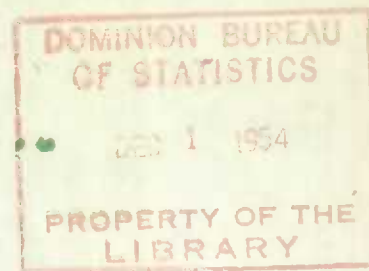


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Monthly Survey, Week Ended October 23, 1954

Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended October 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 have been revised and summaries of the revised estimates appear in Table 1 of the report for April, 1954.

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 1 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 6. Persons with jobs who did not work during the survey week are classified in Table 7 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 3 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 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 relatively larger.

Coverage

In the past, certain remote and relatively inaccessible areas of Canada have not been included in the estimates. In May, 1954, the sample design was altered so that totals would include estimates for these areas in Ontario, although, for cost reasons, they are given no chance of selection for enumeration. This resulted in an increase of about 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole and about 1.8 per cent for Ontario. These percentages can be applied to previous figures for purposes of comparability in all characteristics. Still excluded from the estimates of population 14 years of age and over are: Indians on reservations (68,000); inmates of institutions (128,000); and the population in remote areas of Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia (40,000). Also excluded are members of the armed forces and residents of the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Table 1. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, week ended October 23, 1954, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Oct. 23 1954	Sept. 18 1954	Oct. 24 1953
Total civilian noninstitutional population	(2) 10,311	(2) 10,290	10,095
Persons not in the labour force	4,850	4,807	4,744
Civilian labour force	5,461	5,483	5,351
Persons at work	5,153	5,164	5,116
35 hours or more	4,819	4,820	4,830
Less than 35 hours	334	344	286
Usually work 35 hours or more	123	152	104
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	31	27	37
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	23	63	10
(f) illness	22	21	24
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	13	*
(i) other	27	13	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	211	192	182
Persons with jobs not at work	129	152	124
Usually work 35 hours or more	125	149	121
(a) laid off for full week	11	11	14
(b) bad weather	*	13	*
(c) illness	47	43	57
(d) industrial dispute	17	*	*
(e) vacation	38	70	30
(f) other	11	*	10
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	179	167	111

- (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 3.
- (2) Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4. * Less than 10,000.

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

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,311	5,128	5,183
Persons not in the labour force	4,850	900	3,950
Civilian labour force	5,461	4,228	1,233
Persons at work	5,153	3,979	1,174
35 hours or more	4,819	3,817	1,002
Less than 35 hours	334	162	172
Usually work 35 hours or more	123	97	26
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	31	21	10
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	23	22	*
(f) illness	22	16	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	27	22	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	211	65	146
Persons with jobs not at work	129	102	27
Usually work 35 hours or more	125	101	24
(a) laid off for full week	11	*	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	47	39	*
(d) industrial dispute	17	17	*
(e) vacation	38	27	11
(f) other	11	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	179	148	31

(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 3. * Less than 10,000.

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4.

Table 3. - Persons looking for work during the week ended October 23, 1954, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	195	186	*
Without jobs	179	172	*
Worked	16	14	*
1 - 14 hours	*	*	*
15 - 34 hours	11	*	*

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4. *Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Age distributions, week ended October 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	5,461	531	706	2,533	1,475	216
Males	4,228	316	462	2,022	1,234	194
Females	1,233	215	244	511	241	22
Persons with jobs	5,282	497	676	2,463	1,435	211
Males	4,080	292	437	1,964	1,198	189
Females	1,202	205	239	499	237	22
Persons without jobs and seeking work	179	34	30	70	40	*
Persons not in the labour force	4,850	770	336	1,682	1,138	924
Males	900	335	42	43	101	379
Females	3,950	435	294	1,639	1,037	545

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4.

* Less than 10,000.

Table 5. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, week ended October 23, 1954, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,282	3,993	743	310	236
Agricultural	931	137	518	87	189
Nonagricultural	4,351	3,856	225	223	47
Males	4,080	2,913	703	292	172
Agricultural	881	127	511	85	158
Nonagricultural	3,199	2,786	192	207	14
Females	1,202	1,080	40	18	64
Agricultural	50	10	*	*	31
Nonagricultural	1,152	1,070	33	16	33

(1) Without paid employees.

