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## THE LABOUR FORCE

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In the week ended May 18, 1968, the Canadian labour force was estimated at 7,871,000. Of this total, 7,505,000 were employed for all or part of the week and 366,000 were unemployed for the whole week. Between April and May, the labour force increased by 159,000, the employed having increased by 229,000 and the unemployed having decreased by 70,000. The labour force was 158,000 higher than in May 1967; over the year the employed increased by 96,000 and the unemployed by 62,000.

From April to May, employment rose by 178,000 in nonagricultural industries and by

51,000 in agriculture. Nonagricultural employment was 112,000 higher than in May last year, while employment in agriculture was 16,000 lower. Men accounted for 191,000 and women for 38,000 of the increase in total employment between April and May. Compared with May 1967, the number of employed men was 45,000 higher and the number of employed women was 51,000 higher.

Expressed as a percentage of the labour force, the unemployment rate in May was 4.6 per cent compared with 5.7 in April and 3.9 in May last year. Seasonally adjusted the unployment rate was 4.9 in May 1968.


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The Canadian Worker 1431967
(annual averages)

The employed in Canada averaged 7,379,000 In 1967, of whom 5,083,000 were men and $2,296,000$ were women. Men accounted for over two-thirds and married men a little more than half of total employment. Of the total male workers, 75.3 per cent were married. This proportion has not changed appreciably in recent years. On the other hand, of all women employed in 1967, 53.8 per cent were married, compared with less than thirty per cent twenty years ago.

The Employed by Marital Status and Sex

|  | $(00018)$ | $\%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 7,379 | 100.0 |
| Men | 5,083 | 68.9 |
| Married | 3,830 | 51.9 |
| Other(1) | 1,254 | 17.0 |
| Women | 2,296 | 31.1 |
| Married | 1,236 | 16.8 |
| Other(1) | 1,060 | 14.4 |

(1) Includes single, widowed, divorced and
separated.

In the period under review, teenagers together with persons $20-24$ years of age accounted for almost a quarter of total employment. The number of persons 65 years of age and over employed was less than three per cent. More than thirty per cent of sll women employed were under 25 years of age while twenty per cent of all male workers were in that same age group.

## The Employed by Age and Sex <br> Percentage Distributions

|  | Total | $14-19$ |  | $20-24$ |  | $25-44$ |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total | 100.0 | 10.0 |  | 14.0 |  | 43.1 |  |
| Then | 100.0 | 8.1 | 12.1 | 45.3 | 30.0 | 2.8 |  |
| Men | 100.0 | 31.3 | 3.2 |  |  |  |  |
| Women | 100.0 | 14.4 | 18.2 | 38.0 | 27.3 | 2.0 |  |

Of the main industrial divisions, manufacturing and community, personal and other services were the largest employers, together absorbing, on average, about half of all workers in 1967. Of the total employed in manufacturing, 1,362,000 were men and 394,000 were women; in community, business and personal service, 684,000 were men and $1,048,000$ were women. There were 818,000 men and 407,000 women employed in trade. Agricultural employment, at 559,000 in 1967, comprised 7.6 per cent of total employment. In 1947, the corresponding figures were $1,122,000$ and 23.2 per cent. In the other primary industries, which include forestry, fishing and mining, employment at 218,000 represented only three per cent of the total employed, practically all of which were men.

## Erpioument bs Indust:

|  | $(000$ ' 8$)$ | $\%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| All industries | 7,379 | 100.0 |
| Asriculture | 559 | 7.6 |
| Other primary industries | 218 | 3.0 |
| Manufacturing | 1,756 | 23.8 |
| Construction | 475 | 6.4 |
| Transportation and other |  |  |
| utilities | 659 | 8.9 |
| Trade | 1,224 | 16.6 |
| Finance | 312 | 4.2 |
| Comunity, personal and other |  |  |
| services | 1,732 | 23.5 |
| Public administration | 443 | 6.0 |

In 1967, there were slightly more men employed in the service-producing industries than in the goods-producing industries but there were more than three-and-a-half times as many women employed in the former than in the latter.

As a percentage of total employment, the goods-producing industries comprised 41 per cent and the service-producing industries 59 per cent. Twenty years ago the situation ist reversed, the proportinas being 58 and 42 :3spectively.

