

## Cost of Living and Food Prices

### STATISTICS

The plan hitherto followed of publishing in the *Review* at quarterly intervals statistics of labour conditions in different countries has been slightly modified.

In view of the great interest at the present time in the three topics, cost of living, employment and unemployment, figures on these topics will in future be presented each month instead of every three months. Statistics on wages and hours of work, the data of which are much less variable, will continue to appear at three-monthly intervals.

Thus the present issue contains statistics of cost of living and food prices, which last appeared in the April issue and will in future appear in each issue, and statistics on unemployment and employment, which last appeared in the June issue, and which will also appear monthly in future. Statistics of wages, which last appeared in the May issue, will appear next in the August issue. Statistics of hours of work, which last appeared in the June issue, will appear next in the September issue.

The index numbers of the *cost of living* and *retail prices* are given below.

The table shows :

(1) Index numbers of the cost of living, covering generally various groups of expenditure such as food, fuel and light, clothing, rent, and "miscellaneous", specified in the headings by the letters *a* to *e*.

(2) Index numbers of retail food prices (that is, indices for the first group mentioned above).

For further information on the scope and method of these statistics, see the January-February 1947 issue of the *Review*: "Statistics, Explanatory Notes", pp. 157-167.

For other topics in labour statistics, see the May number for statistics of wage rates and earnings, to appear next in the August issue; and the present number for statistics of unemployment, and employment.

#### EXPLANATION OF SIGNS USED IN THE TABLES

The sign . signifies : "figures do not exist".

The sign ... signifies : "figures not yet received".

The sign \* signifies : "provisional figures".

The sign — signifies : "figures are nil or negligible".

The sign r signifies : "figure revised since the previous issue".

The sign —— between two figures of a series signifies that the former series has been replaced by another, or revised.

Figures in *thick-faced* type : indices (100) of the base year.

Figures in *italics* : index numbers with a year other than 1937 as base.

Figures within *brackets* : series subject to certain reservations.

INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING AND FOOD PRICES  
(Base: 1937 = 100)

Country	AFRICA					AMERICA			
	French Equatorial Africa	French West Africa	Egypt	Nigeria	Southern Rhodesia	Sudan	Union of South Africa	Canada	Newfoundland
Town or no. of localities	Brazzaville <sup>1</sup>	Dakar <sup>2</sup>	Cairo	Lagos	6	.	9	69	34-56
Original base (= 100)	Oct. 1938	1938	Jan. 1933-July 1944	Sept. 1939	Aug. 1939	1938	1938	1935-1939	St. John's Oct. 1938
<i>Cost of living</i>									
Composition of the index	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a, b, d <sup>7</sup>	.	a-e	a-e	a-e
1929	.	.	117	.	114	.	110	120	119
1931	.	.	107	.	110	.	104	108	106
1932	.	.	102	.	105	.	99	98	95
1933	.	.	97	.	100	.	97	93	90
1934	.	.	98	.	98	.	94	93	.
1935	.	.	101	.	98	.	97	95	96
1936	.	.	101	.	97	.	98	97	96
1937	.	100 <sup>3</sup>	100 <sup>4</sup>	102	103	100 <sup>5</sup>	104	101	98
1938	100 <sup>3</sup>	100 <sup>4</sup>	102	100 <sup>5</sup>	103	100 <sup>6</sup>	104	100	97
1939	.	.	111	.	105	.	107	104	98
1940	.	.	137	.	109	.	112	110	102
1941	.	.	183	151 <sup>6</sup>	116	151 <sup>10</sup>	122	116	113
1942	.	.	241	167 <sup>6</sup>	122	176 <sup>11</sup>	129	117	120
1943	.	371	272	163 <sup>6</sup>	127	164 <sup>11</sup> <sup>12</sup>	133	117	122
1944	.	307 <sup>3</sup>	287 <sup>7</sup>	176 <sup>6</sup>	130	164	137	118	125
1945	...	...	282 <sup>7</sup>	...	135	177	139	122	135
1946	...	...	282 <sup>7</sup>	...	135	172	140	122	130
1946 : June	...	277 <sup>7</sup>	.	135	177	140	122	130	163
July	390 <sup>r</sup>	...	280	.	133	180	138	124	164
Aug.	...	282	.	133	181	138	124	137	162
Sept.	...	284	.	135	186	139	125	145 <sup>r</sup>	163
Oct.	...	288	.	136	186	139	126	148 <sup>r</sup>	164
Nov.	...	286	.	137	183	140	126	149	165
Dec.	...	284	.	137	183	140	126	149	166
1947 : Jan.	...	...	...	137	182	140	125	149	168
Feb.	...	...	...	137	183	142	126	149	168
Mar.	...	...	...	137	180	144	127	152	168
April	...	...	...	136	180	145	132	152	170
May	...	...	...	...	...	133	...	170	
June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
<i>Food</i>									
1929	.	.	127	.	121	8	112	131	126
1931	.	108	.	107	102	100	99	99	.
1932	.	101	.	105	93	83	82	80	.
1933	.	92	.	101	96	82	80	89	.
1934	.	102	.	100	101	90	89	95	.
1935	.	106	.	99	99	92	95	96	.
1936	.	102	.	98	99	99	95	96	.
1937	.	100 <sup>3</sup>	100 <sup>4</sup>	102	105	101	93	100 <sup>3</sup>	.
1938	.	104	100 <sup>6</sup>	101	104	97	90	109	.
1939	.	102	100 <sup>6</sup>	101	107	102	92	104	.
1940	.	140	108	.	115	112	100	143	.
1941	.	181	156 <sup>6</sup>	113	127	123	118	170	.
1942	.	238	176 <sup>6</sup>	120	138	127	131	175	.
1943	.	274	163 <sup>6</sup>	122	144	127	129	180	.
1944	.	284 <sup>r</sup>	185 <sup>6</sup>	126	147	129	132	184	.
1945	.	271 <sup>r</sup>	...	131	151	136	152	189	.
1946	...	262 <sup>r</sup>	...	133	154	138	138	190	.
1946 : June	...	269 <sup>r</sup>	...	127	150	140	157	191	.
July	400	269 <sup>r</sup>	...	126	149	140	163	194	.
Aug.	...	272 <sup>r</sup>	...	130	149	139	165	187	.
Sept.	...	274 <sup>r</sup>	...	131	151	142	171	187	.
Oct.	...	280 <sup>r</sup>	...	133	152	142	178	189	.
Nov.	...	276 <sup>r</sup>	...	135	152	142	177	190	.
Dec.	...	272 <sup>r</sup>	...	...	152	141	175	190	.
1947 : Jan.	...	...	...	134	152	142	173	193	.
Feb.	...	...	...	137	156	142	173	195	.
Mar.	...	...	...	139	159	144	180	196	.
April	...	...	...	142	160	147	179	196	.
May	...	...	...	142	162	150	178	200	.
June	...	...	...	...	153	...	200		.

