

THE LABOUR FORCE

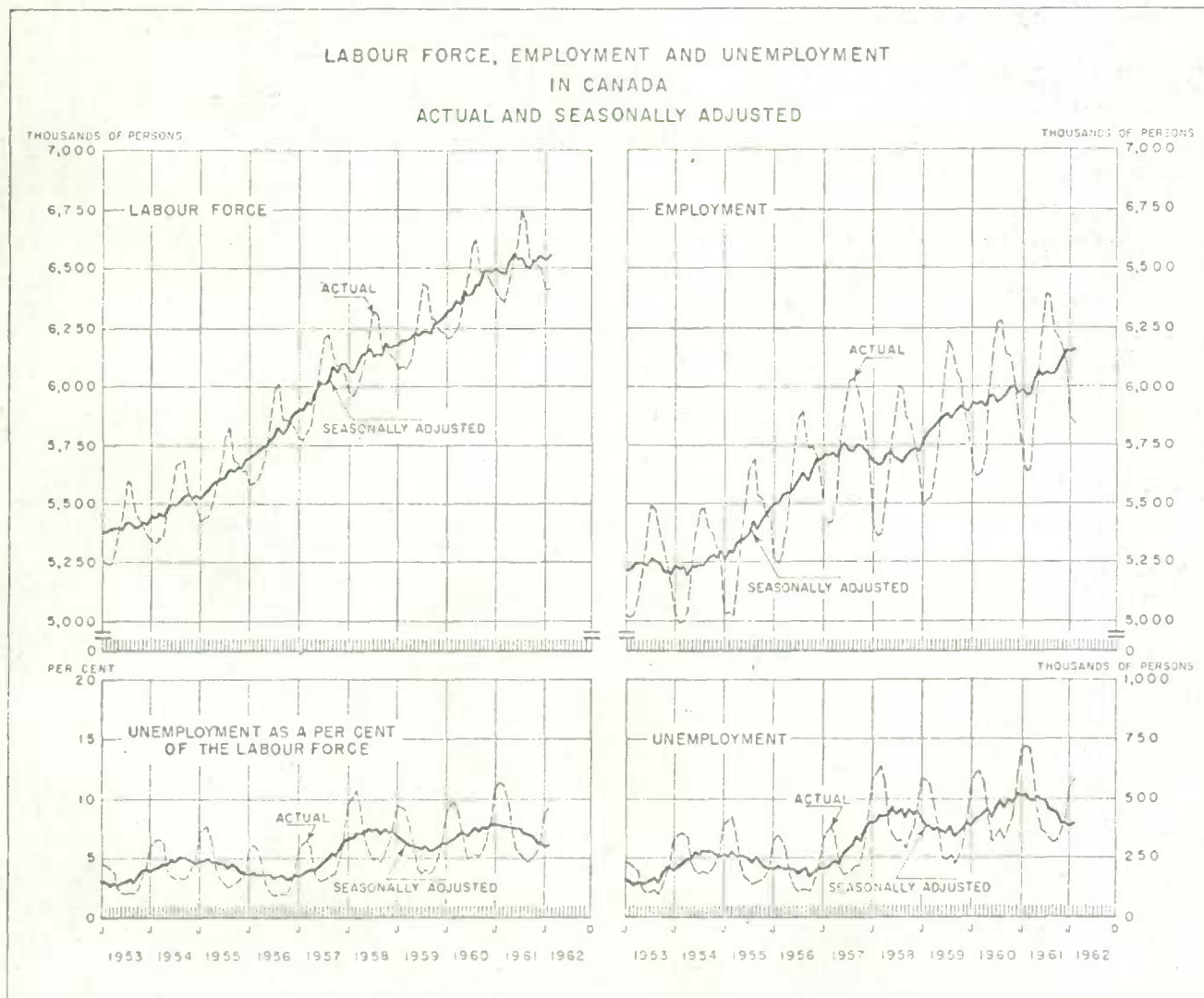
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The Canadian labour force was estimated at 6,423,000 in the week ended February 17, 1962. Of this total, 5,240,000 were employed for all or part of the week and 583,000 were unemployed for the whole week. The labour force was 14,000 less than in January; the unemployed increased by 38,000 and the employed decreased by 24,000. Compared with February 1961, the labour force was 60,000 higher in February this year, the employed having increased by 196,000 and the unemployed having decreased by 136,000.

virtually all of the employment decrease from January and of the employment increase from February 1961. Employment of men decreased by 10,000 between January and February, and of women, by 14,000. Over the year from February 1961, the number of employed men rose by 164,000 and employed women increased by 32,000.

