

4.—Index Numbers of Employment, by Industrial Groups and by Months, 1944 and 1945, with Yearly Averages since 1929—concluded

Year and Month	Manu- factur- ing	Logging	Mining	Com- muni- cations	Trans- porta- tion	Con- struc- tion and Main- tenance	Services	Trade	All Indus- tries ¹
1944									
January 1.....	226.4	260.7	156.1	105.1	117.5	105.8	194.3	172.0	185.7
February 1.....	227.3	271.8	159.5	105.1	114.2	90.9	195.9	159.9	183.2
March 1.....	226.5	270.4	159.3	104.9	114.8	85.3	196.8	156.5	181.7
April 1.....	225.5	240.5	159.1	105.5	117.1	81.8	198.9	159.4	180.5
May 1.....	223.2	162.4	155.4	106.1	120.9	87.2	200.7	160.4	178.2
June 1.....	223.1	175.9	152.9	107.8	122.4	101.3	202.2	161.3	180.5
July 1.....	225.8	175.4	153.1	110.0	124.4	110.8	207.7	161.2	183.5
August 1.....	225.0	155.6	155.1	112.9	125.2	124.5	207.9	161.7	184.3
September 1.....	226.2	155.0	152.4	113.1	124.1	130.8	207.1	162.0	185.5
October 1.....	223.7	181.0	150.6	111.6	125.2	114.2	205.4	165.7	183.3
November 1.....	221.3	239.8	149.2	110.7	123.9	112.7	204.6	170.3	183.8
December 1.....	220.1	300.9	151.5	110.6	124.2	109.5	204.6	179.5	185.7
Averages, 1944...	224.5	215.8	154.5	108.6	121.2	104.6	202.2	164.2	183.0
1945									
January 1.....	212.7	313.0	146.4	110.7	122.3	98.2	201.1	180.8	180.4
February 1.....	215.0	312.3	151.5	110.2	118.2	89.9	198.0	169.4	178.9
March 1.....	214.3	309.9	150.7	111.2	117.9	89.2	199.0	167.0	178.2
April 1.....	212.9	267.6	149.5	112.1	120.7	87.0	201.1	172.6	176.9
May 1.....	210.6	205.8	145.7	112.6	124.4	98.8	202.4	171.0	175.5
June 1.....	209.0	201.1	144.6	115.5	125.9	103.1	202.4	171.1	175.3
July 1.....	207.2	184.6	146.5	118.7	126.3	112.6	208.9	172.0	175.4
August 1.....	204.1	183.2	144.9	121.8	127.8	119.3	211.3	171.4	175.0
September 1.....	198.6	181.4	143.9	123.4	128.3	123.9	213.1	172.2	172.8
October 1.....	188.3	205.2	143.6	123.4	127.3	124.7	209.9	176.5	168.7
November 1.....	186.3	277.1	144.7	125.2	127.4	130.7	210.5	181.7	171.2
December 1.....	184.2	326.8	150.5	126.7	128.0	132.0	211.2	192.3	173.2
Averages, 1945...	203.6	247.3	146.9	117.6	124.5	109.1	205.7	174.8	175.1
Relative weights, by industries, as at Dec. 1, 1945.....	54.7	5.5	4.0	1.9	9.4	9.5	3.0	12.0	100.0

¹ Except agriculture (see p. 739).

Subsection 3.—Unemployment as Reported by Trade Unions

Quarterly statistics on unemployment are compiled and published in the *Labour Gazette* by the Department of Labour, and are based at the present time on returns received from about 2,300 local trade union branches, having an aggregate membership of more than 400,000 workers. "Unemployment" 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 union members retired or in the Armed Forces and members of 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.