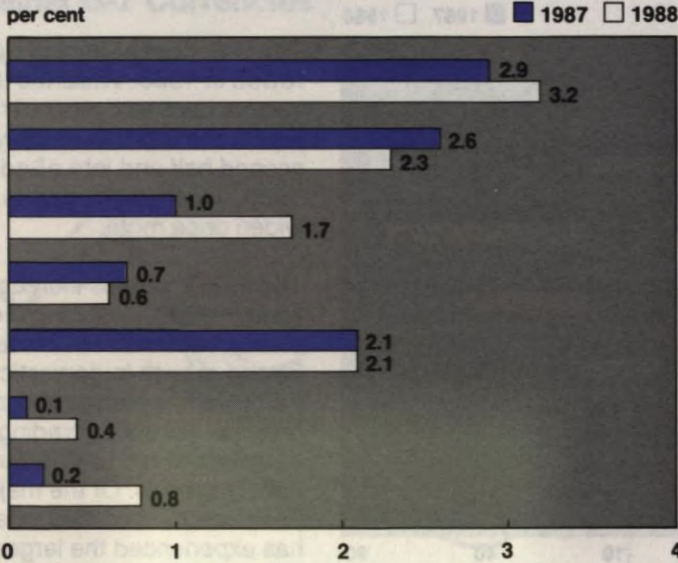


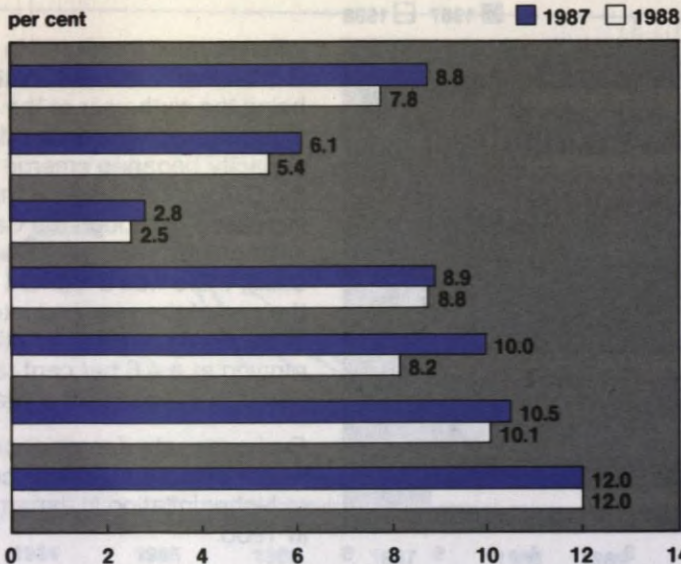
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**Chart 5
Growth of Employment in 1987 and 1988**



Canada led the G-7 in employment growth in both 1987 and 1988. As in 1987, employment growth in 1988 was strongest in North America and the United Kingdom, with only small gains in continental Europe. However, employment growth did increase in France and Italy. Japan also realized a faster pace of job creation in 1988.

**Chart 6
Unemployment Rates**



In the wake of solid economic growth in 1988, all the G-7 countries except Italy had declines in their unemployment rates in 1988. The largest declines were registered by the United Kingdom and Canada.