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Introduction

This report presents the results of the monthly labour force survey covering the week ended November 20, 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 November 20, 1954, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Nov. 20 1954	Oct. 23 1954	Nov. 21 1953
Total civilian noninstitutional population	(2) 10,334	(2) 10,311	10,107
Persons not in the labour force	4,917	4,850	4,791
Civilian labour force	5,417	5,461	5,316
Persons at work	5,093	5,153	5,036
35 hours or more	4,747	4,819	4,714
Less than 35 hours	346	334	322
Usually work 35 hours or more	139	123	128
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	11
(b) on short time	39	31	49
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	20	23	*
(f) illness	28	22	30
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	25	27	18
Usually work less than 35 hours	207	211	194
Persons with jobs not at work	110	129	129
Usually work 35 hours or more	107	125	125
(a) laid off for full week	11	11	26
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	46	47	58
(d) industrial dispute	13	17	*
(e) vacation	26	38	22
(f) other	*	11	10
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	214	179	151

- (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 November 20, 1954, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Males	Females
Total civilian noninstitutional population	10,334	5,141	5,193
Persons not in the labour force	4,917	950	3,967
Civilian labour force	5,417	4,191	1,226
Persons at work	5,093	3,917	1,176
35 hours or more	4,747	3,738	1,009
Less than 35 hours	346	179	167
Usually work 35 hours or more	139	108	31
(a) laid off for part of the week	*	*	*
(b) on short time	39	28	11
(c) lost job during the week	*	*	*
(d) found job during the week	*	*	*
(e) bad weather	20	19	*
(f) illness	28	21	*
(g) industrial dispute	*	*	*
(h) vacation	*	*	*
(i) other	25	20	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	207	71	136
Persons with jobs not at work	110	91	19
Usually work 35 hours or more	107	88	19
(a) laid off for full week	11	*	*
(b) bad weather	*	*	*
(c) illness	46	36	10
(d) industrial dispute	13	12	*
(e) vacation	26	21	*
(f) other	*	*	*
Usually work less than 35 hours	*	*	*
Persons without jobs and seeking work (1)	214	183	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 November 20, 1954, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Seeking full-time work	Seeking part-time work
Total looking for work	232	223	*
Without jobs	214	205	*
Worked	18	18	*
1 - 14 hours	*	*	*
15 - 34 hours	13	13	*

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 November 20, 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	5,417	514	708	2,523	1,460	212
Males	4,191	302	460	2,013	1,222	189
Females	1,226	212	248	505	238	23
Persons with jobs	5,203	473	673	2,440	1,411	206
Males	4,008	273	431	1,945	1,176	183
Females	1,195	200	242	495	235	23
Persons without jobs and seeking work	214	41	35	83	49	6
Persons not in the labour force	4,917	791	336	1,703	1,156	931
Males	950	351	46	54	114	385
Females	3,967	440	290	1,649	1,042	546

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 November 20, 1954, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Paid workers	Own account workers (1)	Employers (2)	Unpaid family workers (3)
Both sexes	5,203	3,973	717	298	215
Agricultural	838	112	494	73	159
Nonagricultural	4,365	3,861	223	225	56
Males	4,008	2,882	682	283	161
Agricultural	805	105	489	72	139
Nonagricultural	3,203	2,777	193	211	22
Females	1,195	1,091	35	15	54
Agricultural	33	*	*	*	20
Nonagricultural	1,162	1,084	30	14	34

(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 November 20, 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	5,203	110	73	145	128	2,756	1,228	763
Agricultural	838	*	*	16	13	133	247	412
Nonagricultural	4,365	102	64	129	115	2,623	981	351
Males	4,008	91	32	73	74	2,006	1,023	709
Agricultural	805	*	*	12	12	124	242	405
Nonagricultural	3,203	84	29	61	62	1,882	781	304
Females	1,195	19	41	72	54	750	205	54
Agricultural	33	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,162	18	35	68	53	741	200	47
<u>Paid Workers</u> (Nonagricultural)								
Both sexes	3,861	93	55	108	99	2,468	812	226
Males	2,777	75	26	52	53	1,749	630	192
Females	1,084	18	29	56	46	719	182	34

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 November 20, 1954, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Illness	Bad weather	Vacation	Industrial dispute	Temporary layoff (1)	Other
Both sexes	110	47	*	26	13	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 November 20, 1954, Canada
(estimates in thousands)

	Total	Single	Married	Other (1)
Total	1,195	639	435	121
Agricultural	33	11	18	*
Nonagricultural	1,162	628	417	117

(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 November 20, 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	214	75	82	29	18	*	*

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 November 20, 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	4,917	165	3,444	702	589	17
Males	950	110	*	376	453	*
Females	3,967	55	3,441	326	136	*

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 November 20, 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	5,417	105	410	1,559	1,979	926	438
Agricultural	845	*	51	196	252	316	27
Nonagricultural	4,572	102	359	1,363	1,727	610	411
Males	4,191	87	320	1,198	1,490	762	334
Agricultural	811	*	49	191	237	308	23
Nonagricultural	3,380	84	271	1,007	1,253	454	311
Females	1,226	18	90	361	489	164	104
Agricultural	34	*	*	*	15	*	*
Nonagricultural	1,192	18	88	356	474	156	100
All ages	5,417	105	410	1,559	1,979	926	438
14-19 years	514	12	45	192	158	79	28
20-24 years	708	17	52	230	240	121	48
25-44 years	2,523	48	181	721	929	431	213
45-64 years	1,460	25	113	369	566	256	131
65 years and over	212	*	19	47	86	39	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 November 20, 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	5,203	102	389	1,478	1,910	906	418
Males	4,008	84	301	1,129	1,431	746	317
Females	1,195	18	88	349	479	160	101
Agricultural	838	*	51	194	249	314	27
Nonagricultural	4,365	99	338	1,284	1,661	592	391
14-19 years	473	11	41	174	148	74	25
20-24 years	673	16	47	216	230	118	46
25-44 years	2,440	47	173	691	900	424	205
45-64 years	1,411	25	109	352	548	252	125
65 years and over	206	*	19	45	84	38	17
Paid workers	3,973	83	300	1,153	1,544	541	352
Males	2,882	66	221	832	1,104	398	261
Females	1,091	17	79	321	440	143	91
<u>Persons without Jobs and Seeking Work</u>							
Both sexes	214	*	21	81	69	20	20
<u>Persons not in the Labour Force</u>							
Both sexes	4,917	140	448	1,341	1,610	927	451
Males	950	39	99	228	285	190	109
Females	3,967	101	349	1,113	1,325	737	342

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