

36.6 p.c. and 17.2 p.c., respectively, of the labour force, accounted for only 23.6 p.c. and 11.1 p.c., respectively, of the unemployed. British Columbia had 9.3 p.c. of the labour force and 10.0 p.c. of the unemployed. This uneven distribution of unemployed persons, which also prevailed in 1946, was reflected in the regional unemployment rates. The annual average unemployment rate in 1965 was 7.4 in the Atlantic region, 5.4 in Quebec, 2.5 in Ontario, 2.5 in the Prairie Province region, and 4.2 in British Columbia.

6.—Estimates of Employment and Unemployment, by Region, 1946 and 1956-65

NOTE.—Comparable figures for 1947-55 are given in the 1962 Year Book, p. 712.

Year	Atlantic		Quebec		Ontario		Prairies		British Columbia	
	Employment	Unemployment	Employment	Unemployment	Employment	Unemployment	Employment	Unemployment	Employment	Unemployment
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1946 ¹	392	23	1,283	54	1,654	48	947	21	390	16
1956..	489	31	1,535	80	2,096	51	976	22	480	14
1957..	492	45	1,576	101	2,161	77	992	27	509	27
1958..	489	67	1,582	153	2,142	122	1,013	43	501	47
1959..	482	59	1,620	135	2,198	103	1,049	35	521	36
1960..	492	59	1,639	164	2,249	128	1,069	47	516	48
1961..	507	64	1,652	168	2,269	132	1,100	53	527	49
1962..	516	62	1,713	139	2,317	105	1,129	46	551	39
1963..	522	55	1,762	142	2,382	94	1,138	44	571	39
1964..	542	46	1,827	124	2,473	83	1,162	37	605	34
1965..	566	45	1,912	109	2,548	66	1,196	31	639	28

¹ Excludes Newfoundland.

Section 3.—Employment Statistics*

Subsection 1.—Statistics of Employment, Earnings and Hours

Monthly records of employment have been collected from larger business establishments since 1921. At that time a survey was instituted to provide employment index numbers which would serve as current economic indicators. In 1941 the survey was extended to provide information on payrolls and per capita wages and salaries and in 1944 it was further extended to provide data on hours of work and hourly and weekly wages. Also during the war period, separate records for men and women employees were established. Beginning with the January 1966 publications of *Employment and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries* and *Man-Hours and Hourly Earnings*, the data compiled are on a revised basis. A historical series (Catalogue No. 72-504) provides, on the revised basis, monthly and annual data from 1961-65 and will be extended to provide data from 1957 to this period. The revision has involved the publishing of employment indexes on the time base 1961=100 in place of the time base 1949=100. All data are compiled on the 1960 standard industrial classification instead of the 1948 standard industrial classification. The new establishment concept of reporting has been introduced with the result that, in a number of cases, activities formerly reported separately are now consolidated into operating entities capable of reporting all elements of basic industrial statistics, including employment and payrolls.

Statistics below the provincial level are compiled for many urban areas using the census definition for metropolitan areas and modified definitions for other urban areas. The survey at present covers establishments with 20 or more employees in any month of the current period rather than, as formerly stated, "those usually having 15 or more employees". The data in Tables 7-14 are presented according to the revised series.

The survey now covers sectors of the following major industry divisions: forestry; mining (including milling); manufacturing; construction; transportation, communication and other utilities; trade; and finance, insurance and real estate. Also included are

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