## Emplontent by Indusiry Sector a di Sex

|  | $(00018)$ | $\%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Total | 7,379 | 100.0 |
| Goods-producing | 3,008 | 40.8 |
| Men | 2,517 | 34.1 |
| Women | 491 | 6.7 |
| Service-producing | 4,370 | 59.2 |
| Men | 2,566 | 34.8 |
| Women | 1,804 | 24.4 |

More than one-quarter of all employed persons in 1967 belonged to the craftsmen, production process and related workers group. Persons engaged in primary occupations, which include agricultural, fishing, logging and mining opera. tions, comprised less than ten per cent of total employment. Labourers, excluding the above, accounted for four per cent.

Most farmers and labourers and virtually all loggers, fishermen and miners were men. More than seventy per cent of all women workers were employed in clerical, service and recreation, and professional and technical occupations.

## Technical Notes

## Scope of Labour Foree Survey

The statistics contained in this report are based on information obtained through a sample survey of households. Interviews are carried out in nearly 35,000 households chosen by area sampling methods across the country. Percentages of total households selected for the sample were as follows: Atlantic region, 1.6 p.c.; Quebec, 0.5 p.c.; Ontario, 0.5 p.c.; Prairie region, 0.8 p.c.; British Columbia, $0.7 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}$. The Labour Force Survey, started in November 1945, was taken at quarterly intervals unt 11 November 1952. Since then it has been carried out monthly. Estimates of employ ment, 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 represent all persons In the population 24 years of age and over residing in Canada, with the exception of: residents of the Yukon and Northwest Territories, Indians Living on reserves, inmates of institurions and members of the armed forces. 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 non-sampling errors. 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 (page 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 contalns Further detall on unemployment.

Regions, Labour Force (page 7). Table 8
contalns 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 either included in this report or released in separate reports.

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 avallable.

## For Canada only:

1. Age and sex distributions.
2. Marital tatus 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-sgriculture.
(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:

5. Labour force: by age; by sex, agricultural and nonagricultural.
Employed: by age.

## For individual provinces of Atlantic and Prairie regions:

6. Population 14 years of age and over and labour force: by sex.
Total employed, total unemployed, and cotal persons not in labour force.

## Definitions and Explanations

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

Employed - The employed includes all persons who, during the reference week:
(a) did any work for pay or profit;
(b) did any work which contributed to the runring 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, 111 ness, industrisil dispute, or vacation, or because they were taking time off for other reasons. Persons who had jobs but did not work during the reference 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 reference week:
(a) were without work and seeking work, i.e., did not work during the reference week and were looking for work; or would have been looking for work except that they were temporarily 111, were on indefinite or prolonged layoff, or belseved no suitable work was avallable in the community; or
(b) were temporarily laid off for the full week, 1.e., were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off for less than 30 deys.
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 sre 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 classifled as employed. If they looked for work they are classified as unemployed.

## Canada, Labour Force

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(Estimates in thousonds)
Note: Due to the introduction of revised weighting factors in March 1965. small adjustments have been made to estimates published before that time. See the March 1965 edition of this report, page 8 .