The unemployment rate, expressed as a percentage of the labour force, in February was 9.1 compared with 8.5 in January this year and 11.3 in February 1961.

Nonagricultural industries accounted for





The Unemployed: Family Data<sup>(1)</sup>

January 1961 - January 1962

Further labour force data relating to families in which someone was unemployed during the weeks ended January 13, 1962, October 14, 1961, and July 22, 1961, have been tabulated and are included in the following tables along with previously published data for the weeks ended April 22 and January 14, 1961. Some comments on the January 1962 figures and on seasonal variations follow.

Out of a total of 545,000 unemployed in January 1962, 278,000 (51%) were heads of family units, 219,000 (40%) were sons, daughters of other relatives of the family head, and 48,000 (9%) were not members of family units.

The 497,000 unemployed members of families lived in 439,000 units. In about half of these units, at least one person was employed. It is evident from Table 3 that the larger the size

of the family unit, the greater is the probability of some member having a job.

The most notable seasonal variations occur in the proportion of unemployed who were heads of families (51% in January 1962 compared with 39% in July 1961), in the proportion of unemployed who were single sons and daughters of the head (30% in January 1962 compared with 41% in July 1961), and in the percentage of units with someone employed (49% in January 1962 compared with 63% in July 1961).

Further detail for January 1962 is presented in the following tables, along with comparable estimates for the four quarterly reference periods in 1961. Table 1 refers to unemployed persons. Tables 2 and 3 relate to family units in which one or more members were unemployed.

Unemployed Persons

Table 1 Classified as heads, other members, or non-members of family units, Canada	Unemployed persons					
	Total unemployed	Members of family units <sup>(1)</sup>				Non-members of family units <sup>(1)</sup>
		Total	Heads of units	Single sons or daughters	Other relatives	
<u>Number (in thousands)</u>						
January 13, 1962	545	497	278	164	55	48
October 14, 1961	318	294	140	111	43	24
July 22, 1961	354	323	138	146	39	31
April 22, 1961	622	568	302	197	69	54
January 14, 1961	693	630	341	216	73	63
<u>Percent Distribution</u>						
January 13, 1962	100	91	51	30	10	9
October 14, 1961	100	92	44	35	13	8
July 22, 1961	100	91	39	41	11	9
April 22, 1961	100	91	48	32	11	9
January 14, 1961	100	91	49	31	11	9

Family Units<sup>(1)</sup>

Table 2 By number of employed persons in unit, Canada	Family units with one or more persons unemployed					
	Total units	No person in unit employed	One or more persons in unit employed			
			Total	1 employed	2 employed	3 or more employed
<u>Number (in thousands)</u>						
January 13, 1962	439	223	216	139	52	25
October 14, 1961	267	106	161	99	40	22
July 22, 1961	285	105	180	101	51	28
April 22, 1961	485	234	251	156	63	32
January 14, 1961	539	264	275	171	73	31
<u>Percent Distribution</u>						
January 13, 1962	100	51	49	31	12	6
October 14, 1961	100	40	60	37	15	8
July 22, 1961	100	37	63	35	18	10
April 22, 1961	100	48	52	32	13	7
January 14, 1961	100	49	51	32	13	6

(1) The family unit used in these tables is defined as "a group of two or more persons who are living together in the same dwelling and who are related by blood, marriage or adoption". A person living alone or who is related to no one else in the dwelling where he lives is classified under "Non-members of family units".

The head of a family unit is defined generally as the person who is mainly responsible for the maintenance of the unit. However, in families consisting of husband and wife (with or without unmarried children), the husband is always designated as the head. In families composed of parent and unmarried child (or children), the parent invariably is recorded as the head of the unit.



## Technical Notes

### Scope of Labour Force Survey

The statistics contained in this report are based on information obtained through a sample survey of households. Interviews are carried out in about 35,000 households chosen by area sampling methods across the country. The Labour Force Survey, started in November 1945, was taken at quarterly intervals until November 1952. Since then it has been carried out monthly. Estimates of employment, unemployment and non-labour force activity refer to the specific week covered by the survey each month.