Composition of the indices: a = Food; b = Fuel and light; c = Clothing; d = Rent; e = Miscellaneous.  
<sup>1</sup> Europeans. <sup>2</sup> Natives. <sup>3</sup> Oct. <sup>4</sup> Including heating and soap. <sup>5</sup> Sept. <sup>6</sup> April and Oct. <sup>7</sup> Since July 1941, a-e. <sup>8</sup> Up to June 1941, including heating and lighting. <sup>9</sup> Dec. <sup>10</sup> June. <sup>11</sup> June and Dec. <sup>12</sup> As from Jan. 1944, the index is calculated on a slightly different basis. <sup>13</sup> May and July-Dec.

Country	AMERICA (cont.)									
	British West Indies				Argen-tina	Bolivia	Brazil	Chile	Colom-bia	Costa Rica
Town or no. of localities	Barba-dos	Jamaica (Kingston)	St. Vincent	Trini-dad	Buenos Aires	La Paz	Rio de Janeiro	Santiago	Bogotá	San José
Original base (= 100)	Sept. 1939	Aug. 1939	Aug. 1939	1935	Oct. 1933	Dec. 1936	1928-1929	Mar. 1928	Feb. 1937	1936
<i>Cost of living</i>										
Composition of the index	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e
1929	.	.	.	.	.	108	.	82	62	.
1931	.	.	.	.	.	94	.	72	61	.
1932	.	.	.	.	.	84	.	72	65	.
1933	.	.	.	.	.	89	.	71	80	.
1934	.	.	.	.	.	84	.	77	80	.
1935	.	.	.	.	100 <sup>1</sup>	89	.	81	82	.
1936	.	.	.	.	.	98	.	89	89	94
1937	.	.	.	.	.	100	100	100	100	100
1938	100 <sup>1</sup>	100 <sup>3</sup>	100 <sup>3</sup>	100 <sup>3</sup>	.	99	131	104	104	101
1939	120	120	.	.	101	162	107	106	118	101
1940	130	135	140	140	106	217	111	119	114	99
1941	151	152	166 <sup>4</sup>	159	112	361	139	173	122	123
1942	165	157	179	184	113 <sup>5</sup>	441	154	201	141	158
1943	179	159	184 <sup>7</sup>	194	113	470	170	224	170	167
1944	187	159	188	196	135	496	197	244	189	177
1945	165	194	204	159	533	222	283	207	184	184
1946 : June	164	189	202	160	522 <sup>r</sup>	217	276	199	179	.
July	165	194	203	160	525	225	280	204	183	.
Aug.	170	196	204	159	539	225	289	209	188	.
Sept.	170	201	204	159	538	232	303	212	193	.
Oct.	170	202	206	163	539	230	312	212	193	.
Nov.	176	202	216	164	562	232	314	220	198	.
Dec.	175	201	216	167	601	231	328	222	204	.
1947 : Jan.	178	204	220	165	.	344	230	209	189	.
Feb.	182	203	221	166	.	342	232	205	188	.
Mar.	185	204	221	166	.	238	206	188	186	.
April	206	220	220	166	.	207	227	184	181	.
May	205	220	220	166	.	208	220	188	186	.
June	221	221	221	166	.	221	221	208	186	.
<i>Food</i>										
1929	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	78	58	.
1931	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	66	50	.
1932	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	71	56	.
1933	.	.	.	.	.	85	.	69	72	.
1934	.	.	.	.	100 <sup>1</sup>	76	.	77	73	.
1935	.	.	.	.	85	80	.	80	76	.
1936	.	.	.	.	98	90	.	84	84	94
1937	.	.	.	.	100	100	100	100	100	100
1938	124	124	100	100	100	105	114	99	99	97
1939	142	142	102	102	102	103	121	111	115	91
1940	133	133	101	101	101	128	137	111	119	95
1941	144	144	101	101	101	136	130	120	115	91
1942	144	144	101</td							

Country	AMERICA (cont.)								
	Cuba	British Guiana	British Honduras	Mexico	Panama	Paraguay	Peru	Puerto Rico	Dominican Republic
Town or no. of localities	30	George-town	Belize	Mexico	Panama	Asuncion	Lima	6	Trujillo City
Original base (-100)	July-Dec. 1937	Mar. 1939	Sept. 1934	1939-40	1938	1913	Mar. 1941	1941	

