

**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 1,800 local trade unions having an aggregate membership of nearly 202,000 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 12 years, by provinces. The maximum of unemployment in 1937 was in January, when the percentage stood at 14.5; the 1937 low was 7.6 p.c. recorded in August. In 1936 the April figure of 15.1 p.c. constituted the maximum, and the minimum of 10.8 p.c. was reached in August. Employment among organized workers, as indicated by these statistics, was more active on the average in 1937 than in 1936, the average of the monthly figures of unemployment for 1937 being 10.7 p.c., while for 1936 the corresponding figure was 13.2 p.c.

**20.—Percentages of Unemployment in Trade Unions, by Provinces, half-yearly, 1926-36, and by months, 1937.**

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.	Total.
June.....	1926	3.8	1.6	8.9	1.9	2.6	0.8	4.9	2.6	4.1
December.....	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
December.....	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
December.....	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
December.....	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
December.....	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
December.....	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
December.....	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
December.....	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
December.....	1934	4.7	7.2	24.5	18.7	16.1	13.1	9.0	24.6	18.0
June.....	1935	12.2	8.1	21.9	12.0	13.7	9.4	20.1	13.2	15.4
December.....	1935	7.8	7.5	20.6	13.4	13.1	11.6	9.6	15.9	14.6
June.....	1936	6.7	7.8	19.0	13.3	8.4	6.4	17.2	10.5	13.9
December.....	1936	6.8	6.2	20.9	13.8	10.9	12.8	6.4	12.7	14.3
January.....	1937	8.2	6.3	22.9	11.9	8.4	11.4	9.1	16.4	14.5
February.....	1937	7.9	5.0	21.3	11.4	9.4	11.5	9.5	14.1	13.7
March.....	1937	7.9	4.2	18.9	10.9	9.6	11.8	14.8	9.4	12.9
April.....	1937	8.2	5.5	15.6	8.6	8.6	10.0	16.9	7.4	11.1
May.....	1937	8.4	5.0	14.1	6.2	7.0	8.0	15.8	5.8	9.5
June.....	1937	5.9	4.7	15.3	7.6	5.7	7.2	16.6	8.0	10.4
July.....	1937	4.4	5.8	13.2	5.3	7.1	7.4	18.0	6.9	8.9
August.....	1937	5.9	5.5	11.1	4.3	6.5	7.2	12.5	6.2	7.6
September.....	1937	3.1	6.1	12.4	4.2	7.4	6.0	10.4	8.4	7.7
October.....	1937	2.8	5.0	13.0	6.7	9.6	6.6	7.4	12.3	8.9
November.....	1937	2.9	5.0	14.9	9.9	11.2	10.5	6.5	15.4	11.2
December.....	1937	3.3	4.6	16.5	12.9	16.8	10.6	6.7	15.8	13.0