

19.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Employers, by Industries, 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 industry to the total reported by all employers making returns in Canada on Dec. 1, 1931.

Year and Month.	Manu- factur- ing.	Log- ging.	Mining.	Com- muni- cations.	Trans- porta- tion.	Con- struc- tion and Main- tenance.	Ser- vices.	Trade.	All Indus- tries.
Averages, 1921.....	87.7	103.0	98.0	90.2	94.1	71.1	83.6	92.7	89.8
Averages, 1922.....	88.3	95.1	99.5	86.4	97.8	76.7	81.9	90.8	89.0
Averages, 1923.....	96.6	114.2	106.2	87.6	100.3	80.9	87.9	92.1	95.8
Averages, 1924.....	92.4	116.7	105.3	82.7	99.1	80.3	92.8	92.5	93.4
Averages, 1925.....	93.0	105.4	99.8	95.5	96.6	84.9	95.4	95.1	92.6
Averages, 1926.....	99.6	99.5	99.7	99.6	99.7	99.2	99.5	99.2	99.6
Averages, 1927.....	103.4	109.3	107.0	103.8	102.5	109.0	106.2	107.4	104.6
Averages, 1928.....	110.1	114.5	114.1	105.2	105.9	118.8	118.1	116.1	113.6
Averages, 1929.....	117.1	125.8	120.1	120.6	109.7	129.7	130.3	126.2	119.0
1930.									
Jan. 1.....	106.5	200.2	122.5	125.2	101.9	92.7	123.5	133.8	111.2
Feb. 1.....	110.2	209.8	123.0	120.7	98.2	88.0	125.2	124.6	111.6
Mar. 1.....	110.9	178.3	119.8	115.7	97.7	83.7	125.0	123.0	110.2
April 1.....	111.3	87.6	114.5	117.1	90.5	86.4	126.1	123.1	107.8
May 1.....	112.4	63.5	114.1	117.3	104.3	112.0	128.9	125.6	111.4
June 1.....	113.6	90.0	115.6	119.5	108.0	137.0	134.7	127.6	118.5
July 1.....	111.3	82.1	113.8	119.7	108.0	170.1	142.7	129.5	118.9
Aug. 1.....	110.2	61.5	115.5	121.0	108.9	179.8	142.4	126.4	118.8
Sept. 1.....	108.2	54.3	116.6	120.9	110.2	169.2	143.4	127.3	116.6
Oct. 1.....	107.8	70.8	118.9	119.5	110.1	163.0	136.7	127.9	116.2
Nov. 1.....	104.6	90.9	121.9	119.9	106.0	148.8	126.9	129.2	112.9
Dec. 1.....	100.6	106.5	117.8	115.3	102.5	127.3	123.9	134.8	108.5
Averages.....	108.9	108.0	117.8	119.8	104.6	129.8	131.6	127.7	113.4
1931.									
Jan. 1.....	93.7	107.6	114.4	110.6	95.5	110.7	123.2	132.9	101.7
Feb. 1.....	96.1	102.2	111.6	106.6	94.0	104.5	122.2	123.1	100.7
Mar. 1.....	97.6	82.7	100.5	103.9	93.2	101.1	121.8	122.0	100.2
April 1.....	99.7	42.9	108.1	103.3	94.3	96.8	122.0	123.1	99.7
May 1.....	103.7	55.9	106.0	104.0	96.6	106.6	123.1	123.3	102.2
June 1.....	99.4	53.3	105.3	104.7	98.8	121.8	125.9	124.0	103.6
July 1.....	97.2	38.5	104.1	104.8	97.7	137.1	130.8	124.0	103.8
Aug. 1.....	94.7	28.8	104.5	105.9	97.8	162.8	133.0	120.9	105.2
Sept. 1.....	94.7	30.5	105.6	105.8	97.8	176.8	134.8	120.5	107.1
Oct. 1.....	91.8	42.2	108.2	104.2	95.2	164.5	125.5	120.8	103.9
Nov. 1.....	83.8	63.7	107.9	102.4	95.4	165.4	117.5	122.8	103.0
Dec. 1.....	89.6	73.1	107.5	100.5	93.5	128.8	116.1	125.6	99.1
Averages.....	93.3	60.1	107.7	104.7	95.8	151.4	124.7	123.6	102.5
Relative weight, by indus- try, as at Dec. 1, 1931.	49.0	2.2	5.3	2.9	12.1	16.2	2.3	10.0	100.0

¹ Since 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.

Subsection 4.—The Unemployment Relief Act, 1930.

The Dominion Unemployment Relief Act, 1930, was enacted by the Seventeenth Parliament in September, 1930. The Act specified that \$20,000,000 might be expended in constructing, extending or improving public works and undertakings, railways, highways, bridges and canals, harbours and wharves; assisting in defraying the cost of distribution of products of the field, farm, forest, sea, lake, river and mine; granting aid to provinces and municipalities in any public work they may undertake for relieving unemployment and reimbursing expenditures made by provinces and municipalities in connection with unemployment, and generally in any way that would assist in providing useful and suitable work for the unemployed. Administration of the Act was vested in the Minister of Labour and an advisory committee on expenditure consisting of the Minister of Railways and Canals, the Minister of Public Works, the Minister of the Interior and the Minister