

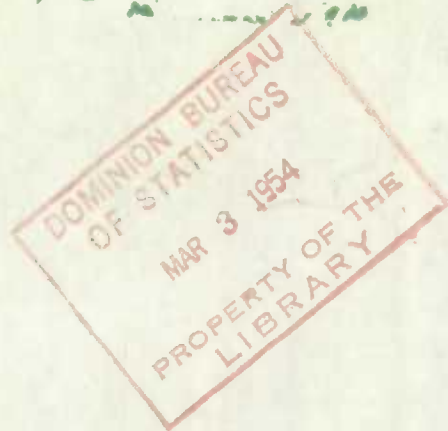
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Monthly Survey, Week Ended January 23, 1954.

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended January 23, 1954. The survey is a continuation of the series begun in November, 1945, and carried out at quarterly intervals until November, 1952, when the first survey on a monthly basis was taken. About 30,000 households chosen by area sampling methods in approximately 110 different areas in Canada are visited each month. The labour force surveys provide estimates of the employment characteristics of the civilian noninstitutional population of working age. Persons are classified according to current activity during the specific weeks covered by the surveys.

Results of previous labour force surveys may be obtained from Reference Paper No. 35, "The Labour Force, November 1945 - March 1952", the regular quarterly reports for the weeks ended May 31, 1952 and August 16, 1952, and the regular monthly reports starting with the week ended November 22, 1952. The figures for 1953 and 1954 are not strictly comparable with those for previous years in the publications referred to, because of revisions based upon new age and sex distributions obtained from the 1951 Census. The figures for earlier years are now being revised and summaries of the revised estimates will appear in Table 1 of this report as they become available.

It has not so far been possible to include in the labour force surveys persons living in certain inaccessible areas and Indians living on reservations, an estimated total of 180,000.

Definitions and Explanations

(a) Labour force - The civilian labour force is composed of that portion of the civilian noninstitutional population 14 years of age and over that had jobs or that did not have jobs and were seeking work during the survey week.

(b) Persons with jobs - For the purpose of the labour force survey, "persons with jobs" are grouped into two categories:

- (i) Persons at work - those who did any work for pay or profit or who did unpaid work which contributed to the running of a farm or business operated by a relative;
- (ii) Persons with jobs not at work - those who had jobs but did not work because of illness, bad weather, vacation, industrial dispute, or temporary layoff with definite instructions to return to work within 30 days of the time of being laid off. (Persons who had jobs but did not work during the survey week and who also looked for work are included in (c) below, "Persons without jobs and seeking work".)

While variations in the estimates of the total number of persons with jobs provide a valuable indicator of economic conditions, significant changes in the employment pattern may be concealed unless attention is focussed on the extent to which people worked less than full time. Table 2 provides an analysis of the reasons for which persons worked less than 35 hours in the survey week. Estimates of weekly hours of work are contained in Table 7. Persons with jobs who did not work during the survey week are classified in Table 8 by the reasons for their absence from work.

(c) Persons without jobs and seeking work - This category includes those persons who were looking for work in the survey week and who did no work. Persons who were temporarily away from their jobs during the whole of the survey week and were seeking work are considered as without jobs and are included in this category. In addition to those who actively looked for work, this classification includes persons who would have looked for work, except that they were temporarily ill, were on indefinite or prolonged lay-off, or believed that no work was available.

Persons who worked part of the survey week and also looked for work are not included in this classification. However, the number of such persons is shown in Table 4 which presents estimates of all persons looking for work.

(d) Persons not in the labour force - The non-working part of the population 14 years of age and over consists of those who are outside the labour force in the sense that they do not work for pay or profit or as unpaid workers in family enterprises such as farms or businesses and are not looking for work. Persons not in the labour force include, therefore, such groups as those going to school or keeping house, persons who are too old or are permanently unable to work or for some other reason, and persons who are voluntarily idle or retired. Persons, such as housewives, students and others, who worked part-time are classed as persons with jobs, or, if they are looking for work, they are classed as persons without jobs and seeking work.

Reliability of the estimates

The estimates are subject to sampling error. The chances are about 19 out of 20 that the difference between the estimate and the figure which would have been obtained from a complete count is less than that shown below.

<u>Size of estimate</u>	<u>Sampling variability</u>
10,000	4,000
50,000	8,000
100,000	11,000
500,000	25,000
1,000,000	33,000
5,000,000	54,000

The sampling variability associated with estimates of less than 10,000 is proportionately larger.

