

4.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Employers in Economic Areas, by Months, 1946 and 1947, with Yearly Averages 1924, 1929 and 1933-47—concluded

Year and Month	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada
1946						
January 1.....	169.5	171.8	172.2	150.6	163.7	168.2
February 1.....	165.7	170.4	173.9	145.7	159.8	167.2
March 1.....	164.4	171.8	173.6	145.3	156.4	167.0
April 1.....	168.8	172.5	175.5	146.8	160.7	168.9
May 1.....	167.8	170.3	176.7	149.1	163.9	169.3
June 1.....	172.9	174.8	178.4	153.3	139.3	169.9
July 1.....	176.0	175.4	179.6	158.2	162.2	173.6
August 1.....	168.4	177.5	174.8	161.0	170.4	172.8
September 1.....	171.9	181.4	176.1	162.0	176.9	175.5
October 1.....	176.7	184.7	179.0	161.1	179.3	178.1
November 1.....	179.0	189.1	185.1	163.8	182.2	182.7
December 1.....	184.5	192.7	188.2	164.7	184.6	185.7
Averages, 1946.....	172.1	177.7	177.8	155.1	166.6	173.2
1947						
January 1.....	169.4	186.7	186.7	158.3	180.4	181.0
February 1.....	168.0	186.2	187.6	154.6	180.8	180.7
March 1.....	148.9	188.4	188.7	155.4	180.9	180.4
April 1.....	153.3	185.8	189.9	155.3	183.6	180.7
May 1.....	151.7	182.2	189.4	155.7	186.2	179.6
June 1.....	165.8	186.9	191.8	161.9	192.4	184.5
July 1.....	179.4	191.2	195.7	167.3	196.9	189.5
August 1.....	183.9	195.0	196.7	172.1	204.2	192.6
September 1.....	184.7	196.1	196.4	172.1	207.5	193.2
October 1.....	188.2	199.3	199.6	166.8	206.0	194.8
November 1.....	193.3	203.7	202.2	170.1	203.1	197.8
December 1.....	192.3	205.6	205.0	171.7	202.6	199.6
Averages, 1947.....	173.2	192.3	194.1	163.4	193.7	187.9
Percentage distribution of employees reported in economic areas, as at Dec. 1, 1947.....	7.4	30.1	41.6	11.5	9.4	100.0

Employment and Payrolls by Cities.—A substantial proportion of the total workers in non-agricultural industrial employment in Canada is situated in the principal cities, a concentration which increased during the War, but has since declined as more normal distributions have been re-established. Thus in 1944 the proportion of workers on the payrolls of the larger firms in the eight cities with populations exceeding 100,000 was 46.1 p.c. of the total for the Dominion, but by 1947 the proportion had fallen to 43.2 p.c. Similar trends may be noted in the payroll disbursements. In 1944, the payrolls disbursed by the reporting employers in the eight largest cities made up 46.7 p.c. of the aggregate reported by all firms, while in 1947 the proportion dropped to 42.8 p.c.

Relatively, there was a somewhat greater increase during 1947 in the level of employment in the small centres and rural areas taken as a whole, than in that indicated by the eight largest cities taken as a unit. The composite indexes for the eight leading cities showed a gain of 7.7 p.c. over 1946, compared with a rise of 9 p.c. in the remaining areas. The general increase for the country as a whole amounted to 8.5 p.c.