



Student worksheet 2: The trend of employment

Use the graph on page 756 of the *Canada Year Book 1937*.

Topic of this line graph in your own words:

This graph uses an index of 100 as a starting point to show employment trends for Canadians in the period from 1926 to 1936. The graph does not show real numbers of people with jobs, just trends. You can see from looking at the line that there were a lot of people with jobs in some years, and a lot of people without jobs in other years.

Your task: fill in this sheet and share your findings with the class.

1. In 1926, the Great Depression had not yet begun. The trend of employment ranged between about 91 and 107. What happened to the trend in 1927?

2. What happened to the trend in 1928?

3. What happened to the trend in 1929?

4. Which was the best year for employment in this period?

5. Which was the worst year for employment in this period?

6. What happened to the trend after 1933?

7. Write one factual sentence about the trend of employment before 1930.

8. Write one factual sentence about the trend of employment between 1930 and 1933.

9. Write one guess about how everyday Canadians might have been affected by the trend between 1930 and 1933. You will have to use your imagination here, but the statistics can help. Here is an example: My guess is that many everyday Canadians would have lost jobs and felt discouraged or fearful.
