Week ended:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Seasonally adjusted(2)</u>
1964	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
	April 17	5.3	4.2
	May 22	3.7	4.2

(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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