

### Subsection 2.—Unemployment as Reported by Trade Unions.

Monthly statistics on unemployment are compiled and published by the Employment Service Branch of the Dominion Department of Labour, based on returns received from 1,750 local trade unions having an aggregate membership of nearly 165,000 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 20 is a record of unemployment in trade unions, for the past 10 years, by provinces. The maximum of unemployment in 1935 was in February, when the percentage stood at 18·2; the 1935 low was 13·0 p.c. recorded in September. In 1934 the January figure of 21·2 p.c. constituted the maximum and the minimum of 16·2 p.c. was reached in October. Employment among organized workers, as indicated by these statistics, was more active on the average in 1935 than in 1934, the average of the monthly figures of unemployment for 1935 being 15·4 p.c., while for 1934 the corresponding figure was 18·2 p.c.

#### 20.—Percentages of Unemployment in Trade Unions, by Provinces, half-yearly, 1926-34, and by months, 1935.

NOTE.—For percentages of unemployment at June 30 and Dec. 31 from December, 1915, to December, 1925, see p. 827 of the 1934-35 edition of the Year Book. For data by months from 1921, see successive issues of the Year Book commencing with the 1922-23 edition.

Month.	Year.	Nova Scotia and P.E.I.	New Brunswick.	Quebec.	Ontario.	Manitoba.	Saskatchewan.	Alberta.	British Columbia.	Canada.
June.....	1926	3·8	1·6	8·9	1·9	2·6	0·8	4·9	2·6	4·1
Dec.....	1926	3·2	2·2	7·6	5·6	4·3	2·1	6·7	7·5	5·9
June.....	1927	1·8	2·3	4·0	3·1	2·6	1·1	4·6	2·7	3·2
Dec.....	1927	4·3	1·5	9·3	5·1	5·4	5·6	3·7	10·5	6·6
June.....	1928	0·5	0·8	5·6	2·4	2·1	1·1	3·3	3·6	3·2
Dec.....	1928	3·9	0·9	10·7	4·0	8·1	4·4	6·9	6·9	6·6
June.....	1929	3·3	1·0	2·9	2·5	3·1	2·8	4·3	2·6	2·9
Dec.....	1929	5·2	2·4	14·5	9·7	12·8	13·0	13·9	11·5	11·4
June.....	1930	3·3	2·8	17·5	7·4	9·2	8·9	14·3	8·4	10·6
Dec.....	1930	7·5	8·7	22·8	17·3	14·2	15·9	13·8	16·8	17·0
June.....	1931	7·2	6·5	20·0	16·2	14·1	13·5	21·7	15·6	16·3
Dec.....	1931	13·8	9·6	29·0	20·3	16·5	19·5	16·9	21·2	21·1
June.....	1932	9·6	12·0	27·1	23·4	18·1	14·4	23·4	22·3	21·9
Dec.....	1932	8·4	16·5	30·9	28·5	20·9	20·8	22·8	26·0	25·5
June.....	1933	13·8	13·0	26·2	23·3	19·4	14·9	24·5	18·6	21·8
Dec.....	1933	11·2	11·5	23·2	24·9	20·3	17·2	17·6	19·8	21·0
June.....	1934	11·4	7·3	22·9	15·9	17·0	12·1	24·8	17·2	18·0
Dec.....	1934	4·7	7·2	24·5	18·7	16·1	13·1	9·0	24·6	18·0
Jan. 1.....	1935	7·0	7·1	22·5	20·2	15·5	12·3	11·2	22·6	18·1
Feb. 1.....	1935	6·4	8·2	22·3	20·0	15·1	11·8	13·8	21·1	18·2
Mar. 1.....	1935	6·6	8·2	20·2	17·2	14·4	12·0	15·7	20·8	16·7
Apr. 1.....	1935	5·2	13·1	20·7	16·6	14·5	9·8	20·8	19·7	17·0
May 1.....	1935	5·9	8·4	22·2	12·9	14·1	10·2	21·8	17·2	15·9
June 1.....	1935	12·2	8·1	21·9	12·0	13·7	9·4	20·1	13·2	15·4
July 1.....	1935	8·1	7·8	19·0	14·3	11·6	7·5	23·2	12·6	15·1
Aug. 1.....	1935	8·3	8·1	18·3	13·3	10·7	7·9	18·4	13·1	14·2
Sept. 1.....	1935	6·0	8·7	20·4	10·4	8·1	6·2	13·7	14·0	13·0
Oct. 1.....	1935	4·7	8·6	21·5	11·3	10·2	8·9	7·9	13·4	13·3
Nov. 1.....	1935	4·1	8·9	21·0	11·3	10·4	9·9	9·4	13·4	13·3
Dec. 1.....	1935	7·8	7·5	20·6	13·4	13·1	11·6	9·6	15·9	14·6