The sample used in the surveys of the labour force has been designed to cover all per-

sons in the civilian noninstitutional population who are 14 years of age or over and who reside in Canada, with the exception of: members of the armed forces, inmates of institutions, residents of the Yukon and Northwest Territories and Indians on reservations. These excluded categories amount to about three per cent of the total population 14 years of age and over.

Estimates derived from a sample survey are subject to sampling and other kinds of error. Aspects of this subject in relation to the Labour Force Survey are reviewed under "Reliability of Estimates" on page 8.

### Labour Force Statistics

Contents of the Tables - The results of the survey are presented in the tables on pages 4 to 7 of this report

Canada, Labour Force (pages 4 and 5). Tables 1 to 3 refer to the labour force, employment and unemployment and contain labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Canada, Employed (page 6). Tables 4 to 6 contain further detail on employment.

Canada, Unemployed (page 7). Table 7 contains further detail on unemployment.

Regions, Labour Force (page 7). Table 8 contains labour force data for the regions.

Supplementary Data - From time to time, additional data on particular aspects of the labour force or its components will be obtained. Such material, as it becomes available, will be released through occasional supplements inserted in or attached to regular issues of this report.

Other Data Available - In addition to the published statistics, there is a considerable amount of data which can be obtained on request. Following is a list of material available.

For Canada only:

1. Age and sex distributions.
2. Marital status and sex distributions.
3. Employed -
  - (a) Reasons for working less than full-time.
  - (b) Hours worked by sex for total employed, agriculture and non-agriculture, and for paid workers, non-agriculture.
  - (c) Industry and occupation groups, by sex for total employed and for paid workers.
4. Persons not in the labour force by category.

For regions:

1. Labour force -
  - (a) By age.
  - (b) Agriculture and non-agriculture by sex.
2. Employed by age.

### Definitions and Explanations

Labour Force - The civilian labour force is composed of that portion of the civilian non-institutional population 14 years of age and over who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed.

Employed - The employed includes all persons who, during the survey week:

- (a) did any work for pay or profit;
- (b) did any work which contributed to the running of a farm or business operated by a related member of the household; or
- (c) had a job, but were not at work, because of bad weather, illness, industrial dispute, or vacation, or because they were taking time off for other reasons.

Persons who had jobs but did not work during the survey week and who also looked for work are included in the unemployed as persons without work and seeking work.

Unemployed - The unemployed includes all persons who, through the survey week:

- (a) were without work and seeking work, i.e., did no work during the survey week and were looking for work; or would have been looking for work except that they were temporarily ill, were on indefinite or prolonged layoff, or believed no suitable work was available in the community; or
- (b) were temporarily laid off for the full week, i.e., were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off for less than 30 days.

Not in the Labour Force - Those not in the labour force include all civilians 14 years of age and over (exclusive of institutional population) who are not classified as employed or unemployed. This category includes those: going to school; keeping house; too old or otherwise unable to work; and voluntarily idle or retired. Housewives, students and others who worked part-time are classified as employed. If they looked for work they are classified as unemployed.



## Canada, Labour Force

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(Estimates in thousands)

Table 1 Summary	1962		1961		1960	
	Feb. 17	Jan. 13	Feb. 18	Jan. 14	Feb. 20	Jan. 16
<u>Total</u>						
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	12,140	12,123	11,929	11,914	11,699	11,678
Labour force	6,423	6,409	6,363	6,396	6,218	6,203
Employed	5,840	5,864	5,644	5,703	5,619	5,656
Agriculture	574	575	570	585	568	593
Non-agriculture	5,266	5,289	5,074	5,118	5,051	5,063
Unemployed	583	545	719	693	599	547
Not in labour force	5,717	5,714	5,566	5,518	5,481	5,475
Participation rate (2)	52.9	52.9	53.3	53.7	53.1	53.1
Unemployment rate (3)	9.1	8.5	11.3	10.8	9.6	8.8
<u>Men</u>						
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	6,039	6,032	5,942	5,935	5,831	5,821
Labour force	4,714	4,688	4,679	4,700	4,632	4,628
Employed	4,202	4,212	4,038	4,094	4,098	4,148
Agriculture	542	537	547	553	546	562
Non-agriculture	3,660	3,675	3,491	3,541	3,552	3,586
Unemployed	512	476	641	606	534	480
Not in labour force	1,325	1,344	1,263	1,235	1,199	1,193
Participation rate (2)	78.1	77.7	78.7	79.2	79.4	79.5
Unemployment rate (3)	10.9	10.2	13.7	12.9	11.5	10.4
<u>Women</u>						
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	6,101	6,091	5,987	5,979	5,868	5,857
Labour force	1,709	1,721	1,684	1,696	1,586	1,575
Employed	1,638	1,652	1,606	1,609	1,521	1,503
Agriculture	32	38	23	32	22	31
Non-agriculture	1,606	1,614	1,583	1,577	1,499	1,477
Unemployed	71	69	78	87	65	67
Not in labour force	4,392	4,370	4,303	4,283	4,282	4,282
Participation rate (2)	28.0	28.3	28.1	28.4	27.0	26.9
Unemployment rate (3)	4.2	4.0	4.6	5.1	4.1	4.3

