

Subsection 3.—Size of Manufacturing Establishments Based on Employment and Shipments

Size Based on Employment

About one half, or 50.6 p.c. of all persons employed in Canada's manufacturing industries in 1964 worked in establishments employing 200 or more persons; about one fifth, or 18.5 p.c., worked in establishments employing 1,000 or more. There were 127 establishments employing 1,000 or more, all but 18 of them in Ontario and Quebec; of these 18, 12 were in Western Canada and six were in the Atlantic Provinces.

The cyclical upswing in business activity which began in 1961 and continued through 1964 tended to increase business volume for manufacturing generally and was especially favourable to certain industries characterized by large plants; this cyclical stimulus combined with long-term growth of the manufacturing industries to shift these employment breakdowns in an upward direction. Thus, establishments employing 1,500 or more increased their employment by almost 14 p.c. between 1961 and 1964, as against a decrease of 12 p.c. in the employment of establishments employing fewer than 200; these comparisons refer, of course, to statistical size-classes as such, not identical groups of plants in the two years.