| $\frac{\text { Table } 1}{\text { Summary }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { S.D. } \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ | 1968 |  | 1967 |  | 1966 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 18 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 20 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ 22 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 21 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ 23 \end{gathered}$ |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population 14 years of age and ovex(2) |  | 14,213 | 14,184 | 13,824 | 13,790 | 13,424 | 13,396 |
| Labour force | a | 7,871 | 7,712 | 7,713 | 7,490 | 7,383 | 7,248 |
| Employed | a | 7,505 | 7,276 | 7,409 | 7,125 | 7,136 | 6,950 |
| Agriculture | d | 584 | 533 | 600 | 504 | 591 | 517 |
| Non-agriculture | , | 6,921 | 6,743 | 6,809 | 6,621 | 6,545 | 6,433 |
| Unemployed | d | 366 | 436 | 304 | 365 | 247 | 298 |
| Not in the labour force | a | 6,342 | 6,472 | 6,111 | 6,300 | 6,041 | 6,148 |
| Participation rate (3) | a | 55.4 | 54.4 | 55.8 | 54.3 | 55.0 | 54.1 |
| Unemployment rate (4) Actual | d | 4.6 | 5.7 | 3.9 | 4.9 | 3.3 | 4.1 |
| Seasonally adjusted |  | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.2 r | 3.9 | $3.6 r$ | 3.3 |
| Men |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population 14 years of age and over(2) |  | 7,045 | 7,029 | 6,852 | 6,835 | 6,653 | 6,639 |
| Labour force | a | 5,444 | 5,322 | 5,349 | 5,198 | 5,179 | 5,077 |
| Employed | , | 5,158 | 4,967 | 5,113 | 4,904 | 4,988 | 4,831 |
| Agriculture | d | 511 | 473 | 526 | 451 | 510 | 457 |
| Non-agriculture | a | 4,647 | 4,494 | 4,587 | 4,453 | 4,478 | 4,374 |
| Unemployed | d | 286 | 355 | 236 | 294 | 191 | 246 |
| Not in the labour force | $b$ | 1,601 | 1,707 | 1,503 | 1,637 | 1,474 | 1,562 |
| Particlpation rate (3) | a | 77.3 | 75.7 | 78.1 | 76.0 | 77.8 | 76.5 |
| Unemployment rate (4) | d | 5.3 | 6.7 | 4.4 | 5.7 | 3.7 | 4.8 |
| Women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population 14 years of age and over(2) |  | 7,168 | 7,155 | 6,972 | 6,955 | 6,771 | 6,757 |
| Labour force | $b$ | 2,427 | 2,390 | 2,364 | 2,292 | 2,204 | 2,171 |
| Employed | b | 2,347 | 2,309 | 2,296 | 2,221 | 2,148 | 2,119 |
| Agriculture | , | 73 | 60 | 74 | 53 | 81 | 60 |
| Non-agriculture | b | 2,274 | 2,249 | 2,222 | 2,168 | 2,067 | 2,059 |
| Unemployed | e | 80 | 81 | 68 | 71 | 56 | 52 |
| Not in the labour force | a | 4,741 | 4,765 | 4,608 | 4,663 | 4,567 | 4,586 |
| Participation rate (3) | b | 33.9 | 33.4 | 33.9 | 33.0 | 32.6 | 32.1 |
| Unemployment rate (4) | e | 3.3 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 2.4 |

(1) "S.D." = Standard deviation, For explanation, see "Reliability of Estlmates", page 8.
(2) Excludes inmates of institutions, members of the armed services, Indians If:ing on rese:ves and residents of the Yukon and Northwest Territories.
(3) The labour force as a percentage of the population 14 years or age and are?:
(4) The unemployed as a percentage of the labour force.
$r$ Revised
Note: With the exception of Tables 2 and 5, all statisfles raEer to a speciftc vaek, che lasc qay of which is indicated.

Noce: Due to the introduction of revised weighting factors in March 1965,
small adjustments have been made to estimates published before that time.
See the March 1965 edition of this report, page 8.

