

received from 1,500 local trade unions having an aggregate membership of 150,000 workers. Unemployment as here used means involuntary idleness, due to economic causes. Persons engaged in work other than their own trades or idle because of illness are not considered as unemployed, while unions involved in industrial disputes are excluded from the tabulations. As the number of unions making returns varies from month to month, with consequent variation in the membership upon which the percentages of unemployment are based, it should be understood that the figures for each month have reference only to the reporting organizations. Table 18 is a monthly record of unemployment in trade unions for the past 12 years, by provinces. The maximum of unemployment in 1926 was in January and February, in both of which the percentage stood at 8.1; in 1925, the January figure of 10.2 p.c. was the maximum. In 1926 the minimum, reached in July, was 2.3 p.c., while the minimum for 1925 was 4.4 p.c. in August. Thus employment among organized workers, as indicated by these statistics, was more active in 1926 than in 1925.

18.—Percentages of Unemployment in Trade Unions, by Provinces, 1915-1926.

NOTE.—For the percentages of unemployment for 12 months in 1921 and 1922, see page 732 of the 1922-23 Year Book; for 12 months in 1923, see page 688 of the 1924 Year Book and for 12 months in 1924, see page 706 of the 1925 Year Book.

Months.	Years.	Nova Scotia and P.E.I.	New Brun- swick.	Quebec.	Ontario.	Mani- toba.	Saskat- chewan.	Alberta.	British Colum- bia.	Canada.
Dec.	1915	2	7	9.5	8.1	3.2	7.0	4.3	14.8	7.9
June.	1916	5	9	1.8	1.7	1.2	2.6	3.0	5.8	2.1
Dec.	1916	3	2	3.7	1.6	1.0	1.6	1.7	2.4	2.0
June.	1917	3	2	2.5	8	6	3	8	1.8	1.2
Dec.	1917	2.6	4.1	3.2	2.5	1.1	2.4	1.6	3.2	2.5
June.	1918	2	3	5	4	3	2	4	9	4
Dec.	1918	2.0	4	2.2	2.9	1.3	2.2	2.1	4.0	2.5
June.	1919	2.7	2.4	4.0	1.8	1.2	2.5	1.7	3.4	2.6
Dec.	1919	1.5	2.0	3.2	1.9	5.0	6.0	2.8	18.6	4.3
June.	1920	6	4	3.1	1.6	1.4	2.2	1.3	5.8	3.1
Dec.	1920	6.9	11.0	19.6	12.3	7.8	10.1	9.2	11.6	13.1
June.	1921	14.3	11.7	20.7	6.7	8.0	6.8	9.4	24.4	13.2
Dec.	1921	5.9	6.9	26.8	9.7	15.5	10.4	6.8	24.7	15.1
June.	1922	7.2	3.5	5.4	3.9	6.7	5.0	7.1	7.1	5.3
Dec.	1922	3.2	6.1	7.8	4.7	7.8	4.1	5.1	13.3	6.4
June.	1923	2.2	1.0	5.7	1.6	5.6	1.3	4.5	4.0	3.4
Dec.	1923	7.3	3.6	9.7	6.4	6.5	4.2	6.0	7.1	7.2
June.	1924	6.4	5.2	9.4	4.9	4.9	2.3	3.7	2.2	5.8
Dec.	1924	4.7	6.9	22.4	8.1	8.9	4.2	5.0	10.2	11.6
Jan.	1925	9.2	5.4	14.1	9.2	12.8	4.5	8.1	7.0	10.2
Feb.	1925	8.8	4.2	11.4	9.2	9.0	5.3	9.7	9.4	9.5
Mar.	1925	3.7	2.4	11.6	7.2	8.2	6.6	11.2	7.8	8.5
April.	1925	2.0	4.5	13.6	6.2	6.5	4.1	15.6	6.6	8.7
May.	1925	3.9	3.2	11.7	3.5	5.8	4.6	16.4	3.4	7.0
June.	1925	3.4	3.4	10.2	3.8	4.3	2.4	10.8	4.1	6.1
July.	1925	2.2	2.5	6.4	4.5	3.4	3.3	9.6	4.6	5.2
Aug.	1925	7.2	4.2	6.0	3.8	2.8	1.3	3.0	3.5	4.4
Sept.	1925	6.6	3.0	10.9	3.7	1.7	8	2.6	5.2	6.7
Oct.	1925	3.9	2.1	10.6	3.1	1.8	1.0	3.7	4.4	5.1
Nov.	1925	4.4	4.7	9.8	4.4	2.0	2.5	3.5	6.1	5.7
Dec.	1925	4.3	3.0	14.2	6.4	3.8	3.5	4.4	6.9	7.9
Jan.	1926	17.8	2.8	8.6	8.4	7.6	5.6	4.2	6.9	8.1
Feb.	1926	22.2	2.2	6.6	7.9	8.7	8.7	6.8	6.7	8.1
Mar.	1926	19.0	2.7	6.5	8.4	7.0	6.8	4.6	3.0	7.3
April.	1926	17.2	1.8	11.0	4.3	4.9	4.7	4.6	7.9	7.3
May.	1926	4.1	2.6	10.0	2.8	1.8	2.3	7.2	3.0	4.9
June.	1926	3.8	1.6	8.9	1.9	2.6	3	4.0	2.6	4.1
July.	1926	2.6	2.0	2.1	1.6	1.6	0	5.3	4.0	2.3
Aug.	1926	1.9	2.5	3.2	1.5	1.8	1.0	5.0	3.9	2.5
Sept.	1926	1.1	1.6	7.1	1.8	3	1.1	2.0	5.4	3.3
Oct.	1926	1.2	1.1	3.6	2.3	4	1.4	8	5.6	2.6
Nov.	1926	1.3	2.1	4.9	4.0	2.2	9	6.7	10.0	4.7
Dec.	1926	3.2	2.2	7.6	5.6	4.3	2.1	6.7	7.5	5.9