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THE LABOUR FORCE EMPLOYMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT

Week ended August 21, 1970

File with Labour Force Survey.

Summary - The number of employed persons in Canada fell by 29,000 between July and August, to a total of 8,272,000. A similar reduction occurred between July and August 1969 but in most recent years employment expanded in this period. The labour force in August, at 8,720,000, was 99,000 lower than in July. This was a much larger-than-usual drop for the time of year. There was also a larger-than-usual reduction in unemployment, down by 70,000 from July to a total of 448,000 in August.

Unemployment was 5.1 per cent of the labour force in August. The seasonally-adjusted rate of unemployment in August was 6.7 per cent, the same as in July. The seasonal adjustment is an analytical method to remove the effects of seasonal fluctuations from the data.

Estimates (not adjusted for seasonality)

	Aug. 1970	July 1970	June 1970	Aug. 1969
The Labour Force (000's)	8,720	8,819	8,677	8,489
Employed (000's)	8,272	8,301	8,148	8,171
Unemployed (000's)	448	518	529	318

(Unemployed as a percentage of labour force)

Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.9	6.1	3.7
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Compared to August 1969, employment rose by 101,000, or 1.2 per cent. The labour force was larger by 231,000, or 2.7 per cent. The year-to-year increase in unemployment was 130,000.

Employment - There was the usual slight reduction in employment in agriculture between July and August but a larger-than-usual fall (24,000) in the non-agriculture sector. Large decreases in community, business and personal services (30,000) and in trade (19,000) were partly offset by small increases in other nonagricultural industries.

Employment among persons under 25 years dropped by 40,000 during the month, a bigger-than-usual reduction between July and August. Employment for men 25 years and over increased by 33,000 and employment of women 25 years and over fell by 21,000.

The seasonally-adjusted level of employment fell by 12,000 from July, to 7,859,000 in August. This followed a 64,000 drop between June and July. The largest regional changes between July and August were a 22,000 drop in seasonally-adjusted employment in Quebec and an increase of 16,000 in Ontario.

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 Manpower and Immigration.



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Seasonally-adjusted Employment (in thousands)

	Aug. 1970	July 1970	June 1970	May 1970	April 1970	March 1970
Canada	7,859	7,871	7,935	7,910	7,847	7,846
Atlantic	610	610	612	615	605	604
Quebec	2,122	2,144	2,151	2,126	2,124	2,128
Ontario	2,992	2,976	3,038	3,037	2,977	2,981
Prairies	1,336	1,340	1,337	1,321	1,297	1,321
British Columbia	800	795	797	809	838	809

Unemployment - The decline of 70,000 in the number of persons unemployed in August was much larger than usual, mainly on account of a big drop in unemployment among younger persons aged 14-24. Small changes in unemployment among men and women 25 years and over were largely offsetting. Compared with August 1969, the number of unemployed persons aged 14-24 years was 75,000 higher in August 1970. The year-to-year rise for persons 25 years old and over was 55,000.

Declines in unemployment between July and August were larger than usual in all regions except the Prairies.

Seasonally-adjusted Unemployment Rates - The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate at 6.7 per cent in August was unchanged from July. The adjusted rate for persons 25 years and over was slightly lower than in July due to a reduction in the adjusted rate for men in this age group. The adjusted rate for 14-24 years old continued to rise.