| Table 2 <br> Annual averages, 1946-1967 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { S.D. } \\ & \text { (i) } \end{aligned}$ | 1967 | 1966 L96 | 196519 |  | 3196 | 1961 | 1960 | 1959 | 1958 | 1957 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population 14 years of age and over (2) <br> Labour force <br> Employed <br> Agriculture Non-agriculture <br> Unemployed <br> Not in the labour force <br> Participation rate (3) <br> Unemployment rate (4) |  | $\begin{array}{r} 13,874 \\ 7,694 \\ 7,379 \\ 559 \\ 6,820 \\ 315 \\ \\ 6,179 \\ \hline 55.5 \\ 4.1 \end{array}$ | 13,475 13 <br> 7,420 7 <br> 7,152 6 <br> 544  <br> 6,609 6 <br> 267  <br> 6,055 5 <br> -55.1 - <br> 3.6  | 3,128 12 <br> 7,141 6 <br> 6,862 6 <br> 594  <br> 6,268 5 <br> 280  <br> 5,986 5 <br> 54.4  <br> 3.9  | 817 12, <br> 933 6, <br> 609 6, <br> 630  <br> 379 5, <br>   <br> 884 5, <br> 4.7 53 | 336 12,28 <br> 748 6,61 <br> 375 6,225 <br> 26 5,56 <br> 374  <br> 87 5, <br> - - <br> .8 53 <br>   | 80 12,0 <br> 15 6,521 <br> 25 6,0 <br> 60 6 <br> 65 5,3 <br> 90 4 <br>   <br> 65 5,5 <br> .7 - <br> .9 74 | 3 11, <br> 5 6, <br> 5 5, <br> 6 5, <br>   <br>  5, | 11,605  <br> 1 6,242 <br> 5 5,870 <br> 3 700 <br> 2 5,170 <br> 6 372 <br>   <br> 0 5,363 <br> 2 53.8 <br> 0 6.0 | 11,388 <br> 6,137 <br> 5,706 <br> 718 <br> 4,988 <br> 432 <br>  <br> 5,250 <br> -73.9 <br> 7.0 | $\left.\begin{array}{r} 11,123 \\ 6,008 \\ 5,731 \\ 748 \\ 4,983 \\ 278 \\ \\ 5,115 \\ \hdashline 54.0 \\ 4.6 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ |
|  | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1952 | 1951 | 1950 | 1949 | 1948 | 1947 | 1946 |
| Population 14 years of age and over (2) | 10,807 | 10,597 | 710,391 | 10,164 | 9,956 | 9,732 | 9,615 | 9,268 | 9,141 | 9,007 | 8,779 |
| Labour force | 5,782 | 5,610 | -5,493 | 5,397 | 5,324 | 5,223 | 5,163 | 5,055 | 4,988 | 4,942 | 4,829 |
| Employed | 5,585 | 5,364 | 4 5,243 | 5,235 | 5,169 | 5,097 | 4,976 | 4,913 | 4,875 | 4,832 | 4,666 |
|  | 777 | 819 | 9878 | 858 | 891 | 939 | 1,018 | 1,077 | 1,096 | 1,122 | 1,186 |
| Non-agriculture | 4,808 | 4,546 | 6 4,365 | 4,377 | 4,278 | 4,158 | 3,958 | 3,837 | 3,779 | 3,711 | 3,480 |
| Unemployed | 197 | 245 | $5 \quad 250$ | 162 | 155 | 126 | 186 | 141 | 114 | 110 | 163 |
| Not in the labour force | 5,025 | 4,987 | 7 4,898 | 4,767 | 4,632 | 4,509 | 4,453 | 4,213 | 4,153 | 4,065 | 3,950 |
| Participation rate( 3 ) | 53.5 | 52.9 | 952.9 | 53.1 | 53.5 | 53.7 | 53.7 | 54.5 | 54.6 | 54.9 | 55.0 |
| Unemployment rate (4) | 3.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 .6 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 3.4 |


| Table 3 <br> Age, sex, and marital status Week ended May 18, 1968 | Total | ```14-19 years all persons``` | 20-64 years |  |  |  | 65 years and over all persons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Men |  | Women |  |  |
|  |  |  | Married | Other | Married | 0 ther |  |
| Population 14 years of age and over(2) | 14,213 | 2,357 | 4.020 a | 1,131 b | 4,159 a | 1,049 c | 1,497 |
| Labour force | 7,871 a | 776 c | 3,851 a | 964 c | 1,317 c | 740 c |  |
| Employed | $7,505 a$ $366 ~ d$ | 697 79 e | 3,719 132 d | 872 92 | 1,290 27 | 712 28 | 215 d |
| Not in the labour force | 6,342 a | 1,581 b | 169 d | 167 d | 2,842 b | 309 d | 1,274 a |
| Participation rate (3) - 1968 May $\begin{array}{r}18 \\ \\ \text { April } \\ 20\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 55.4 a \\ & 54.4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32.9 \mathrm{c} \\ & 31.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 95.8 \text { a } \\ & 95.4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 85.2 \mathrm{a} \\ & 80.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 31.7 c \\ & 31.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 70.5 \mathrm{~b} \\ & 69.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 14.9 \mathrm{~d} \\ & 14.5 \end{aligned}$ |
| Unemployment rate (4) - 1968 May 18 | 4.6 d | 10.2 e | 3.4 d | 9.5 e | 2.1 f | 3.8 f | 3.6 g |
| April 20 | 5.7 | 10.7 | 4.7 | 12.0 | 2.5 | 3.6 | 4.6 |

(1)(2)(3)(4) See footnotes on opposite page.

