

6.—Annual Average Index Numbers of Employment by Metropolitan Area 1945-54 and Monthly Indexes 1953 and 1954—concluded

Year and Month	Montreal	Quebec	Toronto	Ottawa-Hull	Hamilton	Windsor	Winnipeg	Vancouver
1953—								
Jan. 1.....	113.2	108.8	119.0	111.4	111.4	111.0	105.1	103.5
Feb. 1.....	112.1	106.4	117.1	107.8	111.1	109.0	102.5	99.6
Mar. 1.....	112.4	106.6	117.5	107.0	110.0	112.4	101.3	99.9
Apr. 1.....	113.3	108.6	118.3	108.0	111.7	114.8	101.8	100.1
May 1.....	113.8	109.5	118.5	108.2	111.5	115.3	102.6	100.0
June 1.....	113.9	110.5	118.7	109.0	111.7	114.3	103.2	101.3
July 1.....	114.2	112.0	119.8	109.9	111.7	116.2	105.0	102.4
Aug. 1.....	113.3	113.7	118.6	109.7	111.7	113.6	105.3	103.9
Sept. 1.....	114.8	114.4	120.2	110.4	111.4	108.5	106.1	104.6
Oct. 1.....	114.8	114.7	121.5	110.2	112.2	109.4	105.9	104.3
Nov. 1.....	115.0	113.9	122.8	110.1	111.3	104.4	104.8	103.5
Dec. 1.....	115.0	112.3	123.4	110.6	110.8	104.5	106.2	103.1
1954—								
Jan. 1.....	111.2	107.2	121.1	109.2	108.1	108.2	101.8	101.9
Feb. 1.....	109.7	104.6	119.0	105.2	106.1	106.8	100.1	98.0
Mar. 1.....	109.6	105.0	119.3	104.7	104.9	106.3	99.2	99.0
Apr. 1.....	109.4	106.5	119.1	105.3	103.6	104.2	100.2	100.7
May 1.....	110.9	109.7	119.4	106.5	103.7	101.4	100.8	100.7
June 1.....	110.8	111.5	120.1	110.1	104.3	96.9	101.8	101.9
July 1.....	111.5	113.8	120.9	112.1	104.2	97.1	104.6	103.2
Aug. 1.....	110.5	114.1	119.3	112.6	103.1	89.5	105.4	104.6
Sept. 1.....	111.4	115.0	120.4	113.2	102.7	80.9	105.9	105.7
Oct. 1.....	111.9	115.5	120.5	112.0	104.3	83.0	107.0	104.8
Nov. 1.....	110.7	114.0	120.7	112.8	103.8	74.6	106.1	105.0
Dec. 1.....	112.4	111.7	121.5	113.1	102.4	77.4	106.9	104.0
Percentage distribution ¹	15.0	1.6	15.3	1.8	3.1	1.6	3.4	3.9

¹ Proportion of employees reported in metropolitan areas to the total reported by all employers making returns in Canada (12 month average).

Earnings.—Payroll disbursements in the reporting establishments in 1954 were very slightly below the record figure achieved in 1953 but exceeded those in any earlier year. The decline in employment in the 12 month comparison was almost offset by continued increases in wage and salary rates.

Aggregate wages and salaries were lower in 1954 than in 1953 in those areas where the decline in the level of employment was most marked. Noteworthy losses occurred in construction (6.2 p.c.) and durable goods manufacturing (4.5 p.c.). The reduction in manufacturing as a whole was 1.6 p.c., the trend in establishments producing non-durable goods having been moderately upward. Payrolls were also higher in public utility operations, trade, finance, insurance and real estate and in the service group.

Most of the provinces recorded slight declines in earnings; the greatest were in Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island but Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and British Columbia were also lower than in 1953. The most substantial increase was in Saskatchewan, with Alberta and Manitoba next in line.

The over-all average weekly wages and salaries in the establishments covered rose from \$57.30 in 1953 to \$58.88 in 1954, an alltime maximum. Higher per capita figures were recorded in all industrial divisions; the groups showing the largest increases were paper products, electrical apparatus and supplies, chemical products, public utility operations, and finance, insurance and real estate, in each of which average weekly earnings increased by more than \$2. Earnings per employee were higher in most provinces and in nearly all metropolitan areas for which data are segregated.