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

(3) In a business or on a farm.

* Less than 10,000.

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4.

Table 6. - Number of hours worked by persons with jobs during the week ended October 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	5,282	129	71	135	128	2,689	1,157	973
Agricultural	931	10	13	14	9	84	199	602
Nonagricultural	4,351	119	58	121	119	2,605	958	371
Males	4,080	101	27	64	71	1,947	961	909
Agricultural	881	*	*	*	*	77	191	589
Nonagricultural	3,199	95	24	55	65	1,870	770	320
Females	1,202	28	44	71	57	742	196	64
Agricultural	50	*	10	*	*	*	*	13
Nonagricultural	1,152	24	34	66	54	735	188	51
<u>Paid Workers (Nonagricultural)</u>								
Both sexes	3,856	110	50	102	104	2,456	794	240
Males	2,786	87	21	48	58	1,745	622	205
Females	1,070	23	29	54	46	711	172	35

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4. * Less than 10,000.

Table 7. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the week ended October 23, 1954, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	129	48	*	40	17	11	12

(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.

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4.

Table 8. - Marital status of females with jobs, week ended October 23, 1954, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,202	642	442	118
Agricultural	50	19	25	6
Nonagricultural	1,152	623	417	112

(1) Includes widowed, divorced, and permanently separated. * Less than 10,000.

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4.

Table 9. - Number of months looking for work for persons without jobs, week ended October 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	179	65	60	28	17	*	*

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4.

* Less than 10,000.

Table 10. - Class of non-worker of persons not in the labour force, week ended October 23, 1954, Canada (estimates in thousands)

	Total	Permanently unable or too old to work	Keeping House	Going to school	Retired or voluntarily idle	Other
Both sexes	4,850	163	3,432	682	562	11
Males	900	106	*	358	429	*
Females	3,950	57	3,430	324	133	*

Note Includes estimates for certain remote areas, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4. * Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Regional distributions, week ended October 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>	(1)				(1)		
Both sexes	5,461	105	412	1,560	1,981	962	441
Agricultural	936	*	58	214	268	366	28
Nonagricultural	4,525	103	354	1,346	1,713	596	413
Males	4,228	88	322	1,204	1,492	786	336
Agricultural	886	*	51	208	253	348	24
Nonagricultural	3,342	86	271	996	1,239	438	312
Females	1,233	17	90	356	489	176	105
Agricultural	50	*	*	*	15	18	*
Nonagricultural	1,183	17	83	350	474	158	101
All ages	5,461	105	412	1,560	1,981	962	441
14-19 years	531	12	46	196	160	89	28
20-24 years	706	18	50	229	239	122	48
25-44 years	2,533	48	184	720	923	446	212
45-64 years	1,475	25	113	370	569	263	135
65 years and over	216	*	19	45	90	42	18

(1) Includes estimates for certain remote areas in Ontario, formerly excluded, amounting to 0.6 per cent for Canada as a whole and 1.8 per cent for Ontario in all characteristics. See section on "Coverage", page 4. * Less than 10,000.

Table 11. - Regional distributions, week ended October 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>	(1)				(1)		
All status groups	5,282	99	397	1,490	1,921	949	426
Males	4,080	82	307	1,148	1,442	777	324
Females	1,202	17	90	342	479	172	102
Agricultural	931	*	57	213	266	365	28
Nonagricultural	4,351	97	340	1,277	1,655	584	398
14-19 years	497	11	43	181	150	87	25
20-24 years	676	17	48	216	229	120	46
25-44 years	2,463	45	178	696	898	440	206
45-64 years	1,435	24	110	354	556	260	131
65 years and over	211	*	18	43	88	42	18
Paid workers	3,993	80	305	1,165	1,541	546	356
Males	2,913	65	225	852	1,105	401	265
Females	1,080	15	80	313	436	145	91
<u>Persons without Jobs and Seeking Work</u>							
Both sexes	179	*	15	70	60	13	15
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,850	139	445	1,332	1,600	888	446
Males	900	37	97	218	278	164	106
Females	3,950	102	348	1,114	1,322	724	340

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