

**2.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Employers in Economic Areas, as at the First of Each Month, January, 1938, to December, 1939, with Yearly Averages Since 1928—concluded.**

Year and Month.	Maritime Provinces.	Quebec.	Ontario.	Prairie Provinces.	British Columbia.	Canada.
<b>1938.</b>						
January 1.....	115.8	119.7	117.5	96.2	97.8	113.4
February 1.....	112.3	114.5	116.2	91.7	96.4	110.4
March 1.....	108.3	110.1	113.7	92.2	96.2	107.8
April 1.....	103.6	107.4	109.6	89.4	100.2	105.0
May 1.....	107.3	112.6	109.9	91.5	102.8	107.4
June 1.....	110.9	120.4	112.5	97.0	105.1	111.9
July 1.....	116.7	119.9	114.0	99.8	108.0	113.5
August 1.....	112.6	117.8	111.2	104.9	107.1	112.1
September 1.....	113.2	118.1	115.0	112.2	112.0	115.1
October 1.....	114.5	121.6	115.8	113.2	111.3	116.7
November 1.....	112.6	119.7	115.0	108.1	107.5	114.6
December 1.....	109.8	121.7	114.4	103.5	105.8	114.0
<b>Averages, 1938.....</b>	<b>111.5</b>	<b>117.0</b>	<b>113.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>104.2</b>	<b>111.8</b>
<b>1939.</b>						
January 1.....	109.2	114.9	108.8	97.1	98.0	108.1
February 1.....	100.5	113.0	109.2	93.9	96.2	106.5
March 1.....	101.2	112.8	109.1	94.3	96.7	106.5
April 1.....	99.7	109.4	108.0	91.7	100.5	104.9
May 1.....	100.2	111.6	107.9	94.5	103.3	106.2
June 1.....	108.4	121.0	113.6	101.0	106.6	113.1
July 1.....	115.9	124.0	114.7	104.0	111.0	115.8
August 1.....	115.6	126.4	114.2	109.4	117.0	117.5
September 1.....	116.4	128.5	116.2	114.0	116.6	119.6
October 1.....	117.9	126.4	121.4	116.4	118.7	121.7
November 1.....	117.9	131.5	124.4	112.7	115.5	123.6
December 1.....	123.0	130.3	124.5	108.9	110.0	122.7
<b>Averages, 1939.....</b>	<b>110.5</b>	<b>120.8</b>	<b>114.3</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>107.5</b>	<b>113.9</b>
Relative weights of employment in economic areas, as at Dec. 1, 1939.....	7.6	31.1	41.3	11.9	8.1	100.0

**Employment by Cities.**—Employment in Montreal, Quebec City, Toronto, Ottawa, Winnipeg, and Vancouver was generally better in 1939 than in the preceding year. These centres showed gains ranging from just under 1 p.c. in Winnipeg to 11.3 p.c. in Quebec City; in all but Winnipeg, the increases slightly exceeded the percentage advance in the Dominion as a whole. In Hamilton and Windsor, on the other hand, activity was generally rather lower than in 1938; but the index calculated for the eight cities as a whole showed a 2 p.c. increase, compared with an increase of 1.9 p.c. in the general index for Canada.

Employment in manufacturing, communications, trade, services, and construction in the larger cities in 1939, as in immediately preceding years, did not reach a level equal to that in other parts of Canada. The most outstanding difference in this comparison was again in construction, in which the index for the cities averaged 82.7 during 1939, compared with the Canada figure of 113.0; in the building division, the indexes were 51.7 and 62.1, respectively. On the other hand, the cities employment index for transportation in recent years has been above the Canada figure, standing in 1939 at 91.1, compared with 85.6 throughout the Dominion.