- (1) Excludes inmates of institutions, members of the armed services, Indians living on reserves and residents of the Yukon and Northwest Territories.  
(2) The labour force as a percentage of the population 14 years of age and over.  
(3) The unemployed as a percentage of the labour force.

Note: With the exception of Table 2, all statistics refer to a specific week, the last day of which is indicated.





Table 2 Annual averages, 1946-1961	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	12,010	11,789	11,562	11,357	11,108	10,805	10,597	10,391
Labour force	6,518	6,403	6,228	6,127	6,003	5,782	5,610	5,493
Employed	6,049	5,955	5,856	5,695	5,725	5,585	5,364	5,243
Agriculture	674	675	692	712	744	776	819	878
Non-agriculture	5,375	5,280	5,163	4,983	4,981	4,809	4,546	4,365
Unemployed	469	448	373	432	278	197	245	250
Not in labour force	5,492	5,386	5,334	5,230	5,105	5,023	4,987	4,898
Participation rate (2)	54.3	54.3	53.9	53.9	54.0	53.5	52.9	52.9
Unemployment rate (3)	7.2	7.0	6.0	7.1	4.6	3.4	4.4	4.6
	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	10,164	9,956	9,732	9,615	9,268	9,141	9,007	8,779
Labour force	5,397	5,324	5,223	5,165	5,055	4,988	4,942	4,829
Employed	5,235	5,169	5,097	4,976	4,913	4,875	4,832	4,666
Agriculture	858	891	939	1,018	1,077	1,096	1,122	1,186
Non-agriculture	4,377	4,278	4,158	3,958	3,837	3,779	3,711	3,480
Unemployed	162	155	126	186	141	114	110	163
Not in labour force	4,767	4,632	4,509	4,453	4,213	4,153	4,065	3,950
Participation rate (2)	53.1	53.5	53.7	53.7	54.5	54.6	54.9	55.0
Unemployment rate (3)	3.0	2.9	2.4	3.6	2.3	2.3	2.2	3.4

Table 3 Age, sex, and marital status Week ended February 17, 1962	Total	14-19 years all persons	20-64 years				65 years and over all persons
			Men		Women		
			Married	Other	Married	Other	
Population 14 years of age and over (1)	12,140	1,788	3,561	945	3,636	901	1,309
Labour force	6,423	564	3,410	808	795	634	212
Employed	5,840	477	3,114	671	771	612	195
Unemployed	583	87	296	137	24	22	17
Not in labour force	5,717	1,224	151	137	2,841	267	1,097
Participation rate (2) - 1962, Feb. 17	52.9	31.5	95.8	85.5	21.9	70.4	16.2
Jan. 13	52.9	31.7	95.5	84.9	22.4	69.7	15.8
Unemployment rate (3) - 1962, Feb. 17	9.1	15.4	8.7	17.0	3.0	3.5	8.0
Jan. 13	8.5	14.7	8.2	15.5	3.1	3.4	6.8

(1)(2)(3) See footnotes on opposite page.

Note: Newfoundland included in estimates only from 1950.