Table 1. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Civilian labour force							Not in the labour force	
		Total labour force	With jobs					Without jobs and seeking work		
			Total with jobs	At work (hours)			Not at work (1)			
				35 or more	15-34	1-14				
Both Sexes										
1951	Mar. 3	9,574	5,046	4,879	4,146	420	108	205	167	4,528
	June 2	9,592	5,179	5,099	4,566	330	113	90	80	4,413
	Aug. 18	9,636	5,268	5,193	4,515	303	79	296	75	4,368
	Nov. 3	9,686	5,148	5,052	4,404	448	81	119	96	4,538
1952	Mar. 1	9,759	5,114	4,907	4,253	385	93	176	207	4,645
	May 31	9,812	5,276	5,171	4,610	327	106	128	105	4,536
	Aug. 16	9,860	5,375	5,290	4,569	266	76	379	85	4,485
	Nov. 22	9,922	5,262	5,149	4,658	279	86	126	113	4,660
	Dec. 13	9,935	5,250	5,119	4,535	374	84	126	131	4,685
1953	Jan. 24	9,964	5,200	5,013	4,523	249	72	169	187	4,764
	Feb. 21	9,980	5,194	5,015	4,518	258	63	176	179	4,786
	Mar. 21	9,986	5,192	5,020	4,534	255	70	161	172	4,794
	Apr. 18	10,002	5,241	5,076	4,645	232	64	135	165	4,761
	May 16	10,006	5,321	5,207	4,720	311	77	99	114	4,685
	June 20	10,020	5,387	5,297	4,888	220	64	125	90	4,633
	July 18	10,037	5,515	5,425	4,807	212	63	343	90	4,522
	Aug. 22	10,057	5,507	5,415	4,820	216	57	322	92	4,550
	Sept. 19	10,080	5,398	5,314	4,896	221	58	139	84	4,682
	Oct. 24	10,095	5,351	5,240	4,830	223	63	124	111	4,744
	Nov. 21	10,107	5,316	5,165	4,714	247	75	129	151	4,791
	Dec. 12	10,115	5,275	5,085	4,550	353	69	113	190	4,840
1954	Jan. 23	10,129	5,242	4,962	4,465	274	84	139	280	4,887

(1) Includes persons who did not work at their jobs during the survey week and who were not seeking work.

Note: The estimates for 1951 and 1952 are revised. See Paragraph 2, "Introduction".

Table 2. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, week ended January 23, 1954, Canada.
(estimates in thousands)

	Jan. 23 1954	Dec. 12 1953	Jan. 24 1953
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,129	10,115	9,984
Persons not in the labour force	4,887	4,840	4,774
Civilian labour force	5,242	5,275	5,210
Persons at work	4,823	4,972	4,854
35 hours or more	4,465	4,550	4,533
Less than 35 hours	358	422	321
Usually work 35 hours or more	172	236	123
(a) laid off for part of the week	11	13	10
(b) on short time	54	52	35
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	42	30	14
(f) illness	28	25	32
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	15	*
(i) other	28	94	22
Usually work less than 35 hours	186	186	198
Persons with jobs not at work	139	113	169
Usually work 35 hours or more	135	110	162
(a) laid off for full week	23	25	47
(b) Bad weather	24	*	*
(c) illness	55	52	74
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	14	*	18
(f) other	13	12	15
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	280	190	187

(1) Included here are only those who did not work during the entire survey week and were looking for work. For all those who sought work during the survey week, see Table 4.

* Less than 10,000.

Table 3. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, week ended January 23, 1954, Canada.
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,129	5,044	5,085
Persons not in the labour force	4,887	988	3,899
Civilian labour force	5,242	4,056	1,186
Persons at work	4,823	3,680	1,143
35 hours or more	4,465	3,471	994
Less than 35 hours	358	209	149
Usually work 35 hours or more	172	143	29
(a) laid off for part of the week	11	*	*
(b) on short time	54	42	12
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	42	41	*
(f) illness	28	19	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	28	25	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	186	66	120
Persons with jobs not at work	139	121	18
Usually work 35 hours or more	135	117	18
(a) laid off for full week	23	21	*
(b) bad weather	24	24	*
(c) illness	55	45	10
(d) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(e) vacation	14	10	*
(f) other	13	11	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	280	255	25

(1) Included here are only those who did not work during the entire survey week and were looking for work. For all those who sought work during the survey week, see Table 2.

* Less than 10,000.

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4962

3680
121
3801

1143
18
1161

Table 4. - Persons looking for work during the week ended January 23, 1954, Canada.
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	296	269	27
Without jobs	280	257	23
Worked	16	12	*
1 - 14 hours	*	*	*
15 - 34 hours	*	*	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 5. - Age distributions, week ended January 23, 1954, Canada.
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	14-19 years	20-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over
The labour force	5,242	501	700	2,438	1,399	204
Males	4,056	292	446	1,960	1,176	182
Females	1,186	209	254	478	223	22
Persons with jobs	4,962	458	652	2,326	1,330	196
Males	3,801	257	404	1,855	1,111	174
Females	1,161	201	248	471	219	22
Persons without jobs and seeking work	280	43	48	112	69	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,887	771	336	1,709	1,158	913
Males	988	344	56	74	133	381
Females	3,899	427	280	1,635	1,025	532

* Less than 10,000.

