

The employment index for the service industries for which monthly data are available (chiefly hotels, restaurants, laundries and dry-cleaning establishments) was 4.8 p.c. above the 1947 index. The average weekly earnings increased from \$23.48 in that year to \$25.87 in 1948. In considering these figures with those of other industries, it should be recalled that large proportions of women are employed in the above-named groups and part-time work is also frequent. The annual index of employment in trade increased from 207.1 in 1947 to 221.4 in 1948. There was a slightly larger percentage gain in the retail group. The per capita weekly earnings of persons reported in the latter industry, which also employs large numbers of women, young persons and part-time workers, rose from \$28.99 in 1947 to \$32.03 in 1948; in wholesale trade, the increase was from \$37.14 in 1947 to \$40.26 in 1948.

8.—Index Numbers of Employment, by Industrial Groups and by Months, 1947 and 1948, with Yearly Averages, 1929 and 1939-48

NOTE.—These indexes are calculated as at the first day of each month, on the base 1926=100. The relative weights show the proportion of employees reported in each industry to the total reported by all employers making returns in Canada at Dec. 1, 1948. Averages for 1921-28, inclusive, are given at p. 773 of the 1933 Year Book and for 1930-38 at p. 617 of the 1947 edition.

Year	Manu- facturing	Logging	Mining	Com- muni- cations	Trans- porta- tion	Con- struction and Main- tenance	Services ¹	Trade	Eight Leading Indus- tries
Averages, 1929...	117.1	125.8	120.1	120.6	109.7	129.7	130.3	126.2	119.0
Averages, 1939...	112.3	119.1	163.8	84.4	85.6	113.0	137.4	136.6	113.9
Averages, 1940...	131.3	166.9	168.4	87.2	89.7	90.7	143.2	142.9	124.2
Averages, 1941...	168.4	187.8	176.6	96.7	98.9	126.6	167.5	156.5	152.3
Averages, 1942...	206.5	196.5	171.3	103.7	105.5	130.3	178.8	156.1	173.7
Averages, 1943...	226.2	180.4	158.5	104.5	114.4	129.8	189.8	155.1	184.1
Averages, 1944...	224.5	215.8	154.5	108.6	121.2	104.6	202.2	164.2	183.0
Averages, 1945...	203.6	247.3	146.9	117.6	124.5	109.1	205.7	174.8	175.1
Averages, 1946...	186.3	268.5	155.2	141.9	128.4	129.6	224.2	191.2	173.2
1947									
January 1.....	190.6	370.5	154.0	154.9	132.0	125.1	223.7	212.3	181.0
February 1.....	193.9	375.6	162.1	155.1	129.3	121.2	224.8	196.4	180.7
March 1.....	194.5	377.9	135.9	156.6	129.9	123.8	226.4	197.4	180.4
April 1.....	195.2	331.0	138.7	159.0	131.1	128.6	228.5	200.2	180.7
May 1.....	195.8	241.3	139.5	161.4	134.7	133.2	231.9	200.7	179.6
June 1.....	197.6	239.8	157.6	165.7	139.9	149.6	238.4	201.6	184.5
July 1.....	200.6	241.5	167.5	169.9	141.2	165.0	250.5	205.9	189.5
August 1.....	202.5	246.0	170.2	173.5	142.7	176.2	260.2	206.0	192.6
September 1.....	203.3	242.2	167.1	171.6	141.8	179.9	258.7	207.2	193.2
October 1.....	203.6	286.1	165.2	169.4	141.7	180.4	251.0	211.7	194.8
November 1.....	205.1	352.3	168.0	168.0	138.2	181.3	245.0	216.7	197.8
December 1.....	205.1	405.2	171.0	166.4	140.0	170.5	241.8	228.3	199.6
Averages, 1947...	199.0	309.1	158.1	164.3	136.9	152.9	240.1	207.1	187.9
1948									
January 1.....	199.9	414.3	167.1	168.0	139.3	142.5	240.4	230.8	193.7
February 1.....	200.7	393.8	153.4	168.0	132.8	137.6	239.2	212.7	189.3
March 1.....	202.6	371.3	164.9	168.1	132.8	129.0	236.8	212.0	188.9
April 1.....	202.0	273.3	168.8	170.5	132.5	130.8	237.9	215.3	186.6
May 1.....	201.8	168.6	172.3	172.0	138.3	147.0	245.0	214.4	186.5
June 1.....	203.6	218.4	174.8	175.6	141.6	166.6	250.2	216.6	192.3
July 1.....	207.2	226.6	178.7	181.3	142.8	185.5	264.1	220.0	198.0
August 1.....	206.5	224.0	179.7	184.8	144.9	207.8	268.7	219.4	200.9
September 1.....	209.5	220.3	181.5	185.5	145.5	201.5	268.4	220.5	201.8
October 1.....	210.0	267.7	179.6	184.3	146.6	197.3	263.7	224.8	203.3
November 1.....	208.3	321.6	181.5	182.7	144.6	192.7	253.9	230.5	203.6
December 1.....	207.9	351.0	181.1	182.6	144.5	184.6	251.0	239.5	204.3
Averages, 1948...	205.0	287.6	173.6	177.0	140.5	168.6	251.6	221.4	195.8
Percentage distri- bution of em- ployees reported in the leading industries as at Dec. 1, 1948....	51.1	5.0	4.0	2.3	8.8	11.5	3.3	14.0	100.0

¹ Consists mainly of hotels and restaurants, laundries and dry-cleaning establishments.