Composition of the index	Cost of living								
	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e, e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e
1929	.	.	.	.	.	104	.	.	.
1931	.	.	.	.	.	93	.	.	.
1932	.	.	.	.	.	88	.	.	.
1933	.	.	.	.	.	86	.	.	.
1934	.	.	.	.	.	87	.	.	.
1935	.	.	.	.	.	89	.	.	.
1936	.	.	.	.	.	94	.	.	.
1937	.	100 <sup>1</sup>	.	100 <sup>1</sup>	100 <sup>1</sup>	101	.	.	.
1938	.	100 <sup>2</sup>	100 <sup>2</sup>	114	116	109	100	.	.
1939	.	117	.	128	116	100 <sup>3</sup>	100 <sup>3</sup>	100 <sup>3</sup>	100 <sup>3</sup>
1940	.	121	.	144	131	135 <sup>4</sup>	120	.	.
1941	.	140	.	142 <sup>5</sup>	140	150	.	.	.
1942	.	183	.	176	143	174	.	.	.
1943	.	230	.	193	163	174	.	.	.
1944	.	247	.	214	182	147	181	.	.
1945	.	308	.	236	200	159	202	.	.
1946	174	174	.	241	197	162	199	.	.
1946 : June	172	.	306	241	200	155	198	.	.
July	174	169	309	241	203	158	206	.	.
Aug.	175	.	315	237	204	160	215	.	.
Sept.	176	.	320	235	206	164	220	.	.
Oct.	178	197	327	237	210	180	218	.	.
Nov.	179	.	337	239	213	186	221	.	.
Dec.	182	.	346	246	213	186	221	.	.
1947 : Jan.	180	197	351	257	219	182	215	.	.
Feb.	185	.	345	275 <sup>7</sup>	221	182	218	.	.
Mar.	184	.	342	227	182	222	228	.	.
April	182	203	341	234	240	178	...	.	.
May	184	.	344	...	...	...	...	.	.
June	...	.	343	...	...	...	...	.	.

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1929	.	.	.	.	.	92	.	.	.
1931	.	.	.	.	.	85	.	.	.
1932	.	.	.	.	.	85	.	.	.
1933	.	.	73	.	.	85	.	.	.
1934	.	.	78	.	.	85	.	.	.
1935	.	.	83	.	.	91	.	.	.
1936	.	100 <sup>1</sup>	.	100	98	100	.	.	.
1937	99	100 <sup>2</sup>	115	106	92	.	.	.	.
1938	94	100 <sup>3</sup>	115	108	101	100 <sup>3</sup>	100 <sup>3</sup>	100 <sup>3</sup>	100 <sup>3</sup>
1939	92	112	100	125	115	100 <sup>3</sup>	100 <sup>3</sup>	100 <sup>3</sup>	100 <sup>3</sup>
1940	100	115	153	137	129	148 <sup>6</sup>	117	.	.
1941	100	131	153	143	149	143 <sup>7</sup>	142	.	.
1942	132	156	168	156	157	143 <sup>7</sup>	142	.	.
1943	151	160	217	159	172	163	153	175	.
1944	172	160	234	162	188	182	157	183	.
1945	194	171	203	176	223	196	179	210	.
1946	176	180	301	176	233	191	168	208	.
1946 : June	207	176	305	186	230	193	172	206	.
July	211	178	310	184	222	198	178	213	.
Aug.	213	178	315	182	220	199	180	231	.
Sept.	226	179	323	182	222	202	187	250	.
Oct.	181	202	334	188	225	207	217	233	.
Nov.	181	.	344	191	239	207	225	240	.
Dec.	181	.	343	...	...	...	...	...	.
1947 : Jan.	180	200	348	189	258	215	218	218	.
Feb.	182	.	342	194	293	220	216	228	.
Mar.	181	212	339	190	225	216	216	238	.
April	181	212	339	190	223	217	217	235	.
May	181	.	344	191	240	210	210	230	.
June	...	.	343	...	...	...	...	...	.

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Composition of the indices: a = Food; b = Fuel



Country	EUROPE (cont.)									
	Hungary	Ireland	Iceland	Italy	Luxemburg	Norway	Netherlands	Poland	Portugal	
Town or no. of localities	Budapest	120	Reykjavik	50	9	31	Amsterdam	6	Warsaw	Whole country
Original base (=100)	1913	July 1914	Jan.-Mar. 1939	June 1928	1914	1938	Oct. 1923-Sept. 1924	1938-1939	1928	June 1914

Cost of living

Composition of the index	a-d	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-c, e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a, b, e	
1929	115	104	.	110	127	100	122	.	162	112
1931	98	94	.	96	115	92	110	.	134	95
1932	96	92	.	92	100	90	102	.	121	93
1933	88	89	.	88	100	89	101	.	109	93
1934	87	90	.	83	96	89	102	.	101	94
1935	89	92	.	84	94	91	99	.	97	94
1936	94	94	.	96	95	93	96	.	94	96
1937	100	100	.	100	100	100	100	.	100	100
1938	101	102	.	100	100	100	100	.	100	100
1939	99	105	100 <sup>1</sup>	113	103	105	102	98 <sup>2</sup>	91	
1940	107	121	131	132	111 <sup>3</sup>	122	112	117	.	96
1941	127	133	163	152	.	143	127	134	.	108
1942	148	147	212	174	.	152	136	144	.	131
1943	174	166	256	.	155	142	149	.	148	
1944	...	174	268	.	173 <sup>4</sup>	157	147 <sup>5</sup>	153 <sup>7</sup>	.	153
1945	...	174	277	.	215	160	...	164 <sup>8</sup> 8 857 <sup>9</sup>	165	
1946	...	171	293	.	272	164	...	11 043	189	
1946 : June	.	.	292	.	275	164	...	182	11 043	188
July	.	293	.	272	164	...	184	11 158	190	
Aug.	100	169	296	.	275	165	...	182	10 813	192
Sept.	97	.	294	.	275	165	...	11 043	193	
Oct.	102	.	302	.	275	165	...	12 078	195	
Nov.	109	172	303	.	278	167	...	12 768	199	
Dec.	106	.	306	.	280	167	...	13 344	203	
1947 : Jan.	110	.	310	3 900 <sup>8</sup>	278	165	...	13 574	205	
Feb.	120	174	316	3 966	277	166	...	...	205	
Mar.	119	.	310	4 071 <sup>1</sup>	278	166	...	...	204	
April	124	.	310	.	...	167	...	...	203	
May	136 <sup>r</sup>	.	311	.	173 <sup>4</sup>	161	159 <sup>8</sup>	166 <sup>7</sup>	.	153
June	...	310	.	...	167	...	...	...	...	

