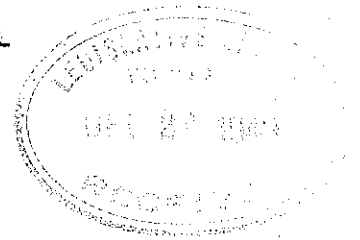


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EMPLOYMENT IN ONTARIO

October, 1949

On October 1st, the eight leading industries in the Province employed 885,847 persons, 60.7% of whom were engaged in manufacturing. On the same date, a year ago, 874,888 persons were employed, 61.6% in manufacturing.

Employment in communications, construction, services and trade showed increases in October this year over the same month a year ago while a 40% decline was recorded over the same period in logging.

In the manufacturing group only one industry registered a significant increase in employment over the year, viz., electrical apparatus. The largest decreases were shown in non-ferrous metal products and edible plant products (food).

A comparison of employment in October this year with the preceding month, shows a fractional increase in manufacturing as a whole and a 23% increase in logging. Small decreases were evident in communications, construction and services. In the eight leading industries as a whole, no significant change in employment could be noted in the current month over September or in relation to October a year ago.

Table 1. Percentage Change in Employment in the Eight
Leading Industries of Ontario

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Weight</u> (1)	<u>Oct. 1949%</u> <u>Oct. 1948%</u>	<u>Oct. 1949%</u> <u>Sept. 1949%</u>
1. Manufacturing	60.7	N.C. (2)	N.C.
2. Logging	1.5	-40.3	+23.4
3. Mining	2.9	N.C.	N.C.
4. Communications	2.5	+9.2	-1.0
5. Transportation	6.6	N.C.	N.C.
6. Construction	9.3	+6.4	-1.4
7. Services	3.3	+1.8	N.C.
8. Trade	13.2	+4.3	+1.8
All Industries	100.0	N.C.	N.C.

(1) shows the relative distribution of employment among the reporting firms of the eight leading industries, in October, 1949. (Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa)

(2) The initials "N.C." indicate no significant change, i.e., less than 1%.

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Employment and Payrolls in the Leading Manufacturing Industries
of Ontario by Zones
(4,360 reporting firms)

In eight zones of the province, employment was at a higher level in October than in the previous month. In the Upper Grand River (8), Blue Water (9), and Upper St. Lawrence (12) zones, the employment index remained below the April level although a modest improvement was shown in the Blue Water (9) area.

Payrolls increased in twelve zones over the month, substantial advances occurring in the Niagara (3), Border (6), Kawartha Lakes (10), and Sault (17) areas.

Average weekly salaries and wages increased in all but three zones in the Province, the largest jump being recorded in the Kawartha Lakes (10) Zone.

Decreases in employment, payrolls and average weekly earnings were shown in only two areas, viz., Lake Erie (4), and Highlands (14).

Table 2.

Index Numbers of Employment and Payrolls as Reported by Leading Manufacturers
in Eighteen Economic Areas in Ontario, 1949, 1939 = 100

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Weight (1)</u>		<u>Date (2)</u> (1949)	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Payrolls</u>	<u>Average</u> <u>Weekly Wages</u> <u>and</u> <u>Salaries</u>
	1939	1949				\$
1. Metropolitan (Halton, Peel, York)	35.0	34.0	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	177.5 177.7 179.2	328.6 325.5 333.2	45.20 44.74 45.41
2. Burlington (Brant, Wentworth, Burlington)	12.8	13.1	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	190.7 186.9 186.6	385.7 371.0 377.6	47.87 46.95 47.86
3. Niagara (Lincoln, Welland)	6.5	6.7	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	190.0 194.0 197.4	388.3 383.8 396.6	50.21 48.61 49.36
4. Lake Erie (Haldimand, Norfolk)	0.8	0.6	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	119.6 155.6 139.5	237.8 339.1 286.7	37.39 40.98 38.63
5. Upper Thames River (Elgin, Middlesex Oxford)	5.0	4.9	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	171.4 179.5 175.4	325.1 337.7 335.0	41.38 41.33 41.95

(1) Indicates the relative distribution of employees among the reporting firms of the leading industries in the various zones in September, 1949 and in the year 1939 (average).