Note: a) The alphabetic symbol following each estimate in table 3 indicates its standard deviation. For explanation, see 'Reliability of Estimates", page 8.
b) Newfoundland included in estimates only from 1950.

## Canado, Employed

(Estimales in thousonds)
Note: Due to the introduction of revised weighting factors in March 1965. small adjustments have been made to estimates published before that time. See the March 1965 edition of this report, page 8.

| $\frac{\text { Table } 4}{\text { Summary }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { S.D. } \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ | 1968 |  | 1967 |  | 1966 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 18 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 20 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ 22 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 21 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ 23 \end{gathered}$ |
| Total employed | a | 7,505 | 7,276 | 7,409 | 7,125 | 7,136 | 6,950 |
| Agriculture | d | 584 | 533 | 600 | 504 | 591 | 517 |
| Non-agriculture | a | 6,921 | 6,743 | 6,809 | 6,621 | 6,545 | 6,433 |
| Employed, non-agriculture | a | 6,921 | 6,743 | $\overline{6}, \overline{809}$ | $\overline{6}, \overline{621}$ | 6,545 | 6,433 |
| Usually work 35 hours or more | a | 6,177 | 6,015 | 6,131 | 5,950 | 5,945 | 5,811 |
| At work 35 hours or more | a | 5,741 | 5,180 | 5,697 | 5,560 | 5,511 | 5,413 |
| At work less than 35 hours, or not at work | c | 436 | 835 | 434 | 390 | 434 | 398 |
| Due to economic reasons( 2) | e | 79 | 86 | 74 | 63 | 55 | 53 |
| Due to other reasons (3) | c | 357 | 749 | 360 | 327 | 379 | 345 |
| Usually work less than 35 hours | c | 744 | 728 | 678 | 671 | 600 | 622 |


| $\frac{\text { Table } 5}{\text { Industry }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { S.D. } \\ & \text { (i) } \end{aligned}$ | 1968 |  | 1967 |  | 1966 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 18 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apri1 } \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 20 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ 22 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 21 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apri } \\ 23 \end{gathered}$ |
| Total employed | a | 7,505 | 7,276 | 7,409 | 7,125 | 7,136 | 6,950 |
| Agriculture | d | 584 | 533 | 600 | 504 | 591 | 517 |
| Other primary industries | d | 220 | 183 | 195 | 171 | 220 | 190 |
| Manufacturing | c | 1,742 | 1,715 | 1,767 | 1,741 | 1,719 | 1,710 |
| Construction | c | 458 | 416 | 472 | 441 | 496 | 459 |
| Transportation and other utilities | c | 680 | 659 | 659 | 637 | 606 | 585 |
| Trade | c | 1,244 | 1,239 | 1,201 | 1,184 | 1,168 | 1,183 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate | d | 325 | 320 | 311 | 304 | 299 | 297 |
| Community, personal, other services | c | 1,806 | 1,772 | 1,759 | 1,715 | 1,617 | 1,593 |
| Public administration | c | 446 | 439 | 445 | 428 | 420 | 416 |

Note: Since late 1962, statistics in Table 5 have been published on a 3 -month average basis. However since January 1966, it has been possible to provide monthly estimates of the employed by industry. Accordingly, beginning with the February 1968 report, the statistics in Table 5 refer to the monthly reference periods. Industry estimates on the 3 -month sverage basis are avallable on request from the Special Surveys Division.