Food

Composition of the index	a-d	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-c, e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a, b, e	
1929	132	108	.	117	141	100	127	.	180	113
1931	102	94	.	97	119	88	106	.	137	94
1932	97	90	.	91	97	85	94	.	120	92
1933	86	84	.	86	98	83	94	.	108	92
1934	82	87	.	82	93	84	97	.	97	93
1935	87	90	.	85	91	87	93	.	93	94
1936	93	94	.	91	93	91	94	.	90	96
1937	100	100	.	100	100	100	100	.	100	100
1938	102	102	.	108	104	104	102	103	97	97
1939	99	104	100 <sup>1</sup>	113	104	106	102 <sup>6</sup>	103	97 <sup>7</sup>	91
1940	112	117	141	132	111 <sup>3</sup>	127	118	122	.	95
1941	141	129	194	159	.	152	139	146	.	108
1942	163	143	274	194	.	158	150	160	.	132
1943	218	158	330	.	160	155	162	.	149	
1944	...	168	334	.	173 <sup>4</sup>	161	159 <sup>8</sup>	166 <sup>7</sup>	.	153
1945	...	169	342	.	208	163	...	170 <sup>8</sup> 11 662 <sup>9</sup>	165	
1946	...	169	361	3 655 <sup>2</sup>	254	163	...	...	.	
1946 : June	.	.	357	3 675	249	163	...	203	13 663	.
July	.	361	3 236	259	164	...	206	13 663	.	
Aug.	100	167	363	3 131	264	165	...	201	12 687	.
Sept.	94	.	364	3 378	263	163	...	12 361	.	
Oct.	106	.	375	3 539	262	161	...	13 500	.	
Nov.	119	172	377	3 901	263	164	...	14 313	.	
Dec.	113	.	383	4 280	263	164	...	14 801	.	
1947 : Jan.	120	.	387	4 636	264	162	...	...	.	
Feb.	137	174	394	4 798	264	162	...	...	.	
Mar.	134	.	380	5 099*	264	163	...	...	.	
April	142	.	371	...	163	...	...	...	.	
May	162	.	372	...	164	...	...	...	.	
June	...	362	...	...	164	...	...	...	.	

Composition of the indices : a = Food; b = Fuel and light; c = Clothing; d = Rent; e = Miscellaneous.

\* Jan.-Mar. \* New index with base 1938 = 100 for 61 cities with over 60 000 inhabitants, spliced by I.L.O. to old series. \* Jan.-Sept. \* Oct.-Dec. \* Jan.-Oct. \* Mar., June and Aug.-Dec. \* Jan.-July.

\* Sept. and Dec. \* Mar.-Dec. New index with base April 1945 = 100, spliced by I.L.O. to old series.

Country	EUROPE (concl.)								OCEANIA		
	Rumania	Sweden	Switzer-land	Czecho- slovakia	Turkey	Yugoslavia	Austra- lia	Hawaii	New Zealand		
C.S.I. <sup>1</sup>	Soc. <sup>2</sup>						N.B. <sup>4</sup>	C.L. <sup>5</sup>			
Town or no. of localities	Bucha- rest	60	34	Prague	Istanbul	Bel- grade	3 (Croat. & Slov.) <sup>6</sup>				
Original base (=100)	1933	July 1914	June 1914	July 1914	1926	July 1914	1923-1927	1923-1927	1926-1930		

Cost of living

Composition of the index	a-e	a-e	a-d	a-e	a-e	a-c, e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e
1929	.	105	118	106	142	128	154	118	.	109
1931	.	98	110	99	123	112	130	100	.	98
1932	.	97	101	97	120	104	118	95	.	91
1933	84	95	96	96	107	102	102	92	.	86
1934	81	95	95	95	106	97	94	94	.	88
1935	87	97	94	98	98	95	93	95	.	91
1936	93	98	99	98	98	95	94	97	.	94
1937	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	.	100
1938	105	103	100	105	100 <sup>11</sup>	111	106	103	.	103
1939	112	105	101	115	101	115	115	105	.	107
1940	161 <sup>12</sup>	117	110	141	112	112	149	143	110	.
1941	231	134	127	165	137	137	143	115	116	116
1942	341	145	141	179	232	232	125	125	120	123
1943	460	148	177	346	346	346	129	129	123 <sup>13</sup>	123 <sup>14</sup>
1944	691	149	152	338	338	338	102	102	123	123
1945	4 087	150	153	353	353	353	129	129	123	123
1946	25 144	150 <sup>15</sup>	152	341	341	341	131	131	123	123
1946 : June	22 031	150	152	341	331	331	106	106	123	123
July	21 007	.	155	327	327	327	.	.	.	.
Aug.	20 986	.	155	326	326	326	.	.	.	.
Sept.	25 806	150	155	338	338	338	131 <sup>17</sup>	131 <sup>17</sup>	116	123
Oct.	34 911	.	156	338	338	338	.	.	.	.
Nov.	40 613	150	150	339	338	338	.	.	.	.
Dec.	51 319	152	150	341	345	345	126	126	123	123
1947 : Jan.	102 006	.	155 <sup>15</sup>	343	346	346	.	.	.	.
Feb.	143 652	.	155	345	347	347	.	.	133 <sup>17</sup>	.
Mar.	168 114	157	155	346	353	353				

TABLE I. STATISTICS OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN GENERAL

## Unemployment and Employment

The statistics of *unemployment* and *employment* are given below.

