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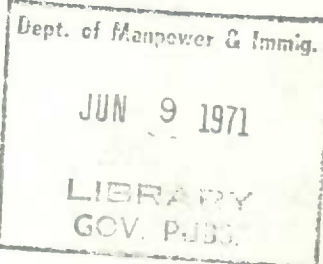
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THE LABOUR FORCE EMPLOYMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT

Week ended August 21, 1965



Summary

Employment increased by 28,000 to 7,279,000 between July and August, whereas in previous years it has seldom shown any appreciable advance during this period. Unemployment declined by 33,000 to 211,000. As in recent years, the decrease in unemployment during the month was concentrated among teenagers who had entered the job market in large numbers in June and July.

Between July and August, the number of persons 14 to 19 years of age in the labour force decreased by 39,000. Unemployed teenagers accounted for the largest part of this decline. For persons 20 years of age and over, the labour force increased by 34,000 during the month; employment among persons in this age group showed a similar increase.

Employment in August was 308,000 higher than a year earlier and unemployment was 35,000 lower. The labour force, at 7,490,000, was 273,000, or 3.8 per cent higher than in August 1964.

Employment

The July-to-August increase in employment was entirely in agriculture. Non-farm employment maintained a high level during the month.

Total employment in August was 4.4 per cent higher than a year earlier. Year-to-year gains of 3.5 per cent or better have been recorded in each of the past eight months.

Non-farm employment was up 295,000, or 4.7 per cent, from August 1964. Most non-farm industries shared in the improvement. Particularly large gains occurred in construction and service.

Employment was substantially higher than a year ago in all regions with the largest relative increase, 6.2 per cent, occurring in British Columbia.

Unemployment

Unemployment decreased by an estimated 33,000 between July and August. As in recent years, nearly all of this decline was among persons 14 to 19 years of age and reflected reduced participation by students who were temporarily in the labour force during the summer months. The August unemployment estimate was 35,000 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 LABOUR FORCE EMPLOYMENT 1960-1961

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Of the 211,000 unemployed in August, some 155,000 had been unemployed for three months or less. The remaining 56,000, or 27 per cent of the total, had been seeking work for four months or more.

The unemployment rate in August 1965 represented 2.8 per cent of the labour force, compared with 3.4 per cent in August 1964 and 3.9 per cent in August 1963. Unemployment rates were lower than a year ago in all regions. Seasonally adjusted, the August unemployment rate was 4.0 per cent.

Summary Labour Force Statistics, Canada

| | August 21 1965 | July 24 1965 | August 22 1964(1) |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | (estimates in thousands) | | |
| Population 14 years of age and over(2) | 13,174 | 13,146 | 12,860 |
| Labour Force | 7,490 | 7,495 | 7,217 |
| Employed | 7,279 | 7,251 | 6,971 |
| Men | 5,182 | 5,171 | 5,030 |
| Women | 2,097 | 2,080 | 1,941 |
| Agriculture | 734 | 706 | 721 |
| Non-agriculture | 6,545 | 6,545 | 6,250 |
| Unemployed | 211 | 244 | 246 |
| Men | 162 | 182 | 185 |
| Married | 78 | 76 | 83 |
| Women | 49 | 62 | 61 |
| Married | 13 | 16 | 20 |
| 14-19 years of age | 65 | 92 | 73 |
| 20-64 years of age | 140 | 144 | 166 |
| 65 years and over | * | * | * |
| Under 1 month unemployed(3) | 81 | 100 | 92 |
| 1-3 months | 74 | 81 | 88 |
| 4-6 months | 25 | 30 | 25 |
| 7 months and over | 31 | 33 | 41 |

(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 August 1965.

* Less than 10,000.

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

Summary Labour Force Statistics, by Region

| | August 21 1965 | July 24 1965 | August 22 1964(1) |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | (estimates in thousands) | | |
| <u>Population 14 years of age and over</u> | | | |
| Atlantic | 1,271 | 1,270 | 1,254 |
| Quebec | 3,814 | 3,806 | 3,719 |
| Ontario | 4,630 | 4,618 | 4,507 |
| Prairies | 2,215 | 2,212 | 2,183 |
| British Columbia | 1,244 | 1,240 | 1,197 |
| <u>Labour Force</u> | | | |
| Atlantic | 648 | 654 | 629 |
| Quebec | 2,095 | 2,101 | 2,019 |
| Ontario | 2,740 | 2,734 | 2,661 |
| Prairies | 1,300 | 1,299 | 1,239 |
| British Columbia | 707 | 707 | 669 |
| <u>Employed</u> | | | |
| Atlantic | 621 | 624 | 601 |
| Quebec | 2,010 | 2,003 | 1,919 |
| Ontario | 2,683 | 2,669 | 2,593 |
| Prairies | 1,282 | 1,274 | 1,215 |
| British Columbia | 683 | 681 | 643 |
| <u>Unemployed</u> | | | |
| Atlantic | 27 | 30 | 28 |
| Quebec | 85 | 98 | 100 |
| Ontario | 57 | 65 | 68 |
| Prairies | 18 | 25 | 24 |
| British Columbia | 24 | 26 | 26 |
| <u>Unemployment rates</u> | | | |
| Atlantic | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| Quebec | 4.1 | 4.7 | 5.0 |
| Ontario | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.6 |
| Prairies | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| British Columbia | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.9 |

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

| | <u>Week ended:</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Seasonally adjusted(2)</u> |
|------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 1964 | 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 |
| | June 19 | 3.5 | 4.5 |
| | July 24 | 3.3 | 4.3 |
| | August 21 | 2.8 | 4.0 |

(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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