(Estimates in thousands)

Table 4 Summary	1962		1961		1960	
	Feb. 17	Jan. 13	Feb. 18	Jan. 14	Feb. 20	Jan. 16
Total employed	5,840	5,864	5,644	5,703	5,619	5,656
Agriculture	574	575	570	585	568	593
Non-agriculture	5,266	5,289	5,074	5,118	5,051	5,063
Employed, non-agriculture	5,266	5,289	5,074	5,118	5,051	5,063
Usually work 35 hours or more	4,845	4,863	4,673	4,704	..	..
At work 35 hours or more	4,545	4,577	4,376	4,379	4,409	4,445
At work less than 35 hours, or not at work	300	286	297	325	..	..
Due to economic reasons (1)	62	70	85	93	..	..
Due to other reasons (2)	238	216	212	232	..	..
Usually work less than 35 hours	421	426	401	414	..	..

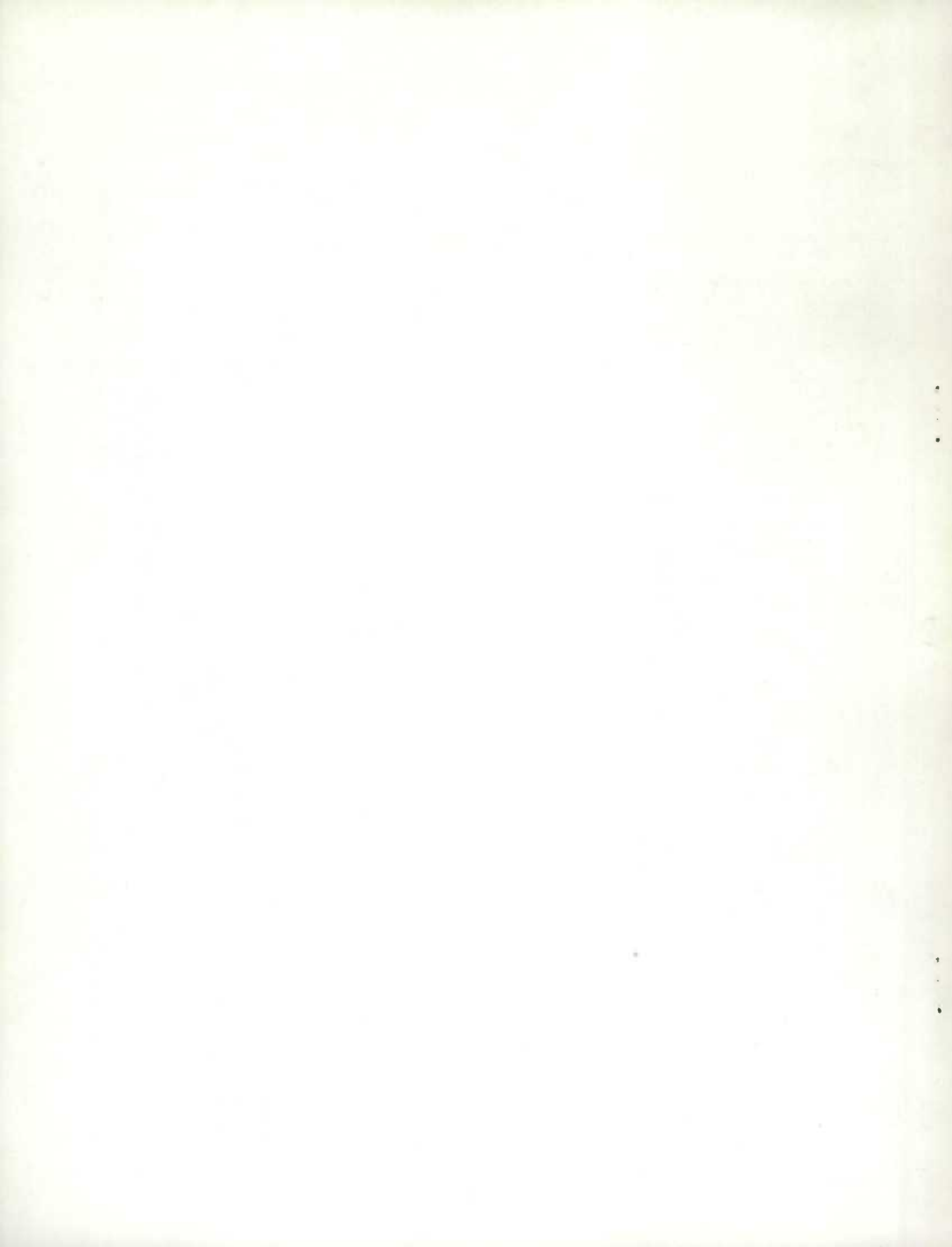
Table 5 Industry	1962		1961		1960	
	Feb. 17	Jan. 13	Feb. 18	Jan. 14	Feb. 20	Jan. 16
Total employed	5,840	5,864	5,644	5,703	5,619	5,656
Agriculture	574	575	570	585	568	593
Other primary industries	165	178	162	179	205	213
Manufacturing	1,484	1,475	1,443	1,429	1,413	1,431
Construction	317	331	307	317	331	340
Transportation and other utilities	495	501	486	497	501	503
Trade	961	980	932	978	933	952
Finance, insurance and real estate	237	244	240	234	227	221
Service	1,607	1,580	1,504	1,484	1,441	1,403