The tables show statistics of :

I. Unemployment in general;

II. Employment in general: indices of numbers employed;

III. Industrial employment: (a) indices of numbers employed;  
(b) indices of total hours worked.

Figures for the different industries or occupations covered by these series are given in the *Year Book of Labour Statistics*, 1943-44 (tables VI, VIII and XI).

For further information on the scope and method of these statistics, see the January-February 1947 issue of the *Review*:

"Statistics, Explanatory Notes", pp. 157-167.

For other topics in labour statistics, see the present number for statistics of cost of living and food prices, which appear monthly; and the May number for statistics of wage rates and earnings, to appear next in the August issue.

### EXPLANATION OF SIGNS USED IN THE TABLES

The sign . signifies : "figures do not exist".

The sign ... signifies : "figures not yet received".

The sign \* signifies : "provisional figures".

The sign — signifies : "figures are nil or negligible".

The sign r signifies : "figure revised since the previous issue".

The sign e signifies : "economic group represented by a few branches only".

The sign — between two figures of a series signifies that the former series has been replaced by another, or revised.

Figures in *thick-faced type* : indices (100) of the base year.

Figures in *italics* : index numbers with a year other than 1937 as base.

Figures within *brackets* : series subject to certain reservations.

Date	AFRICA	AMERICA					
	Nigerias	Canada			United States		Chile
	V	VI	I	V	VI	V	
	Applicants for work registered	Unemployed (estimated)	Unemployed (insured)	Applicants for work registered	Unemployed (estimated)	Applicants for work registered	
1929	.	107 000	4.2	.	%	14 996	1 499 000 <sup>5</sup>
1931	.	442 000	17.4	.	.	69 719	7 911 000
1933	.	646 000	26.5	.	.	81 809	12 634 000
1935	.	483 000	19.0	.	.	84 050	10 208 000
1937	.	337 000	12.5	.	.	88 516	7 273 000
1938	.	407 000	15.1	.	.	105 236	9 910 000
1939	.	386 000 <sup>1</sup>	14.1 <sup>1</sup>	.	.	103 739	8 842 000
1940	.	281 700 <sup>2</sup>	10.1 <sup>2</sup>	.	.	100 417	7 300 000 <sup>3</sup>
1941	.	370 000 <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>	8.0 <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>	.	.	53 663	5 010 000
1942	.	238 000 <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>	5.3 <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>	.	.	65 667	2 380 000
1943	2 241 <sup>11</sup>	99 000 <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>	2.2 <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>	.	.	73 677	1 070 000
1944	7 259	82 000 <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>	1.8 <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>	10 454	0.5	64 929	840 000
1945	7 562	172 000 <sup>3</sup> <sup>4</sup>	3.8 <sup>3</sup> <sup>4</sup>	41 139	1.9	108 331	855 000 <sup>7</sup>
1946	7 264	142 750 <sup>4</sup>	3.0 <sup>4</sup>	96 760	4.5	190 685	2 272 500
1946: June	9 262	.	.	82 382	3.9	179 281	2 570 000
July	8 225	.	.	68 535	3.2	160 262	2 270 000
Aug.	7 615	117 000 <sup>4</sup>	2.4 <sup>4</sup>	61 822	2.9	144 619	2 060 000
Sept.	6 962	.	.	57 682	2.7	142 200	2 070 000
Oct.	7 224	.	.	57 036	2.7	134 126	1 960 000
Nov.	7 288	115 000 <sup>4</sup>	2.4 <sup>4</sup>	63 760	3.0	14 625	1 930 000
Dec.	6 868	.	.	84 374	4.0	164 262	2 120 000
Persons cov. (thousands)	.	4 795		2 132		.	58 430

Date	AMERICA (CONT.)	ASIA			
	Mexico	Netherlands Indies	Japan	Palestine	
	VI	V	VI	V <sup>12</sup>	
	Unemployed (estimated)	Applicants for work registered	Unemployed (estimated)	Unemployed	
1929	.	.	.	%	.
1931	287 462	6 912	422 755	6.1	.
1933	275 774	14 571	408 710	5.6	.
1935	191 371	17 398	356 044	4.6	.
1937	180 128	22 978 <sup>9</sup>	295 443	3.7	.
1938	209 392	18 842	237 371	3.0	.
1939	198 593	19 466	212 000*	.	9 361 <sup>14</sup>
1940	184 274	18 603	.	.	10 815
1941	180 583	15 636 <sup>10</sup>	.	.	5 495
1942	158 076	.	.	.	1 401
1943	...	...	.	.	358 <sup>15</sup>
1944	...	...	.	.	477
1945	...	...	3 336 750 <sup>11</sup>	11.8 <sup>11</sup>	382
1946	...	...	...	...	608
1946: June	...	...	...	...	5 985
July	...	...	...	510	6 054
Aug.	...	...	...	592	7 106
Sept.	...	...	...	703	7 246
Oct.	...	...	...	603	6 324
Nov.	...	...	...	730	5 570
Dec.	...	...	...	606	5 666
1947: Jan.	...	...	...	723	5 973
Feb.	...	...	...	901	7 718
Mar.	...	...	...	622	7 626
April	...	...	...	585	9 019
May	...	...	...	...	...
Persons cov. (thousands)	.	.	28 270	.	60