| Class of worker, agriculture and non-agriculture, and sex Week ended May 18, 1968 | Total | Paid workers | Own account workers | Emp loyers | Unpaid <br> family <br> workers |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total employed Agriculture Non-agriculture | $\begin{array}{r} 7,505 \mathrm{a} \\ 584 \mathrm{~d} \\ 6,921 \mathrm{a} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,397 \mathrm{a} \\ 94 \mathrm{e} \\ 6,303 \mathrm{a} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 557 \mathrm{c} \\ & 293 \mathrm{~d} \\ & 264 \mathrm{~d} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 337 \mathrm{c} \\ 55 \mathrm{f} \\ 282 \mathrm{~d} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 214 \mathrm{~d} \\ 142 \mathrm{e} \\ 72 \mathrm{e} \end{array}$ |
| Men <br> Agriculture Non-agriculture | $\begin{array}{r} 5,158 a \\ 511 \mathrm{~d} \\ 4,647 \mathrm{a} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,267 a \\ 83 \mathrm{e} \\ 4,184 \mathrm{a} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 480 \mathrm{c} \\ & 287 \mathrm{~d} \\ & 193 \mathrm{~d} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 310 \mathrm{c} \\ 54 \mathrm{f} \\ 256 \mathrm{~d} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 101 \mathrm{~d} \\ 87 \mathrm{e} \\ 14 \mathrm{f} \end{array}$ |
| Women <br> Agriculture Non-agriculture | $\begin{array}{r} 2,347 \mathrm{~b} \\ 73 \mathrm{e} \\ 2,274 \mathrm{~b} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,130 \mathrm{~b} \\ 11 \mathrm{f} \\ 2,119 \mathrm{~b} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 77 \mathrm{e} \\ 6 \mathrm{~g} \\ 71 \mathrm{e} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 27 \mathrm{e} \\ 1 \mathrm{~g} \\ 26 \mathrm{e} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 113 \mathrm{~d} \\ 55 \mathrm{e} \\ 58 \mathrm{e} \end{array}$ |

(1) "D.S." = Standard deviation. For explanation, see "Reliability of Estimates", page 8.
(2) Economic reasons for not working 35 hours or more include short time, layoff for part of the wedk and termination or start of employment during the week.
(3) 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.
Note: The alphabetic symbol following each estimate in table 6 indicates its standard deviation. For explanation, see "Reliability of Estimates", page 8.

Note: Due to the introduction of revised weighting factors in March 1965, small adjustments have been made to estimates published before that time.
See the March 1965 edition of this report, page 8.

Regions, Labour Force
(Estimates in thousands)

| $\frac{\text { Table } 7}{\text { Unemployed }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { S.D. } \\ & \text { (1) } \end{aligned}$ | 1968 |  | 1967 |  | 1966 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 18 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ 20 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 20 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ 22 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 21 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr11 } \\ 23 \end{gathered}$ |
| Total unemployed | d | 366 | 436 | 3.34 | 365 | 247 | 298 |
| Without work and seeking work | d | 347 | 403 | 285 | 334 | 235 | 274 |
| Seeking full-time work | d | 327 | 387 | 268 | 320 | 221 | 263 |
| Seeking part-time work | £ | 20 | 16 | 17 | 14 | 14 | 11 |
| On temporary layoff up to 30 days | f | 19 | 33 | 19 | 31 | 12 | 24 |
| Without work and seeking work | d | 347 | 403 | 285 | 334 | 235 | 274 |
| Seeking under 1 month | d | 100 | 87 | 97 | 93 | 79 | 71 |
| Seeking 1-3 months | d | 108 | 140 | 91 | 121 | 77 | 95 |
| Seeking 4-6 months | e | 77 | 119 | 57 | 85 | 47 | 75 |
| Seeking more than 6 months | e | 62 | 57 | 40 | 35 | 32 | 33 |


