

index of employment in the building industry rose 31% from an average of 248.6 in 1946 to 325.1 in 1947.

Data on unfilled vacancies and unplaced applicants, based on reports from local offices of the Unemployment Insurance Commission, suggest a smoother transfer of skilled construction workers from job to job in 1947. The number of unfilled vacancies for skilled construction tradesmen declined 19% from a monthly average of some 4,600 in 1946 to 3,710 in 1947. The same trend was in evidence with regard to skilled construction tradesmen listed at the end of each month as unplaced applicants. The immigration of building tradesmen has increased rapidly since the end of the war.