- I. Compulsory unemployment insurance statistics.
- II. Voluntary unemployment insurance statistics.
- III. Trade union fund returns.
- IV. Trade union returns.
- V. Employment exchange statistics.
- VI. Official estimates.
- <sup>1</sup> Since Sept. 1939, including previously unemployed wage earners who enlisted. <sup>2</sup> Jan.-Oct. <sup>3</sup> Nov.
- <sup>4</sup> Based on sample survey. <sup>5</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Division estimates. <sup>6</sup> Bureau of the Census estimates. <sup>7</sup> Jan.-June. <sup>8</sup> Lagos. <sup>9</sup> Since 1936, including applications for work registered with local correspondents. <sup>10</sup> Jan.-Nov. <sup>11</sup> Dec. <sup>12</sup> Jewish labour only: reported prior to 1943 by unions; subsequently by joint Jewish labour exchanges. <sup>13</sup> Number of persons registered as unemployed for 20 days or more during the month. <sup>14</sup> Aug.-Dec. <sup>15</sup> April-Dec. <sup>16</sup> June.



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Date	EUROPE (cont.)						
	Rumania		Sweden		Switzerland		
	V	IV	V <sup>a</sup>	I/II <sup>b</sup>	V	Unemployed (insured)	Applications for work
	Unemployed (registered)	Unemployed (trade unionists)	Applications for relief	Wholly	Partially	%	%
1929	7 449	32 621	10.2	10 212	1.8	1.7	8 131
1931	35 737	64 815	16.7	46 540	5.9	12.1	24 208
1933	29 060	97 316	23.4	164 773	10.8	8.5	67 867
1935	13 778	81 385	15.1	61 581	11.8	5.9	82 468
1937	10 851	67 351	10.8	18 213	10.0	2.5	71 130
1938	7 271	69 940 <sup>c</sup>	10.9	16 189	8.6	4.5	65 583
1939	5 989	65 722 <sup>c</sup>	9.2 <sup>c</sup>	17 556	6.5	2.9	40 324
1940	3 192	84 617 <sup>c</sup>	11.8	13 367	3.1	2.1	16 374
1941	861	85 018	11.3	22 219	2.0	1.7	10 550
1942	6 067 <sup>d</sup>	56 938	7.5	12 306	1.9	2.0	10 675
1943	6 071	43 950	5.7	7 081	1.4	1.5	7 846
1944	4 282	39 123 <sup>d</sup>	4.9	11 255	1.6	1.7	8 380
1945	5 525	36 272	4.5	8 761	1.6	1.0	8 107
1946	6 642	27 554*	3.2*	4 833	1.0	0.3	5 479
1946: June	8 977	17 733 <sup>c</sup>	2.1	3 487	0.3	0.3	2 083
July	7 343	18 404 <sup>c</sup>	2.2	2 704	0.2	0.2	1 564
Aug.	7 086	17 540 <sup>c</sup>	2.1	2 308	0.2	0.1	1 725
Sept.	6 344	17 120 <sup>c</sup>	2.0	2 430	0.2	0.1	1 726
Oct.	7 671	18 403 <sup>c</sup>	2.2	2 782	0.1	0.1	2 034
Nov.	6 203	23 556 <sup>c</sup>	2.8	3 557	0.3	0.2	2 605
Dec.	5 883	42 034 <sup>c</sup>	4.9*	4 084	2.5	0.6	11 126
1947: Jan.	...	36 617 <sup>c</sup>	4.2	5 035	3.4	0.8	15 411
Feb.	...	41 714	4.9	5 279	3.1	0.6	13 847
Mar.	...	36 134	4.2	4 829	0.8	0.4	2 861
April	...	...	...	3 464	...	...	1 373
May	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 114
Persons cov. (thousands)	.	865 <sup>c</sup>		173 <sup>c</sup>	542		.

Date	EUROPE (concl.)		OCEANIA				
	Czechoslovakia	Yugoslavia	Australia		New Zealand		
	V	V	IV	V	V	Unemployed (registered)	
	Applicants for work	Unemployed (registered)	Unemployed (trade unionists)	Unemployed	Unemployed	(registered)	
1929	41 630	8 370	47 359	11.1	2 895 <sup>13</sup>	.	.
1931	291 332	9 930	117 866	27.4	41 431 <sup>12</sup>	.	.
1933	738 267	15 997	104 035	25.1	46 944	.	.
1935	636 269	16 752	71 823	16.5	38 234	.	.
1937	408 949	21 650	41 823	9.3	.	.	.
1938	335 518*	22 517	40 138	8.7	4 757 <sup>13</sup>	.	.
1939	41 317 <sup>c</sup>	24 223	45 967	9.7	6 422 <sup>14</sup>	.	.
1940	17 629	26 724	39 116	8.0	4 352	.	.
1941	13 622	14 622 <sup>15</sup>	20 013	3.7	2 023	.	.
1942	10 367 <sup>c</sup>	4 758 <sup>11</sup>	9 754	1.6	810	.	.
1943	.	...	7 545	1.1	405	.	.
1944	.	...	8 073	1.2	327	.	.
1945	18 722 <sup>c</sup>	...	7 864	1.2	278	479 <sup>14</sup>	.
1946	24 113	...	9 125	1.4	170*	386	.
1946: June	23 124	...	...	...	183	593	.
July	22 782	...	9 212	1.4	197	414	.
Aug.	24 895	...	...	...	154	268	.
Sept.	26 233	...	...	...	100	214	.
Oct.	24 648	...	9 468	1.4	71	155	.
Nov.	23 049	...	...	...	91	120	.
Dec.	20 082	...	...	...	72	99	.
1947: Jan.	26 366	...	9 380	1.4	43	108	.
Feb.	25 143	...	...	...	35	74	.
Mar.	25 436	...	...	...	32	70	.
April	...	...	...	...	...	...	.
May	...	...	...	...	...	...	.
Persons cov. (thousands)	.	.	672		1 100	.	.