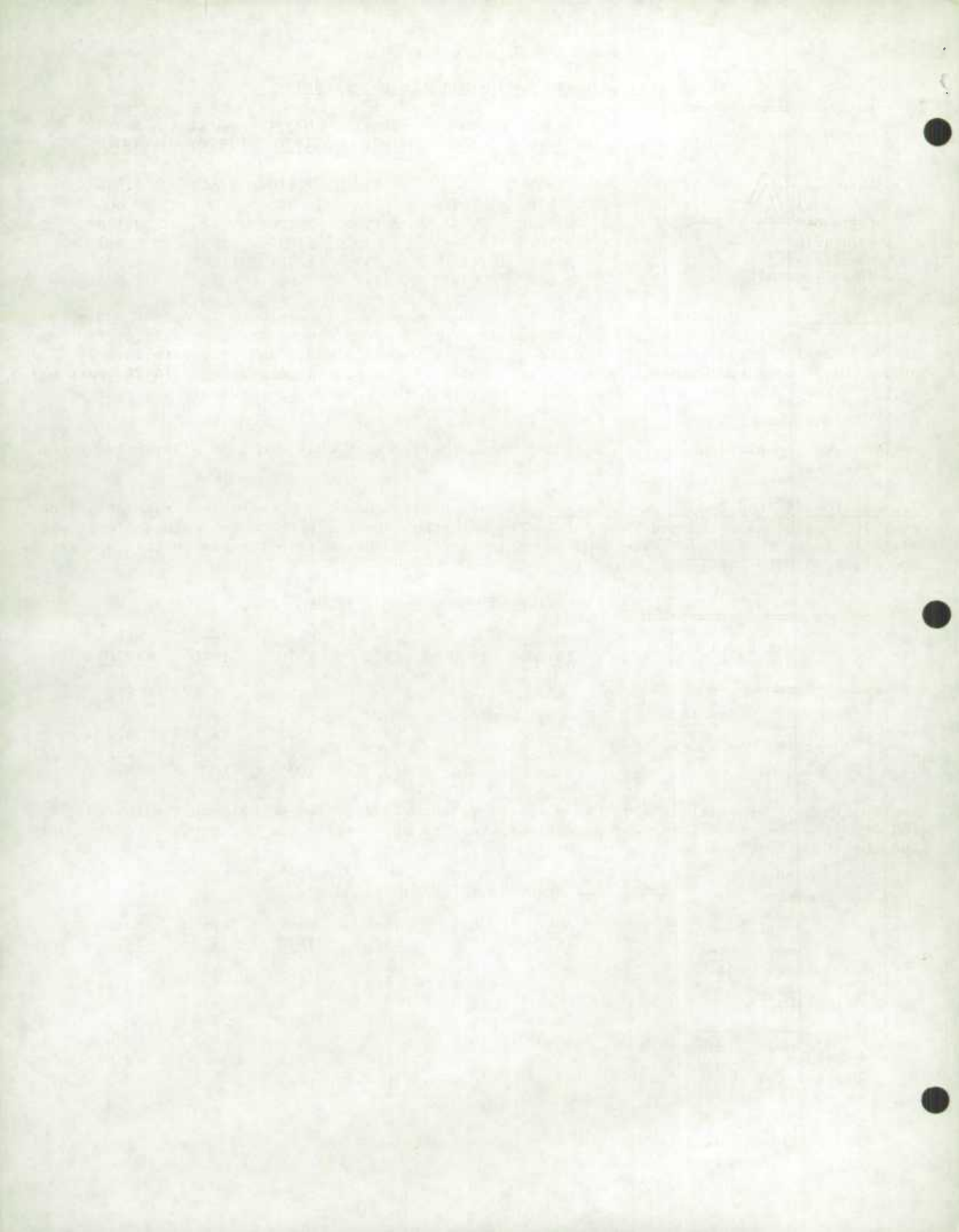
Seasonally-adjusted Unemployment Rates

	Aug. 1970	July 1970	June 1970	May 1970	Apr. 1970	March 1970
Total	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.2	5.6	5.1
Persons 25 years and over	5.1	5.2	4.9	4.7	4.0	3.7
Men	5.9	6.1	5.7	5.5	4.7	4.2
Women	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.4	2.5
Persons 14-24 years	11.3	11.0	10.5	10.5	10.3	9.4

Regionally, the generally rising trend in the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates was levelled off in August in all regions except the Prairies where there was an increase between July and August.

Seasonally-adjusted Unemployment Rates

	Aug. 1970	July 1970	June 1970	May 1970	Apr. 1970	March 1970
Canada	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.2	5.6	5.1
Atlantic	8.5	9.5	7.7	6.7	7.4	6.9
Quebec	8.9	8.9	8.5	8.4	7.4	6.7
Ontario	4.4	4.7	4.3	4.6	4.3	3.8
Prairies	5.3	4.5	5.2	5.1	4.7	3.8
British Columbia	9.2	10.1	10.2	8.5	6.2	6.3



SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS
(estimates, not adjusted for seasonality)

C A N A D A		Total	14-24 years, all persons	25 years and over		
				Total	Men	Women
Labour Force (in thousands)	Aug. 1970	8,720	2,498	6,222	4,485	1,737
	July 1970	8,819	2,606	6,213	4,460	1,753
	Aug. 1969	8,489	2,419	6,070	4,396	1,674
Employed (in thousands)	Aug. 1970	8,272	2,282	5,991	4,306	1,685
	July 1970	8,301	2,322	5,979	4,273	1,706
	Aug. 1969	8,171	2,277	5,894	4,264	1,630
Unemployed (in thousands)	Aug. 1970	448	217	231	179	52
	July 1970	518	283	234	187	47
	Aug. 1969	318	142	176	132	44
Unemployment Rates (unemployed as a percentage of labour force)	Aug. 1970	5.1	8.7	3.7	4.0	3.0
	July 1970	5.9	10.9	3.8	4.2	2.7
	Aug. 1969	3.7	5.9	2.9	3.0	2.6

R E G I O N S		Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia
Labour Force (in thousands)	Aug. 1970	700	2,408	3,252	1,457	903
	July 1970	713	2,455	3,269	1,463	919
	Aug. 1969	689	2,395	3,139	1,407	859
Employed (in thousands)	Aug. 1970	661	2,237	3,128	1,407	839
	July 1970	665	2,271	3,116	1,406	843
	Aug. 1969	651	2,257	3,056	1,381	826
Unemployed (in thousands)	Aug. 1970	39	171	124	50	64
	July 1970	48	184	153	57	76
	Aug. 1969	38	138	83	26	33
Unemployment Rates (unemployed as a percentage of labour force)	Aug. 1970	5.6	7.1	3.8	3.4	7.1
	July 1970	6.7	7.5	4.7	3.9	8.3
	Aug. 1969	5.5	5.8	2.6	1.8	3.8

- Notes: (a) The sums of individual items may not always equal the totals because of rounding.
- (b) The seasonally adjusted series are subject to periodic revision when more up-to-date estimates of change in seasonal patterns become available.
- (c) All data exclude members of the armed services, Indians living on reserves, inmates of institutions and residents of the Yukon and North West Territories.

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