

1.—Unemployment as Reported by Trade Unions.

Monthly statistics on unemployment are compiled and published by the Employment Service Branch of the Dominion Department of Labour, based on returns received from 1,500 local trade unions having an aggregate membership of 150,000 workers. Unemployment as here used connotes involuntary idleness, due to economic causes. Persons engaged in work other than their own trades, or idle because of illness or as a direct result of strikes or lockouts, are not considered as unemployed. 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. Table 13 is a monthly record for the past eleven years of unemployment in trade unions, by provinces. The maximum of unemployment for the first nine months of 1925 was in January, when the percentage stood at 10.2; for the corresponding months of 1924, the February figure, 7.8 p.c. was the maximum. For the first nine months of 1925 the minimum, reached in August, was 4.4 p.c., while the minimum for 1924 was 5.4 p.c. in July. Thus, although the situation in the early part of 1925 was less favourable than in the preceding year, there was more pronounced improvement in succeeding months, so that the minimum percentage of unemployment was 5.8 points less than the maximum, while in 1924 there was a gain of only 2.4 points between the peak and the trough of unemployment. The percentage out of work at the 1925 low point was, moreover, one p.c. less than the 1924 minimum.

13.—Percentages of Unemployment in Trade Unions, by Provinces, 1915-1925.

NOTE.—For the percentages of unemployment for 12 months in 1921 and 1922, see page 732 of the 1922-23 Year Book; for 12 months in 1923, see page 688 of the 1924 Year Book.

Months.	Years.	Nova Scotia and P.E.I.	New Brunswick.	Quebec.	Ontario.	Manitoba.	Saskatchewan.	Alberta	British Columbia.	Canada.
December.....	1915	.2	.7	9.5	8.1	3.2	7.0	4.3	14.8	7.9
June.....	1916	.5	.9	1.8	1.7	1.2	2.6	3.0	5.8	2.1
December.....	1916	.3	.2	3.7	1.6	1.0	1.6	1.7	2.4	2.0
June.....	1917	.3	.2	2.5	.9	.6	.3	.8	1.8	1.2
December.....	1917	2.6	4.1	3.2	2.5	1.1	2.4	1.6	3.2	2.5
June.....	1918	.2	.3	.5	.4	.3	.2	.4	.9	.4
December.....	1918	2.0	.4	2.2	2.9	1.3	2.2	2.1	4.0	2.5
June.....	1919	2.7	2.4	4.0	1.8	1.2	2.5	1.7	3.4	2.6
December.....	1919	1.5	2.0	3.2	1.9	5.0	6.0	2.8	18.6	4.3
June.....	1920	.6	.4	3.1	1.6	1.4	2.2	1.2	5.8	2.1
December.....	1920	6.9	11.0	19.6	12.3	7.8	10.1	9.2	11.6	13.1
June.....	1921	14.3	11.7	20.7	6.7	8.0	6.8	9.4	24.4	13.2
December.....	1921	5.9	6.9	26.8	9.7	15.5	10.4	6.8	24.7	15.1
June.....	1922	7.2	3.5	5.4	3.9	6.7	5.0	7.1	7.1	5.3
December.....	1922	3.2	6.1	7.8	4.7	7.8	4.1	5.1	13.3	6.4
June.....	1923	2.2	1.0	5.7	1.6	5.6	1.3	4.5	4.0	3.4
December.....	1923	7.3	3.6	9.7	6.4	6.5	4.2	6.0	7.1	7.2
January.....	1924	9.5	3.0	9.0	7.5	7.3	5.3	5.3	6.4	7.5
February.....	1924	3.1	2.7	7.9	9.1	8.0	4.8	7.6	8.1	7.8
March.....	1924	3.6	3.6	8.7	7.0	7.4	6.5	5.3	3.2	6.7
April.....	1924	2.2	4.5	6.3	5.4	7.2	5.2	4.1	2.2	5.1
May.....	1924	1.6	3.2	13.7	5.8	6.1	1.6	4.7	3.6	7.3
June.....	1924	6.4	5.2	9.4	4.9	4.9	2.3	3.7	2.2	5.8
July.....	1924	2.6	3.6	7.8	4.6	5.7	5.5	3.8	3.8	5.4
August.....	1924	9.2	3.1	8.9	5.8	4.4	4.4	5.7	4.7	6.5
September.....	1924	9.3	2.9	7.6	5.1	7.2	4.0	4.7	4.3	5.9
October.....	1924	2.5	4.3	10.5	4.5	6.1	3.2	8.1	8.9	6.8
November.....	1924	7.3	4.5	18.1	5.4	5.2	4.2	7.1	11.7	9.7
December.....	1924	4.7	6.9	22.4	8.1	8.9	4.2	5.0	10.2	11.6