Table 6 Class of worker, agriculture and non-agriculture, and sex Week ended February 17, 1962	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers	Employers	Unpaid family workers
Total employed	5,840	4,770	584	324	162
Agriculture	574	78	341	46	109
Non-agriculture	5,266	4,692	243	278	53
Men	4,202	3,279	525	300	98
Agriculture	542	74	335	45	88
Non-agriculture	3,660	3,205	190	255	10
Women	1,638	1,491	59	24	64
Agriculture	32	*	*	*	21
Non-agriculture	1,606	1,487	53	23	43

(1) Economic reasons for not working 35 hours or more include short time, layoff for part of the week and termination or start of employment during the week.

(2) Other reasons for not working 35 hours or more include illness, bad weather, industrial dispute, vacation, and reasons such as a statutory holiday in the week.

.. Not available. \* Less than 10,000.



Canada, Unemployed  
and  
Regions, Labour Force  
(Estimates in thousands)

Table 7 Unemployed	1962		1961		1960	
	Feb. 17	Jan. 13	Feb. 18	Jan. 14	Feb. 20	Jan. 16
Total unemployed	583	545	719	693	599	547
Without work and seeking work (1)	539	506	664	630	555	504
Seeking full-time work	514	484	629	599	535	478
Seeking part-time work	25	22	35	31	20	26
On temporary layoff up to 30 days	44	39	55	63	44	43
Without work and seeking work (1)	539	506	664	630	555	504
Seeking under 1 month	89	133	108	156	111	148
Seeking 1-3 months	260	231	308	293	283	252
Seeking 4-6 months	116	75	166	113	116	63
Seeking more than 6 months	74	67	82	68	45	41

Table 8 Regional distributions Week ended February 17, 1962		Canada	Atlantic region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie region	British Columbia
Population 14 years of age and over		12,140	1,226	3,467	4,249	2,073	1,125
Men		6,039	611	1,711	2,096	1,051	570
Women		6,101	615	1,756	2,153	1,022	555
Labour force		6,423	581	1,799	2,354	1,108	581
Men		4,714	436	1,336	1,690	819	433
Women		1,709	145	463	664	289	148
Employed		5,840	487	1,596	2,193	1,036	528
Men		4,202	350	1,155	1,552	757	388
Women		1,638	137	441	641	279	140
Agriculture		574	47	124	122	258	23
Non-agriculture		5,266	440	1,472	2,071	778	505
Paid workers		4,770	389	1,333	1,892	706	450
Men		3,279	268	919	1,303	464	325
Women		1,491	121	414	589	242	125
Unemployed		583	94	203	161	72	53
Men		512	86	181	138	62	45
Women		71	*	22	23	10	*
Not in labour force		5,717	645	1,668	1,895	965	544
Men		1,325	175	375	406	232	137
Women		4,392	470	1,293	1,489	733	407
Employed	1962, Feb. 17	5,840	487	1,596	2,193	1,036	528
	Jan. 13	5,864	487	1,616	2,211	1,031	519
	1961, Feb. 18	5,644	461	1,538	2,152	996	497
	Jan. 14	5,703	481	1,544	2,170	1,005	503
	1960, Feb. 20	5,619	458	1,515	2,164	979	503
	Jan. 16	5,656	463	1,538	2,174	983	498
Unemployed	1962, Feb. 17	583	94	203	161	72	53
	Jan. 13	545	84	179	149	75	58
	1961, Feb. 18	719	101	260	202	76	80
	Jan. 14	693	84	249	202	81	77
	1960, Feb. 20	599	87	242	149	64	57
	Jan. 16	547	78	200	143	66	60

(1) Formerly termed "Without jobs and seeking work".  
\* Less than 10,000.

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