I. Compulsory unemployment insurance statistics.

II. Voluntary unemployment insurance statistics.

III. Trade union fund returns.

IV. Trade union returns.

V. Employment exchange statistics.

VI. Official estimates.

<sup>1</sup> Since 1942, applications for work. <sup>2</sup> Since Jan. 1939, including agricultural workers. <sup>3</sup> Local unemployment committees. <sup>4</sup> Number of relief funds (Dec. 1946, units). <sup>5</sup> Compulsory insurance in certain cantons voluntary in others. <sup>6</sup> Jan.-Aug. <sup>7</sup> Data for the years 1939 to 1942 refer to Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia excluding Borderland. <sup>8</sup> Jan.-Oct. <sup>9</sup> Nov. and Dec. <sup>10</sup> Since 1941, Croatia. <sup>11</sup> Jan.-June. <sup>12</sup> Up to 1932, excluding persons numbers of unemployed (males) remaining on registers of Government labour bureaux. <sup>13</sup> Excluding persons totally unfit for employment for health or other reasons (approx. 8 000 at the end of 1937). <sup>14</sup> Since April 1939, number of unemployment benefits in force. <sup>15</sup> Dec.

TABLE II. STATISTICS OF EMPLOYMENT IN GENERAL<sup>1</sup>  
Indices of numbers employed (1937 = 100)

Date	AFRICA		AMERICA		EUROPE	
	Union of South Africa		United States		Argentina (Buenos Aires)	
	Euro-peans	Total	B.L.S. <sup>4</sup>	B.C. <sup>4</sup>	Colombia (Central Zone)	Peru
	III (A/B)	W.S.	IV	IV	III (B)	III (B)
1929	68.4	69.3	104.3	.	101.7	.
1935	84.3	84.5	87.1	.	86.9	.
1936	92.7	94.1	90.9	.	94.4	.
1937	100.0	100.0	100.0	.	100.0	.
1938	103.7	98.0	93.7	.	102.7	100.0 <sup>c</sup>
1939	105.5	105.8	99.8	.	104.8	94.2
1940	106.4	111.3	108.9	.	102.5	108.0
1941	110.1	117.6	133.5	98.1 <sup>c</sup>	104.8	86.5
1942	111.9	120.3	152.2	98.8 <sup>c</sup>	111.9	95.6
1943	112.6	116.0	161.3	100.0 <sup>c</sup>	113.4	88.0
1944	113.5	117.1	160.4	102.7 <sup>c</sup>	112.3	123.9
1945	116.1	121.2	153.5	100.0 <sup>c</sup>	109.2	123.0
1946	121.8	124.5	151.8	107.5	115.0	...
1946: June	121.9	125.7	152.1	.	117.3	.
July	122.3	125.5	151.4	.	120.4	.
Aug.	122.8	125.4	153.8	112.3	120.1	.
Sept.	123.3	125.4	156.1	.	118.7	.
Oct.	123.4	125.2	160.1	.	118.7	.
Nov.	123.7	124.7	162.8	109.4	138.6	.
Dec.	123.4	124.1	158.6	.	140.2	117.2
1947: Jan.	123.6	123.1	158.4	.	136.5	.
Feb.	122.7	125.5	158.1	105.5	136.6 <sup>c</sup>	.
Mar.	124.1	127.3	158.4*	.	137.3*	.
April	...	...	...	.	116.7	.
May	...	...	...	.	136.4	.
Persons cov. (thousands)	13 360	53	16 736	1 827	5 725	12 023
					1 748	623*
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I. Compulsory social insurance statistics (sickness, accidents, etc.). II. Compulsory unemployment insurance statistics. III. Statistics of establishments : III (A). All establishments of a given importance; III (B). Representative sample of establishments ; III (A/B). Type B series (for the recent period) linked to a type A series. IV. Estimates. A. Agriculture. M. Mines. I. Industries. T. Transport. C. Communications. W. Wage earners. S. Salaried employees.

<sup>1</sup> For notes on the compilation of this table, see *International Labour Review*, Vol. LV, Nos. 3-4, p. 329.<sup>2</sup> June. <sup>3</sup> Nov. <sup>4</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics. <sup>5</sup> Bureau of the Census. <sup>6</sup> Mar.-Dec. <sup>7</sup> May. <sup>8</sup> Prior to 1943, private manufacturing, including chemical extracting industry; from 1943, including also building, transport, and Government undertakings. <sup>9</sup> Jan.-July. <sup>10</sup> Old territory. <sup>11</sup> Since Nov. 1935, including the Saar territory.<sup>12</sup> Jan.-July. <sup>13</sup> For the period 1940-1944, including Austria and Sudetenland. Figures, which are for May of each year, have been spliced. <sup>14</sup> April. Estimates of employed persons based on labour registration ; present territory. <sup>15</sup> Dec. : since 1940, new series based on April 1939 and spliced to old series. Annual figures, commencing 1942, averages of quarterly figures, except 1944 : Mar. and Dec.; and 1945 : Mar., June and Sept. <sup>16</sup> And Northern Ireland ; annual figures June of each year, except 1946, which is an average.<sup>17</sup> Since Jan. 1946, new series based on July 1939 and spliced to old series. <sup>18</sup> Since Jan., including Northern territories and Subcarpathia ; since May, Transylvania. <sup>19</sup> Since Mar., including the Southern territories. <sup>20</sup> Jan.-Nov. <sup>21</sup> Jan.-April. <sup>22</sup> July-Dec. <sup>23</sup> Not compiled owing to dislocation of industry due to final and final war-time crisis.