(2) The latest figures are preliminary; those for the preceding month have been revised where necessary. (As reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Employment Statistics Section, Ottawa).

	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Weight</u>		<u>Date</u> (1949)	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Payrolls</u>	<u>Average</u> <u>Weekly Wages</u> <u>and</u> <u>Salaries</u>
		1939	1949				\$
6.	Border (Essex, Kent)	7.7	8.9	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	197.8 214.5 218.2	380.7 407.2 418.5	50.99 50.29 50.81
7.	St. Clair River (Lambton)	1.3	1.8	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	242.9 256.9 257.6	392.7 412.9 417.4	54.84 54.74 55.18
8.	Upper Grand River (Perth, Waterloo, Wellington)	9.2	7.9	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	159.9 157.1 156.7	323.2 319.7 323.8	40.79 41.11 41.75
9.	Blue Water (Bruce, Dufferin, Grey, Huron)	2.4	2.4	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	188.6 181.0 181.8	385.9 373.1 373.3	35.92 36.19 36.04
10.	Kawartha Lakes (Durham, Ontario, Peterborough, Victoria, Northumberland)	4.9	4.9	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	183.4 185.0 190.0	391.9 391.8 425.6	47.65 47.16 49.88
11.	Quinte (Frontenac, Hastings, Lennox and Addington, Prince Edward)	1.6	2.6	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	280.2 312.8 302.2	608.1 657.7 635.9	40.27 39.07 39.10
12.	Upper St. Lawrence (Dundas, Glengarry, Grenville, Leeds, Stormont)	2.5	2.0	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	149.1 147.7 146.2	307.2 311.9 310.2	42.66 43.28 43.50
13.	Ottawa Valley (Carleton, Lanark, Prescott, Renfrew, Russell)	3.8	3.5	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	167.4 169.0 165.4	301.9 299.6 300.9	40.40 39.73 40.77
14.	Highlands (Haliburton, Muskoka, Nipissing, Parry Sound)	0.8	0.8	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	143.4 181.8 180.1	282.8 350.0 344.1	41.18 40.12 39.83
15.	Clay Belt (Cochrane, Timiskaming)	1.0	1.0	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	148.0 172.7 164.2	298.2 335.1 324.3	53.67 51.73 52.66
16.	Nickel Range (Manitoulin, Sudbury)	1.8	1.6	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	170.6 171.9 174.4	309.6 309.1 315.3	55.75 55.24 55.55

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	1939	1949				\$
17. Sault (Algoma)	1.4	1.4	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	176.2 184.4 186.0	340.8 351.0 361.1	53.58 52.72 53.77
18. Lakehead (Kenora, Rainy River, Thunder Bay)	1.5	1.9	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	219.1 227.5 221.6	404.6 421.6 423.6	52.02 52.21 53.84
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Employment and Payrolls Reported by
Leading Mine Operators in Ontario by Zones(1)
(184 reporting mines)

Employment as reported by the leading Mine operators in Ontario increased in all zones except two in October as compared with the previous month. The decreases were shown in the Border and Clay Belt zones. Payrolls showed increases in all but the Border and Lakehead Zones and average weekly earnings advanced in all areas except the Lakehead.

Table 3.

6. Border	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	104.2 116.7 116.1	171.8 185.8 185.0	44.02 42.50 42.54
15. Clay Belt	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	75.5 76.5 75.8	109.7 111.3 111.9	50.59 50.61 51.36
16. Nickel Range	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	125.2 107.1 111.3	219.4 185.7 203.7	58.25 57.66 60.81
17. Sault Zone	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	181.1 189.0 192.1	320.1 311.3 332.4	57.38 53.48 56.18
18. Lakehead	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	72.9 79.3 80.1	115.3 133.5 124.1	53.34 56.73 52.20
19. James Bay	Apr. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1	102.1 98.7 100.0	157.5 149.5 157.6	53.69 52.71 54.83

(1) As reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics; latest figures are subject to revision; those for the preceding month have been revised where necessary.