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THE LABOUR FORCE EMPLOYMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT

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Summary

The labour force declined by 331,000 to 7,159,000 between August and September as large numbers of young people returned to school. Employment decreased by 296,000 to 6,983,000 during the same period. Unemployment dropped by 35,000 during the month to 176,000.

Between August and September, the decrease in employment of persons 14-24 years of age amounted to 338,000. Employment among persons 25 years of age and over increased by 42,000.

The labour force in September was 174,000 higher than a year earlier. Employment was 215,000 higher and unemployment 41,000 lower than in September 1964.

Employment

There was a noticeable decline in farm employment, related in part to bad weather. Agriculture accounted for 109,000, or almost two-fifths, of the August-to-September decline in employment. Much of the drop in nonagricultural employment was in the service-producing industries. In nonagricultural industries and, to a lesser extent in agriculture, the decreases were the result of students returning to school.

Total employment remained well ahead of a year earlier. The September estimate of 6,983,000 represented an increase of 215,000, or 3.2 per cent, over September 1964. In nonagricultural industries, the increase was 270,000, or 4.4 per cent. The largest gains were in construction and the service-producing industries. Employment was higher than a year ago in all regions.

Unemployment

Unemployment decreased by 35,000 to 176,000 between August and September. Over half of the decline was among teenagers, many of whom, as usual, left the labour market with the reopening of schools. The unemployment total was 41,000 lower than in September 1964.

Of the 176,000 unemployed in September, some 131,000 had been unemployed for three months or less. The remaining 45,000, or 26 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 September 1965 represented 2.5 per cent of the labour force, compared with 3.1 per cent in September 1964 and 3.7 per cent in September 1963. Unemployment rates were lower than a year ago in all regions. Seasonally adjusted, the September 1965 unemployment rate was 3.6 per cent.

Summary Labour Force Statistics, Canada

	September 18 1965	August 21 1965	September 19 1964(1)
	(estimates in thousands)		
Population 14 years of age and over (2)	13,200	13,174	12,884
Labour Force	7,159	7,490	6,985
Employed	6,983	7,279	6,768
Men	4,945	5,182	4,824
Women	2,038	2,097	1,944
Agriculture	625	734	680
Non-agriculture	6,358	6,545	6,088
Unemployed	176	211	217
Men	130	162	161
Married	67	78	76
Women	46	49	56
Married	15	13	19
14-19 years of age	46	65	53
20-64 years of age	123	140	157
65 years and over	*	*	*
Under 1 month unemployed (3)	76	81	87
1-3 months	55	74	65
4-6 months	20	25	27
7 months and over	25	31	38

(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 less than 10,000 in September 1965.

* Less than 10,000.

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

Summary Labour Force Statistics, by Region

	September 18 1965	August 21 1965	September 19 1964(1)
<u>Population 14 years of age and over</u>	(estimates in thousands)		
Atlantic	1,273	1,271	1,256
Quebec	3,821	3,814	3,727
Ontario	4,640	4,630	4,516
Prairies	2,218	2,215	2,185
British Columbia	1,248	1,244	1,200
<u>Labour Force</u>			
Atlantic	621	648	601
Quebec	2,030	2,095	1,951
Ontario	2,598	2,740	2,559
Prairies	1,242	1,300	1,233
British Columbia	668	707	641
<u>Employed</u>			
Atlantic	598	621	569
Quebec	1,961	2,010	1,867
Ontario	2,551	2,683	2,504
Prairies	1,224	1,282	1,212
British Columbia	649	683	616
<u>Unemployed</u>			
Atlantic	23	27	32
Quebec	69	85	84
Ontario	47	57	55
Prairies	18	18	21
British Columbia	19	24	25
<u>Unemployment rates</u>			
Atlantic	3.7	4.2	5.3
Quebec	3.4	4.1	4.3
Ontario	1.8	2.1	2.1
Prairies	1.4	1.4	1.7
British Columbia	2.8	3.4	3.9

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

	<u>Week ended:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Seasonally adjusted(2)</u>
1964	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
	September 18	2.5	3.6

(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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