| Table 8 <br> Regional distributions Week ended May 18, 1968 | Canada | Atlantic region | Quebec | Ontario | Prairle region | British Columbia |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population 14 years of age and over | 14,213 | 1,331 | 4,092 | 5,061 | 2,314 | 1,415 |
| Men | 7.045 | 659 | 2,019 | 2,497 | 1,168 | 702 |
| Women | 7,168 | 672 | 2,073 | 2,564 | 1,146 | 713 |
| Labour force | 7.871 a | 643 b | 2,213 b | 2,902 a | 1,328 b | 785 b |
| Men | 5,444 a | 455 b | 1,546 a | 1,975 a | 925 a | 543 b |
| Women | 2,427 b | 188 c | 667 c | 927 c | 403 c | 242 d |
| Employed | 7,505 a | 599 b | 2,079 b | 2,798 a | 1,292 b | 737 b |
| Men | 5,158 a | 417 b | 1,437 b | 1,898 a | 897 b | 509 b |
| Women | $2,347 \mathrm{~b}$ | 182 c | 642 c | 900 c | 395 c | 228 d |
| Agriculture | 584 d | 27 e | 132 e | 140 e | 256 d | 29 f |
| Non-agriculture | 6,921 a | 572 b | $1,947 \mathrm{~b}$ | 2,658 b | 1,036 c | 708 c |
| Paid workers | 6,397 a | 518 c | 1,785 b | 2,483 b | 969 b | 642 c |
| Men | 4,267 a | 353 c | 1,208 b | 1,650 b | 620 b | 436 b |
| Women | 2,130 b | 165 c | 577 c | 833 c | 349 c | 206 d |
| Unemp loyed | 366 d | 44 e | 134 e | 104 e |  | 48 e |
| Men | 286 d | 38 e | 109 e | 77 e | 28 e | 34 e |
| Women | 80 e | 6 f | 25 f | 27 e | 8 g | 14 f |
| Not in the labour force | 6,342 a | 688 b | 1,879 b | 2,159 b | 986 b | 630 c |
| Men | 1,601 b | 204 c | 473 c | 522 c | 243 c | 159 c |
| Women | 4,741 a | 484 b | 1,406 b | 1,637 b | 743 b | 471 c |
| Rmployed 1968, May 18 | 7,505 a | 599 b | 2,079 b | 2,798 a | 1,292 b | 737 b |
| A April 20 | 7,276 | 553 | 2,013 | 2,741 | 1,246 | 723 |
| 1967. May 20 | 7,409 | 584 | 2,087 | 2,750 | 1,265 | 723 |
| April 22 | 7,125 | 545 | 2,012 | 2,687 | 1,183 | 698 |
| 1966, May 21 | 7,136 | 589 | 1,986 | 2,638 | 1,244 | 679 |
| April 23 | 6,950 | 553 | 1,954 | 2,597 | 1,189 | 657 |
| Unemployed 1968, May 18 | 366 d | 44 e | 134 e | 104 e |  | 48 e |
| April 20 | 436 | 63 | 175 | 107 | 40 | 51 |
| 1967, May 20 | 304 | 45 | 123 | 74 | 26 | 36 |
| April 22 | 365 | 60 | 131 | 100 | 33 | 41 |
| 1966, May 21 | 247 | 35 | 105 | 57 | 22 | 28 |
| April 23 | 298 | 52 | 117 | 62 | 32 | 35 |

(1) "S.D." = Standard deviation. For explamation, see "Reliability of Estimates", page 8.

Note: The alphabetic symbol following each estimate in table 8 indicates its standard deviation. For explanation, see "Reliability of Estimates", page 8.

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## Reliability of Eatimates

## (a) Sampling Eirror

The estimates in this report are based on sample of households. Somewhat different Eigures might have been obtained if complete census had been taken using the same questionnaires, enumerators, supervisors, processing, etc. as those actually used in the Labour Force Survey. This difference is called the sampling error of the estimates. In the design and processing of the Labour Force Survey extensive efforta have been made to minimize the sampling error. The sampling ertor (expressed as a per cent of the estimate it refers to) is not the same for all estimates; of two estimates the larger one will likely have a saller per cent sampling error and of two estimates of the same size the one referring to a charbcteriatic more evenly distributed across the country will tend to have smaller per cent sampling variability. Also, estimates relating to age and sex are usually more reliable than other estimates of comparable size.

## (b) Non-sampling Errort

Errors, which are not related to sampling, may occur at almost every phase of a survey operation. Enumerators may misunderstand instructions, respondents may make errors in answering questions, the answers may be incorrectly entered on the questionnaires and errars may be introduced in the processing and tabulations of the data. All these errors are called non-sampling errors. Some of the non-sampling ertors wll uaually balance out over a large number of obaervations but systematically occuring errors will contribute to blases. Non-sampling errors can be reduced by cereful design of questionnalres, intensive training and supervision of enumerators and a thorough control of the processing operation. In general, the more personal and more subjective in. quiries are subject to larger errors. Also, data referring to persons with less stable labour force status will have relatively lazge non-sampling errors.

