

the growth in Ontario slightly above. Immigration to Canada has contributed more population to Ontario than to any other region. Changes during the two halves of 1969 are shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1
PER CENT CHANGES IN THE LABOUR FORCE
OVER THE TWO HALVES OF 1969

	Canada	Atlantic Region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Region	British Columbia
December 1968—June 1969..	+2.8	+3.6	+3.2	+1.9	+1.0	+3.6
June 1969—December 1969..	-0.8	-2.4	-1.6	+1.0	-0.7	-0.5

It will be seen that the labour force in Canada as a whole actually declined in the second half of 1969 (using seasonally adjusted data). This was also true of every region except Ontario. Even in this province, however, the rate of growth, though it remained positive in the second half, was distinctly lower than in the first half.

Employment, too, has shown strong rates of growth over the past five years. In 1969 employment growth was strong in the first half, but, as in the case of the labour force, it fell off in the second half. On the average, employment was higher in 1969 than in 1968 by a quarter of a million persons.

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