Table 6. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended January 23, 1954,
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own-account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	4,962	3,782	710	256	214
Agricultural	755	78	468	49	160
Nonagricultural	4,207	3,704	242	207	54
Males	3,801	2,719	672	241	169
Agricultural	731	72	464	48	147
Nonagricultural	3,070	2,647	208	193	22
Females	1,161	1,063	38	15	45
Agricultural	24	*	*	*	13
Nonagricultural	1,137	1,057	34	14	32

(1) Without paid employees.

(2) With own business, profession, or farm.

(3) In a business or on a farm

* Less than 10,000.

Table 7. - Number of hours worked by persons with jobs during the week ended
January 23, 1954, Canada.
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	0 hours	1-14 hours	15-24 hours	25-34 hours	35-44 hours	45-54 hours	55 and over
<u>All Status Groups</u>								
Both sexes	4,962	139	84	144	130	2,721	1,203	541
Agricultural	755	10	13	25	26	194	237	250
Nonagricultural	4,207	129	71	119	104	2,527	966	291
Males	3,801	121	42	83	84	1,976	1,001	494
Agricultural	731	10	*	21	25	189	232	245
Nonagricultural	3,070	111	33	62	59	1,787	769	249
Females	1,161	18	42	61	46	745	202	47
Agricultural	24	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,137	18	38	57	45	740	197	42
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	3,704	110	55	98	89	2,366	800	186
Males	2,647	92	27	50	50	1,650	623	155
Females	1,057	18	28	48	39	716	177	31

* Less than 10,000.

Table 8. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended January 23, 1954, Canada.
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	In- dustrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	139	56	25	14	*	24	14

(1) Includes only those who had definite instructions to return to their jobs within 30 days of date on which layoff began.

* Less than 10,000.

Table 9. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended January 23, 1954, Canada.

(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,161	649	387	125
Agricultural	24	10	11	*
Nonagricultural	1,137	639	376	122

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

* Less than 10,000.

Table 10. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended January 23, 1954, Canada.
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Under 1 month	1 - 3 months	4 - 6 months	7-12 months	13-18 months	19 and over
Both sexes	280	83	151	33	*	*	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 11.- Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended January 23, 1954, Canada.
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Perman- ently unable or too old to work	Keeping House	Going to school	Retired or voluntar- ily idle	Other
Both sexes	4,887	177	3,388	682	617	23
Males	988	119	*	359	491	14
Females	3,899	58	3,383	323	126	*

* Less than 10,000.

Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended January 23, 1954.

(estimates in thousands)

	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I. N.S. N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man. Sask. Alta.	B.C.
<u>The Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	5,242	90	394	1,522	1,926	892	418
Agricultural	764	*	40	193	205	309	17
Nonagricultural	4,478	90	354	1,329	1,721	583	401
Males	4,056	72	318	1,162	1,454	728	322
Agricultural	740	*	37	191	195	301	16
Nonagricultural	3,316	72	281	971	1,259	427	306
Females	1,186	18	76	360	472	164	96
Agricultural	24	*	*	*	10	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,162	18	73	358	462	156	95
All ages	5,242	90	394	1,522	1,926	892	418
14-19 years	501	12	37	185	160	79	28
20-24 years	700	15	49	235	239	116	46
25-44 years	2,438	40	176	708	894	413	207
45-64 years	1,399	21	107	358	545	246	122
65 years and over	204	2	25	36	88	38	15

* Less than 10,000.



Table 12. - Regional distributions, week ended January 23, 1954 - con.

(estimates in thousands)

	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I. N.S. N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man. Sask. Alta.	B.C.
<u>Persons with Jobs</u>							
All status groups	4,962	83	362	1,425	1,845	859	388
Males	3,801	66	288	1,074	1,380	698	295
Females	1,161	17	74	351	465	161	93
Agricultural	755	*	39	191	202	307	16
Nonagricultural	4,207	83	323	1,234	1,643	552	372
14-19 years	458	11	32	169	147	74	25
20-24 years	652	14	42	218	226	110	42
25-44 years	2,326	38	165	668	861	400	194
45-64 years	1,330	18	100	336	525	238	113
65 years and over	196	*	23	34	86	37	14
Paid workers	3,782	70	268	1,114	1,502	493	335
Males	2,719	54	204	791	1,073	349	248
Females	1,063	16	64	323	429	144	87
<u>Persons without Jobs and Seeking Work</u>							
Both sexes	280	*	32	97	81	33	30
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,887	150	458	1,332	1,554	936	457
Males	988	51	99	245	264	212	117
Females	3,899	99	359	1,087	1,290	724	340

* Less than 10,000.