## (c) Alphabetic Indicators of Standard Deviation

The sampling error, as described under (a) is not known. A quantity, called the standard deviation, can however be estimated from sample data itself. The standard deviation of sn escimate is statistical measure of its sampling error. It also partially measures the effect on non-sampling errors, but does not reflect any systematic biases in the data. The chances are sbout 68 out of 100 that the difference berween $a$ sample estimate and the corresponding census figure would be less than the rtandard deviation. The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than twice the standard deviation and about 99 out of 100 that it would be less than $2 / / 2$ times as large.

The standard deviations of the estimates, expressed as a per cent of the estimates, are indicated by letters. The letter "a" indicates that the standard deviation 2 s smaller
than $0.5 \%$ of the estimate, the letter "b" indicates that the standard deviation is between $0.6 \%$ and $1.0 \%$ of the estimace and so on as shown in the table below.

Alphabetic designation of per cent standard deviationa

| Alphabetic indicator | Per cent standard deviation |
| :---: | :---: |
| a | $0.0 \%-0.5 \%$ |
| b | $0.6 \%-1.0 \%$ |
| c | $1.1 \%-2.5 \%$ |
| d | $2.6 \%-5.0 \%$ |
| e | $5.1 \%-10.0 \%$ |
| f | $10.1 \%-15.0 \%$ |
| g | $15.1 \%-$ |

The actual standard deviation of an estimate is not the arac each month. Since the standard deviations of the current eatimates are not available at the time when this report is publiahed, the alphabetic indicators are based on the average standard deviations during the last year. They should, therefore, be interpreted only as indicacions of the order of aagnitude of the standard deviations.

## (d) Standard Deviation of Month-to-Month Changes

A rough upper limit for the standard deviation of the difference (change) between two estimates referring to two months up to y year apart may also be indicated using the table above. For most characteristics published in this re port the standard deviation of the difference becween cwo estiatea is likely to be somewhat smallet than the standard deviation of the smaller of the two estimates or in the immediately preceding range.

For example, suppose that a hyprothefical estimate in May and June was 513,000 and 625,000 respectively sind the per cent atandard deviation of both estimates was indicated by the letter " $c$ ", $1, e$. It was between $1.1 \%$ and $2.5 \%$. The difference between the May and June estimates ( 112,000 ) would, therefort, have a standard deviation which would likely be smallet than $2.5 \%$ of 513,000 , 1.e. It would likely be smaller than 12,800 .
(e) Current Estimates of Standard Deviaciona

Standard deviations are computed monthly for several estimates and month-to-month changes. These are available usually in a few week after the pubilcation of this report and can be obtained on request. Beginning with 1966, an annual report on the standard deviations during the last year will be released.

## Employment by Occupation

|  | (000's) | $\%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | 7,379 | 100.0 |
| All occupations | 693 | 9.4 |
| Managerial | 917 | 12.4 |
| Professional and technical | 1,038 | 14.1 |
| Clerical | 501 | 6.8 |
| Sales | 874 | 11.8 |
| Service and recreation | 412 | 5.6 |
| Transport and communication | 705 | 9.6 |
| Primary |  |  |
| Craftsmen, production process |  |  |
| and related workers | 1,924 | 26.1 |
| Labourers and unskilled workers |  |  |
| $\quad$ (not agricultural, fishing, |  |  |
| $\quad$ logging or mining) |  |  |

In 1967, Quebec and Ontario together accounted for about two-thirds of total employment
and also of all workers in nonagricultural industries. The combined contribution of the Atlantic region and British Columbia to agricultural employment remained relatively small, being less than ten percent.

## Regional Employment Percentage Distributions

## Total <br> Agriculture <br> Non-agriculture

\%
\%
\%

| Conada | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Atlantic | 8.0 | 5.2 | 8.3 |
| Quebec | 28.2 | 20.4 | 28.8 |
| Ontario | 37.2 | 26.3 | 38.1 |
| Prairies | 16.8 | 43.5 | 14.6 |
| B.C. | 9.8 | 4.5 | 10.2 |

