

17.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Employers in Economic Areas, as at the First of each Month, January, 1930, to December, 1931, with Yearly Averages since 1921.

NOTE.—These indexes are calculated upon the average for the calendar year 1926 as 100. The relative weight shows the proportion of employees reported in the indicated economic area to the total reported by all employers making returns in Canada on Dec. 1, 1931.

Year and Month.	Maritime Provinces.	Quebec.	Ontario.	Prairie Provinces.	British Columbia.	Canada.
Averages, 1921.....	102.4	82.2	90.6	91.0	81.1	88.8
Averages, 1922.....	97.3	81.4	92.8	92.6	82.8	89.0
Averages, 1923.....	105.7	90.7	99.5	94.8	87.4	95.8
Averages, 1924.....	96.6	91.3	95.5	92.1	89.4	93.4
Averages, 1925.....	97.0	91.7	95.8	92.0	83.7	93.6
Averages, 1926.....	99.4	89.4	96.6	99.5	100.2	99.6
Averages, 1927.....	103.7	104.0	105.6	105.3	101.1	104.6
Averages, 1928.....	106.6	106.3	113.8	117.9	106.4	111.6
Averages, 1929.....	114.8	113.4	123.1	126.3	111.5	119.0
1930.						
Jan. 1.....	113.6	107.4	116.1	111.0	99.1	111.2
Feb. 1.....	112.1	108.2	117.1	109.8	99.9	111.6
Mar. 1.....	110.2	106.6	115.6	105.3	104.2	110.2
April 1.....	107.8	103.7	112.7	103.2	106.0	107.8
May 1.....	113.1	106.1	115.7	109.2	110.7	111.4
June 1.....	122.4	114.6	117.8	115.8	113.3	116.5
July 1.....	141.1	116.8	116.9	120.4	113.5	118.0
Aug. 1.....	140.9	114.7	115.7	126.2	115.8	118.8
Sept. 1.....	122.5	113.6	113.6	129.8	114.6	116.6
Oct. 1.....	116.2	113.0	114.6	130.0	112.1	116.2
Nov. 1.....	110.1	111.9	111.0	125.8	105.4	112.9
Dec. 1.....	109.5	106.7	108.2	118.6	100.0	108.5
Averages.....	118.3	116.3	114.6	117.1	107.9	113.4
1931.						
Jan. 1.....	119.3	99.3	100.1	106.4	94.1	101.7
Feb. 1.....	110.6	98.8	101.7	101.0	93.8	100.7
Mar. 1.....	104.5	99.7	101.6	98.6	93.8	100.2
April 1.....	102.3	98.5	102.4	97.7	92.4	99.7
May 1.....	104.0	102.3	103.8	100.0	96.1	102.2
June 1.....	105.2	104.3	104.2	103.3	97.9	103.6
July 1.....	109.4	103.2	102.7	108.9	97.9	103.8
Aug. 1.....	106.8	102.4	100.7	129.1	98.0	105.2
Sept. 1.....	102.7	109.8	100.7	130.0	96.6	107.1
Oct. 1.....	102.6	101.6	99.3	129.1	95.9	103.9
Nov. 1.....	116.6	96.2	98.1	128.2	98.9	103.0
Dec. 1.....	113.7	94.7	99.3	106.0	90.5	99.1
Averages.....	108.1	100.9	101.3	111.5	95.5	102.5
Relative weight of employment in economic areas as at Dec. 1, 1931.....	8.6	28.1	41.0	14.2	8.1	100.0

¹Since the average for the calendar year 1926, including figures up to Dec. 31, 1926, is the base used in computing these indexes, the average index here given for the 12 months Jan. 1-Dec. 1, 1926, generally shows a slight variation from 100.

Employment in Cities.—Separate tabulations are made for the eight leading industrial centres: Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Windsor and the adjoining "Border Cities", Winnipeg and Vancouver. These cities recorded on the whole a lower level of activity than in 1930. The reports show that employment was generally brisker in Ottawa and Quebec than in the other centres enumerated, while the lowest indexes were reported in Windsor and Winnipeg. Table 18 gives monthly indexes in the cities in 1930 and 1931, with yearly averages since 1922.