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(b) Indices of total hours worked (1937 = 100)

Date	AMERICA			ASIA		EUROPE		
	United States <sup>1</sup>	Argen-tina	Colombia (Bogotá)	Japan <sup>1</sup>	Palestine	Germany <sup>8</sup>	Denmark	Finland
	III (A/B) <sup>1</sup>	III (B) <sup>3</sup>	III (B)	III (A/B) <sup>2</sup>	III (B) <sup>7</sup>	III (B) <sup>8</sup>	III (B) <sup>2</sup>	III (B) <sup>2</sup>
	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.
1929	111.6	.	.	100.0	.	90.3	84.3	
1937	100.0	.	.	100.0	.	100.0 <sup>9</sup>	100.0	100.0
1938	78.5	.	100.0 <sup>4</sup>	110.4 <sup>5</sup>	.	107.2	99.4	104.9
1939	92.3	.	91.5	120.3 <sup>6</sup>	100	112.0 <sup>10</sup>	107.7	93.7
1940	100.4	.	78.5	111	.	93.8	78.3	
1941	131.5	.	...	133.0	142	94.2	110.0	
1942	161.8	.	...	148.3	133	101.5	107.6	
1943	195.4	100.0	...	169.2	220	106.5	109.4	
1944	190.9	103.4	...	198.8	211	107.7	103.3	
1945	161.3	99.1	...	187.6 <sup>16</sup>	210	94.3	121.2	
1946	140.5	99.8	...	...	...	117.6*	126.0	
1946 : June	138.9	99.4	...	183	.	122.7	.	
July	139.6	112.5	...	181	.	121.3	121.9	
Aug.	146.4	105.6	...	190	.	122.8	.	
Sept.	147.5	105.9	...	199	.	126.4	.	
Oct.	148.3	90.7	...	201	.	128.8	128.8	
Nov.	149.6	101.1	...	191	.	130.5	.	
Dec.	153.1	105.7	...	...	.	131.3	.	
1947 : Jan.	151.9	98.9	...	...	.	122.7	135.7	
Feb.	152.1 <sup>r</sup>	90.8	...	...	.	123.0	.	
Mar.	152.4	...	...	...	.	118.3	.	
April	149.7 <sup>r</sup>	...	...	...	.	122.7	...	
May	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	
Persons cov. (thousands)	12 250/ 7 999	.	3*	2 995/ 1 510*	.	3 500*	90*	84

Date	EUROPE ( <i>concl.</i> )						
	France	Hungary	Ireland <sup>14</sup>	Italy	Norway	Poland	Sweden
	II (A) <sup>11</sup>	I-III (A) <sup>1</sup>	III (A)	III (A/B)	III (A/B) <sup>2</sup> *	III (A)	III (A) <sup>2</sup> *
	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.
1929	100.0	100.4	100.0	109.1	83.8	111.4	84.7
1937	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 <sup>6</sup>	100.0	100.0
1938	100.2 <sup>r</sup>	105.8	99.3	104.1	98.2	108.9	99.7
1939	104.8 <sup>12r</sup>	114.4	101.1	106.5 <sup>16</sup>	101.0	108.8 <sup>15</sup>	104.3
1940	94.9 <sup>18r</sup>	122.3	99.8	93.0	.	.	99.4
1941	87.9 <sup>r</sup>	...	93.6	99.3	.	.	96.8
1942	101.6 <sup>r</sup>	...	88.3	97.7	.	.	102.8
1943	103.8 <sup>r</sup>	...	90.5	96.8	.	.	105.9
1944	99.4 <sup>r</sup>	...	94.0	91.8	.	.	107.5
1945	98.8 <sup>r</sup>	...	...	79.3	.	.	102.9
1946	108.7 <sup>r</sup>	...	...	...	.	.	...
1946 : June	.	.	.	90.4	.	.	.
July	110.8 <sup>r</sup>	...	...	...	.	.	.
Aug.	.	...	...	...	.	.	.
Sept.	.	...	...	...	.	.	.
Oct.	113.9 <sup>r</sup>	...	...	...	.	.	.
Nov.	.	...	...	...	.	.	.
Dec.	.	...	...	...	.	.	.
1947 : Jan.	115.3 <sup>r</sup>	...	...	...	.	.	.
Feb.	.	...	...	...	.	.	.
Mar.	.	...	...	...	.	.	.
April	...	...	...	...	.	.	.
May	.	...	...	...	.	.	.
Persons cov. (thousands)	2 280	802/275*	125	3 037/1 522	176/102	688	598

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<sup>1</sup> Calculated by the I.L.O. by multiplying the index of numbers employed by the index of hours worked per worker. <sup>2</sup> Excluding building. <sup>3</sup> Including mining. <sup>4</sup> May. <sup>5</sup> Statistics of type B, linked up with statistics of type A of the preceding period. <sup>6</sup> Jan.-Aug. <sup>7</sup> Total number of days worked. <sup>8</sup> Old territory. <sup>9</sup> Since 1937, including the Saar Territory. <sup>10</sup> Jan.-July. <sup>11</sup> Including part of transport, but excluding a large part of building. <sup>12</sup> Jan.-May. <sup>13</sup> Dec.; since 1940, new series based on April 1939 = 100, and spliced to old series. Annual figures, commencing 1942, averages of quarterly figures, except 1944 : Mar. and Dec. ; and 1945 : Mar., June and Sept. <sup>14</sup> Week in October of each year. <sup>15</sup> Jan.-June. <sup>16</sup> Jan.-Mar.